



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.

## 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."



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