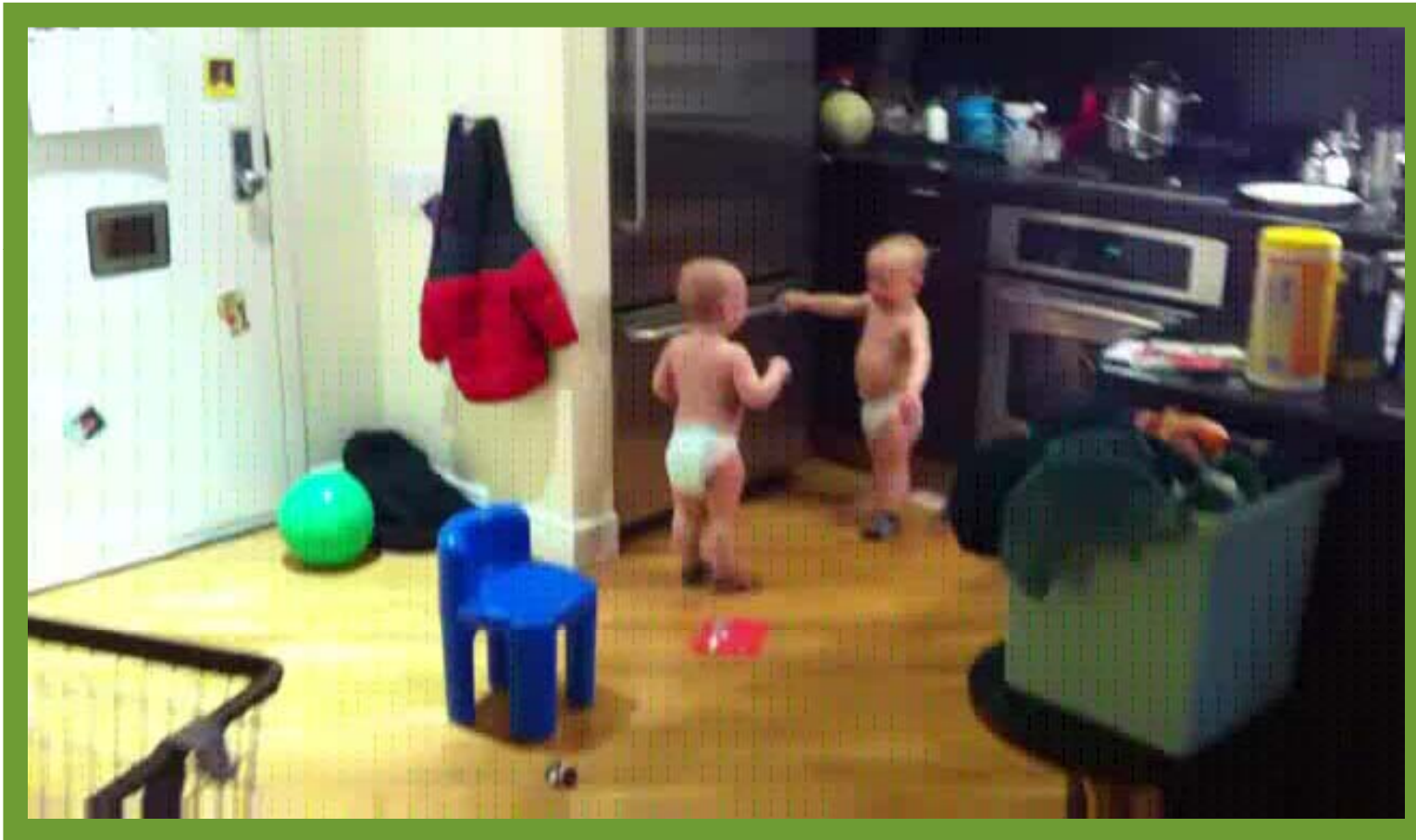




Nurturing Infants & Toddlers Through Communication

beginning with babies

What does this video tell us about infants' abilities to communicate?



Communicate

- Bathe your children in rich language.
- Respond responsively to children's signals.
- Incorporate sounds, songs, gestures, and words.
- Help children see the many uses of language.





Communication Promotes:

- Relationships
- Healthy brain development
- Social competence and emotional health
- Vocabulary development
- Phonological awareness
- Enjoyment of books and stories






Making Connections

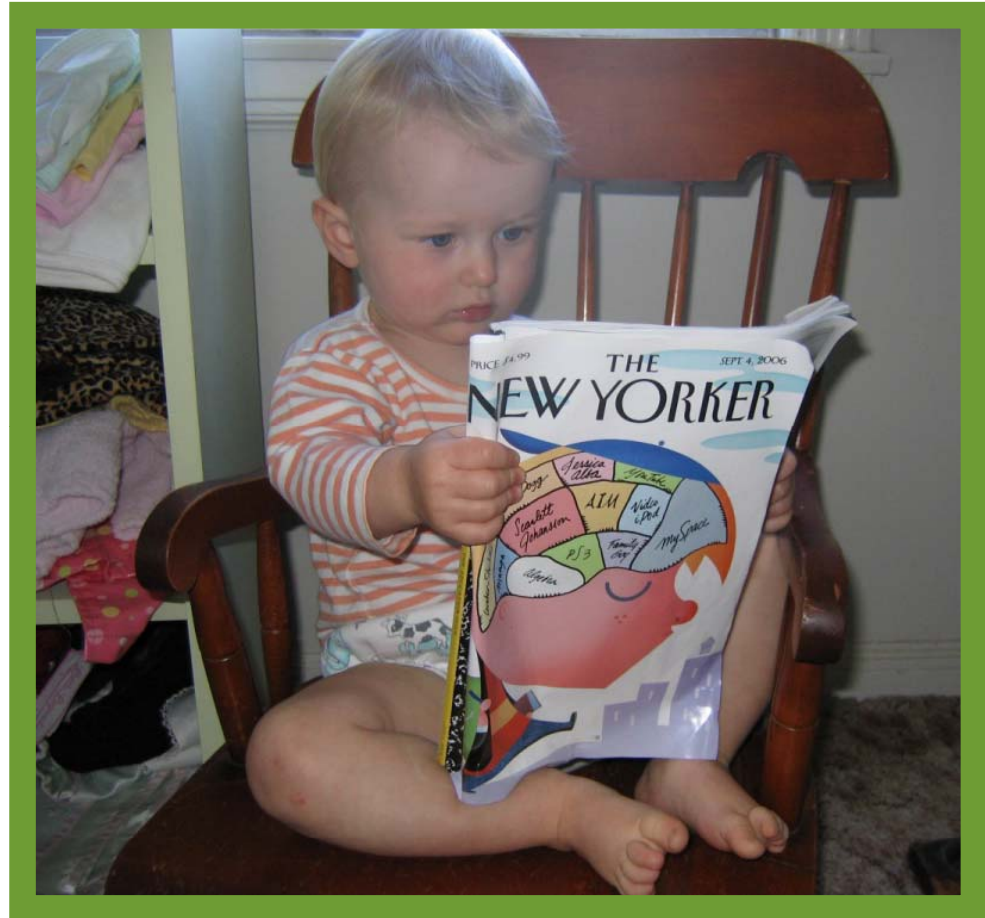
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- Children's names
- Respect
- Conversations
- Questions
- Fun cooperative interactions
- Teacher concern
- Read aloud

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- Greetings and departures
 - Meals and snacks
 - Naps and diapering
 - Frequent conversations
 - Description words
 - Warm responses
 - Mapping actions
 - Show interest
 - Facilitate positive peer interactions
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**“Getting children
ready to succeed
in school begins
at birth.”**





Small Group Question:

What do you think is important for families with infants and toddlers to know about school readiness in infancy?



Singing, reciting rhymes, reading stories, and playing language games help children to:

- develop listening skills
- attend to the sounds of language
- learn new vocabulary
- learn about the structure of language

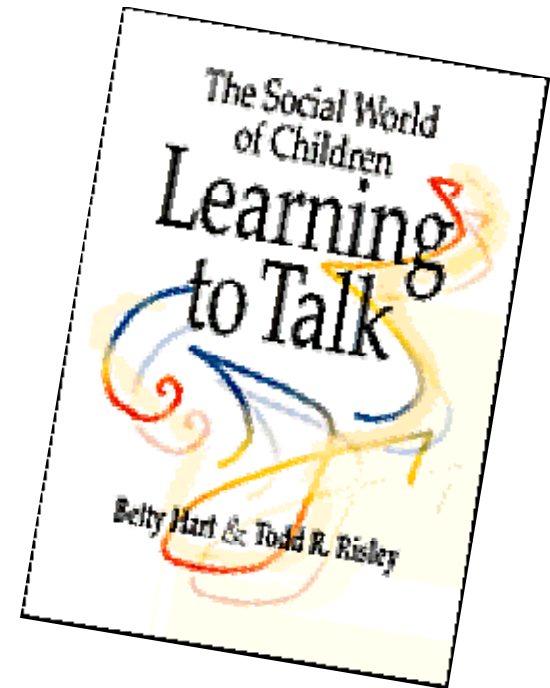


Teacher-Child Interactions Are Key

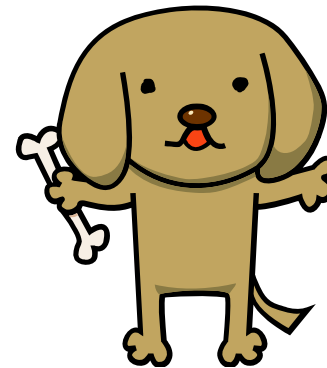


The Teacher's Role: Plan Oral Language Experiences

- Firsthand experiences with rich vocabulary
- Conversations
- Songs, rhymes, and other language play activities
- Engaging read-alouds



Firsthand Experiences



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Small Group Discussion:

- **What kinds of firsthand experiences do you have with your children?**
- **What can you plan?**
- **How will this benefit children?**





Small Group Discussion

- **Compare language used during play with colored plastic manipulatives, open-ended materials, and interesting novelty items.**

