

# Supporting Language & Literacy at 30 Months

## Follow Their Lead

At 30 months, your child has a word for almost everything. They are starting to use pronouns, like 'I', 'me', or 'we' and they use simple 2–3 word sentences that include an action word, like 'Birdie sing.'

Build a love for learning, language, and literacy by engaging in their interests. If they love vehicles, help them explore the topic with books, stories, play, and safe experiences.

- Share books and stories that have cars, trucks, planes, blimps, and boats.
- Talk about the vehicles you see on outings or in your community.
- Have fun making up stories with them that have vehicles and encourage problem solving with vehicle themed games and puzzles.

Following their lead strengthens your bond with them, helps them develop their own interests, and lets them be creative.

### ***Language & pre-literacy skills to look for:***

- follows simple 1-2 step instructions
- names things in a book when you point and ask, 'What is this?'
- says 50+ words (total across languages)
- says words like 'I,' 'me,' or 'we'
- says two or more words, with one action word, like 'Doggie run'
- recites nursery rhymes and familiar songs

Find books and stories about people, things, and ideas your child likes. Here are some of our favorite books to explore with your 30-month-old:

- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *The Adventures of Qai Qai* by Serena Williams
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff
- *Meet Biscuit* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss
- *Once Upon a World* series by Chloe Perkins