



First Pages

Diaper Changes

Everyday routines are perfect for learning language and literacy. Try using these responsive strategies during diaper changes to support language and literacy development.

Responsive Strategy:	Sounds like a caregiver saying this:
Make Predictions	"What will happen when we flip this switch on the wall?"
Ask Simple ?s	"Let's see, where are the wipes?"
Make Comments	"Now you are all clean!"
Be Playful	"I'm going to get your nose."
Make Silly Rhymes	"Wiper diaper" "Smelly belly"
Follow the Child's Lead	"I see you looking. You are looking at your teddy. You can play with teddy when we are done changing your diaper."
Make Verbal References	"Look! This is the letter D! D for diaper"
Point to Words	"This word says, lotion."
Notice Letters in Words	"Powder starts with the letter P, like your name, Paula."
Notice Sounds in Words	"Diaper, what else has that 'D' sound?" "daddy, doggie, dinner"
Talk About Reading "Conventions"	"What does this say on your shirt?" We start reading here.. "It says, Paw Patrol!"
Consider Other Ways the Child Can Be a Part of the Routine	"Put this in the trash can." "Pull your pants up." "Go get a clean diaper."