

**DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY****SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY****READING****GOAL 59: READING - CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE COMPREHENSION OF PRINTED MATERIALS AND ORAL STORIES.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<b>6 to 18 Months</b>	Engages actively with stories and pictures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Makes sounds to represent parts of a story.</li> <li>▪ Anticipates action that accompanies parts of a story, song, or interactive play activities.</li> <li>▪ Responds to pictures, characters, or objects in books (points, vocalizes, or gestures).</li> <li>▪ Points or makes sounds when looking at picture books.</li> <li>▪ Points to familiar pictures, characters, and objects in books.</li> <li>▪ Identifies familiar people and objects in photographs.</li> <li>▪ Participates in word games and finger play.</li> <li>▪ Begins to show preference for favorite stories and books.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Read daily to child.</li> <li>▪ Plan to read and re-read books with patterns and repetition.</li> <li>▪ Share enthusiasm and love for reading.</li> <li>▪ Sing songs that encourage child to listen for and anticipate an action.</li> <li>▪ Read books with a predictable story line and sequence of events with child.</li> <li>▪ Point to pictures as you read and encourage child to do so as well.</li> <li>▪ Make books with pictures from child's life, cultural background, and home language.</li> </ul>