



# 6 IDEAS

to help babies get an **EARLY START** on reading

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| <b>1</b> "Read" books together; talk about pictures, let baby turn pages       | <b>4</b> Let baby play with sturdy board books and soft cloth books                                       |
| <b>2</b> Have books, newspapers, and magazines at home, and read them yourself | <b>5</b> "Write" a book about baby's day using snapshots of family or pictures clipped from old magazines |
| <b>3</b> Visit the public library often  | <b>6</b> Point out familiar words, letters, and baby's name   |



# 6 MEMORIES

that are important to **GIVE** children

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| <b>1</b> Being tucked into a warm bed on a cold night | <b>4</b> Playing hide-and-seek at dusk       |
| <b>2</b> Listening to stories you make up             | <b>5</b> Walking together in the summer rain |
| <b>3</b> Sitting together looking at the clouds       | <b>6</b> Your voice saying, "I love you"     |



# 6 HABITS

to help children **SUCCEED**

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| <b>1</b> Protect children's health by keeping up with immunizations                   | <b>4</b> Encourage your child's curiosity by answering questions      |
| <b>2</b> Keep children safe by removing all hazards from your home & play environment | <b>5</b> Help children learn language by talking and reading together |
| <b>3</b> Show love with lots of hugs and compliments                                  | <b>6</b> Have fun together and celebrate children's successes         |



# 6 WAYS

children learn **THAT LAST A LIFETIME**

- 1 By SEEING lots of different places and people
- 2 By HEARING voices talking, singing, and reading to them
- 3 By SMELLING food while it cooks, pretty flowers, and fresh-cut grass

- 4 By TOUCHING things that are hard, soft, scratchy, smooth, and messy
- 5 By TASTING many different foods
- 6 By FEELING that they are loved