

1. Read Every Day



- **Babies and toddlers** who are read to often will have heard as many as **thirty million** more words than children who aren't read to.
- Young children who are read to at least three times a week are almost twice as likely to receive **top reading scores**.
- Research shows young children with the highest exposure to reading at home have **advantages in spelling** and **alphabet** knowledge through third grade.
- Studies show after six months of daily reading in early years, brains do **“catch up.”**