

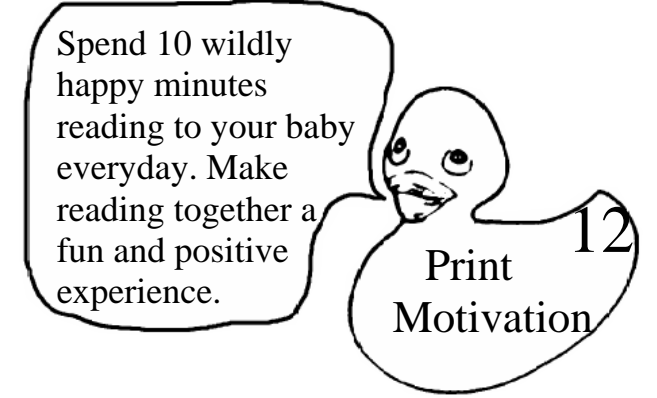
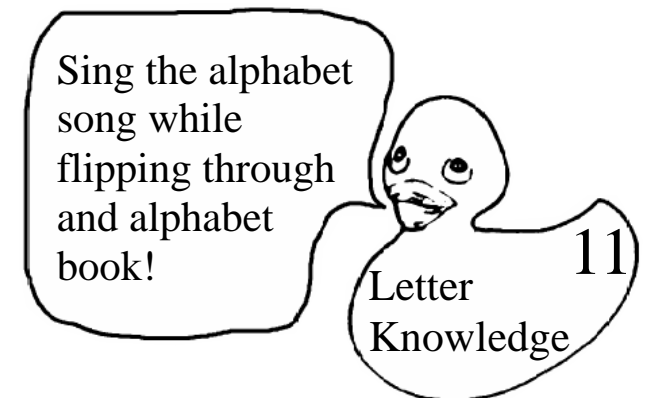
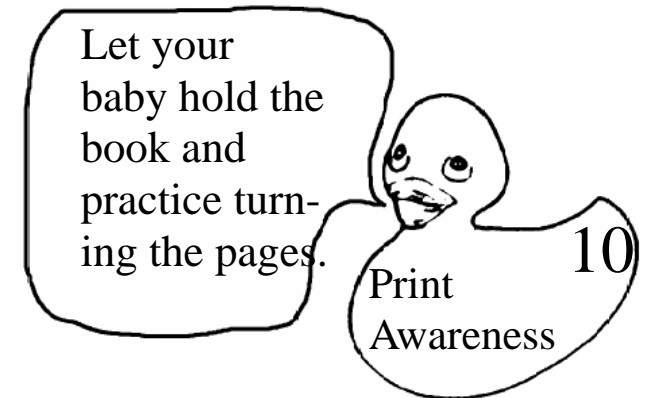
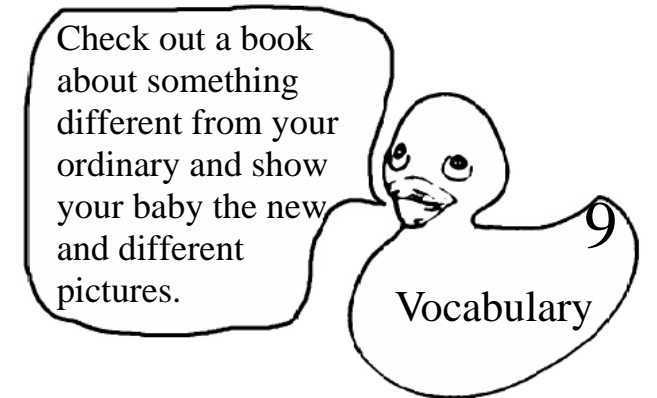
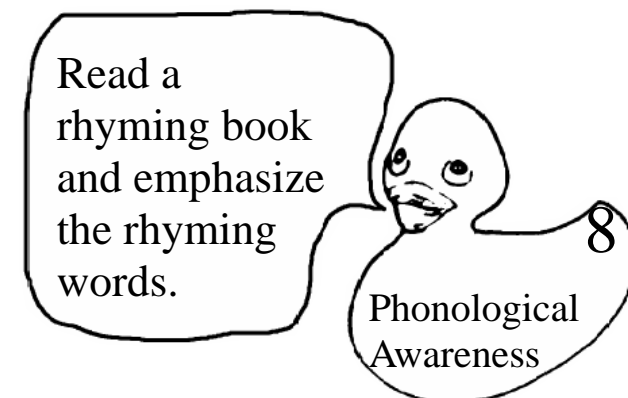
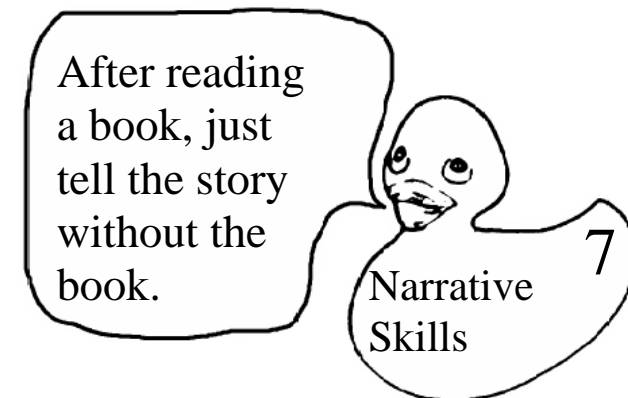
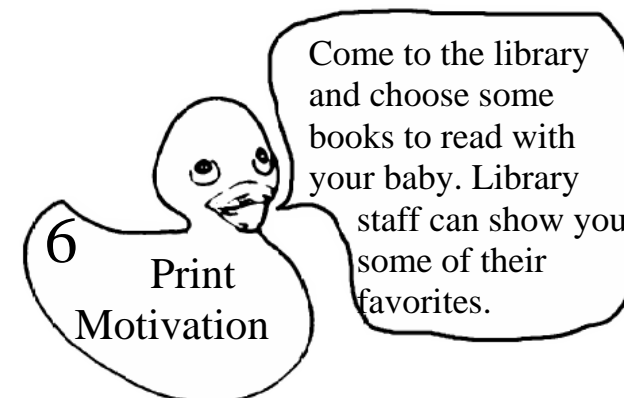
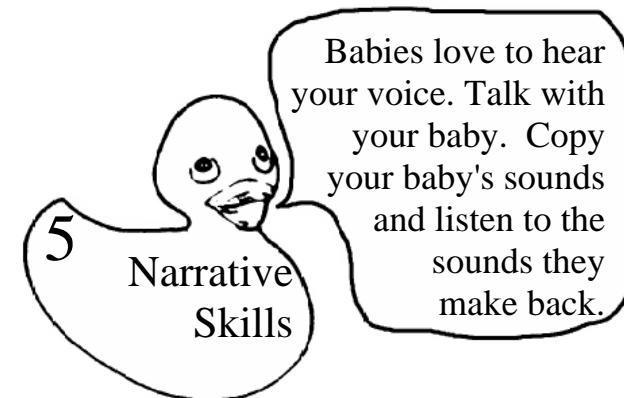
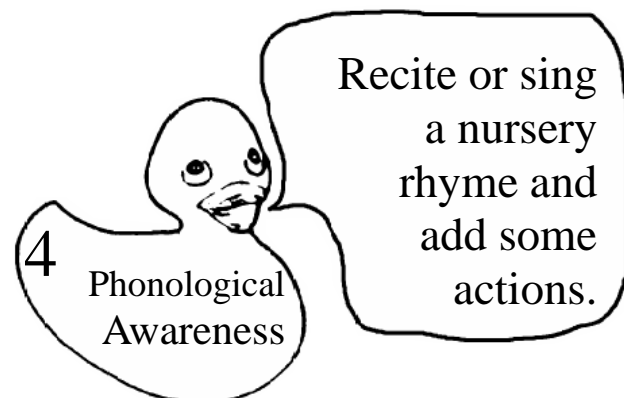
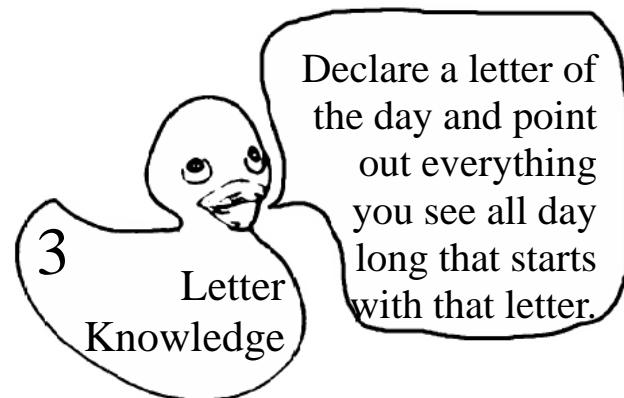
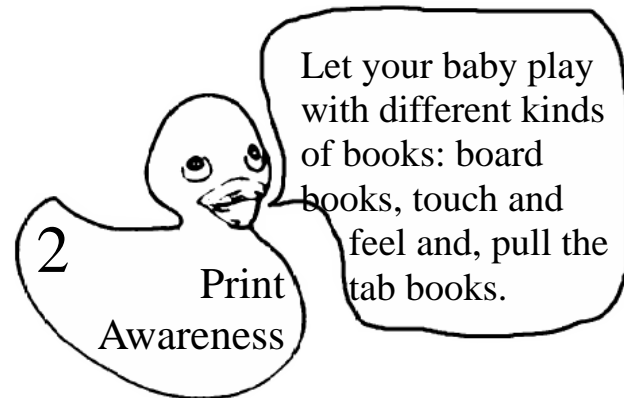
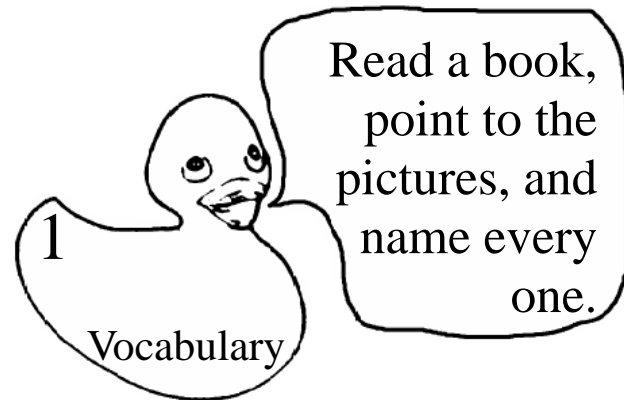
Welcome to Naperville Public Library's
Baby Summer Reading Program!
"The Rubber Ducky Club!"
Monday, June 7–Sunday, August 1, 2010

Name: _____

Age: ____

This reading club is designed for parents and their babies aged birth to 35 months. The Rubber Ducky Club is a great way to get into the habit of reading with your baby. Here's how:

- Registration for the Rubber Ducky Club begins Monday, June 7.
- Parents can sign-up their child(ren) for the reading club using the child's Naperville Public Library card.
- Upon registration parents will receive a reading log with 12 suggested Early Literacy Activities. Color, stamp, or mark a duck each time you complete an Early Literacy Activity.
- When you have colored in 6 ducks, bring the log back to the library and your child will receive his or her very own rubber ducky.
- When you have colored in all 12 ducks, bring the log back to the library and your child will receive his or her very own board book.
- Sunday, August 1 is the last day to return a log and to receive a duck or a board book .



Instructions

Children from birth to 35 months can participate in the Naperville Public Library's Summer Reading Program for babies, The Rubber Ducky Club. The focus of the Rubber Ducky Club is on the six **Early Literacy Skills**. Each child registered will receive a Rubber Ducky reading log. Record which **Early Literacy Skills** they have practiced by marking off a duck on the Rubber Ducky Reading Log.

In order to receive prizes, each completed log must be returned within the 8 week period of the program. Logs can be returned according to the following schedule.

- Ducks 1—6 June 21—August 1
- Ducks 7—12 July 6—August 1

Why should you and your baby participate in the Rubber Ducky Club?

Babies are born ready to learn. Infants are born with trillions of synapses in their brains just waiting to be connected. Visual, emotional, physical, social, and auditory experiences solidify these connections. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers play important roles as baby's first teachers.

Although your baby is years away from becoming a reader, he or she starts to develop the skills necessary for reading and writing at birth. This is what we call Early Literacy.

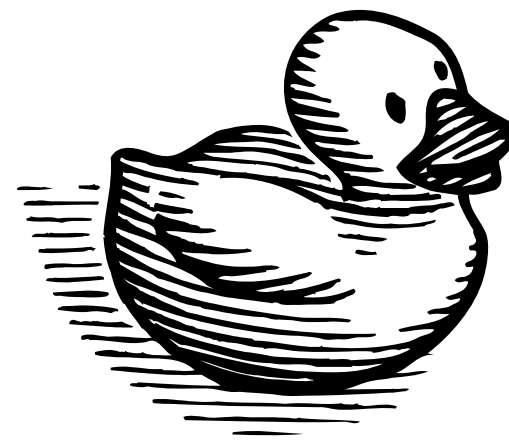
What is Early Literacy and why is it important?

Early Literacy is a baby who chews on a book and a toddler who wants the same story over and over. Early Literacy is holding your child while you look at a book and talk to him or her about the pictures. It is singing silly songs, saying nursery rhymes, playing peek-a-boo or other games, telling stories and letting your child "write" with his crayons. It is reading or telling stories in the language you are most comfortable with.

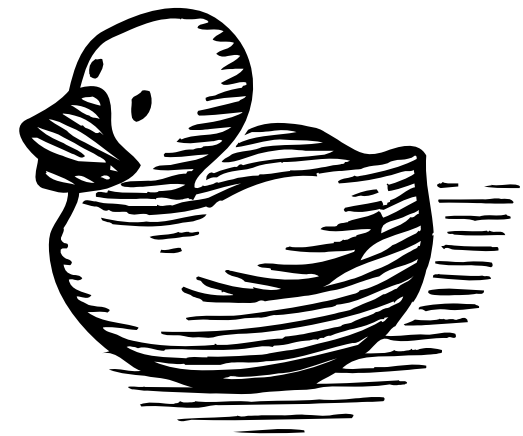
Research consistently demonstrates that the more children know about language and literacy before they begin formal schooling, the better equipped they are to succeed in reading.

Library staff can provide you with more information about the 6 Early Literacy skills and suggest lots of fun Early Literacy activities you can do with your child.

Early Literacy is not the teaching of reading. No rote memorization, no flashcards, no workbooks, and no drills are necessary. Early Literacy is encouraging your child to love language and books, and most of all to have fun!



Rubber Ducky Club



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