

Tips for Teaching Your Baby Spanish! (Ages 0-2)

1. Expose your baby to the sounds of Spanish through traditional nursery rhymes. Your baby's brain is busy laying the groundwork for language at this age. Exposure to the sounds of a new language during what linguists call the “critical period” gives your baby a head start toward language learning.
2. While your baby plays or on car trips, let her listen to Spanish children's songs. A great choice is Living Language's *Baby's First Steps in Spanish*, which is a high quality CD containing nursery rhymes and traditional songs specially developed for exposing babies to the full range of sounds of the Spanish language.
3. Read to your baby in Spanish every day. Choose books with colorful illustrations and simple vocabulary. Create a sense of excitement by dramatically varying the volume and tone of your voice as you read.
4. Turn daily activities into an educational language experience. Use whatever Spanish you know as you bathe, dress and feed your baby.
5. If you don't already know Spanish, use this time to learn it yourself. By the time your child is 2 or 3, you will have had the opportunity to gain significant improvement in your Spanish language ability, which will in turn help your child continue to progress in the language.

