Did you know a baby’s brain contains as many neurons as there are stars in the Milky Way Galaxy? That’s right, 100 billion! That same brain is twice as active as an adult’s, busy buzzing and making neural connections. Your child’s development is an exciting time. Let’s help you get off on the right track!

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR BABIES 0-2**

**READ**
1. Read a story before bed.
2. Handle a board book to see how it works.
4. Point out the first letter of your baby’s name that you see in signs.
5. Read anything aloud! Have fun!

**WRITE**
1. Trace the letters of your baby’s name on their tummy.
2. Let your little one hold a crayon. If they are old enough, let them scribble!
3. Play with playdough.
4. Allow your baby to “write” in whip cream on a cookie sheet.
5. Let your baby see you write.

**SING**
1. Sing a song and clap, or tap your baby’s legs gently.
2. Sing a song in the car.
3. Sing the ABC song and clap along.
4. Find your head, shoulders, knees, and toes. Can you sing a song about them?
5. Your voice is your baby’s favorite sound; just sing!

**TALK**
1. Make animal sounds and talk about what animal makes them.
2. Have a pretend conversation on the phone.
3. Talk about food as you cook and name things you are using like bowls, spoons, plates. What colors are they, what shapes?
4. Take a walk outside and describe all the things you see.
5. Talk about anything! The more words they hear the more they learn.

**PLAY**
1. Play peek-a-boo or hide ‘n’ seek.
2. Blow bubbles.
3. Dance together—if you have scarves, use one while dancing!
4. Countdown from 10 and blast off!
5. Make up your own play activity.
COMPLETE THIRTY ACTIVITIES AND CHECK THEM OFF ONLINE TO FINISH YOUR SUMMER STORY.

Register for Explore Summer Reading and start your summer journey! Color in one snail every time you complete an activity. Not sure where to start? Check out our activity suggestions on the front of the tracker. Keep in mind, you can count activities more than once. Have fun!

START HERE

SING
WRITE

TALK

PLAY
READ

YOU’RE HALFWAY! 15 POINTS

YOU’RE DONE! 30 POINTS

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