Mother Goose's Top Ten Tips for Raising a Remarkable Reader!

1. Support your baby's healthy brain development by creating a language-rich environment. Read, sing, talk and play with your baby every day!

2. A sizable vocabulary will help your child to read, write and think well. Books are a wonderful source of a rich vocabulary!

3. Make reading interactive: point to pictures and ask questions. Before your baby can talk, pause after a question and suggest an answer. Relate the story to your baby's life.

4. Babies learn best through interaction with an attentive adult: no flashcards or videos needed! The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages screen time for children 2 or younger.

5. Share bouncing rhymes at home with your baby facing you. It's fun, bonding, and your baby learns best from face-to-face interaction with a loving caregiver.

6. Nursery rhymes can delight, distract or soothe a fussy baby. They add joy and learning to your baby's time in the car, in the tub, or on the changing table.

7. Look for books with rhythm and rhyme. The more rhythm and rhyme a baby hears, the easier it will be for her to decode words when she begins to read.

8. Make reading throughout the day a truly happy habit! Great times to read aloud are after nap, after meals, at bedtime or in the tub. Experiment with what suits your child and family best.

9. When people ask about a gift for your child suggest *Babybug* as well as other magazines, books and music. Try out the Library copy first to see what interests your child.

10. Allow yourself time to read for pleasure. You deserve it, and our children do as we do!