



*"Where Every Moment is a Tender Time"*

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## I Can Read!!!

Tender Time promotes the beginning stages of reading and celebrates achievement and progress as each child learns to read.

The **1<sup>st</sup> pre-step** of reading occurs in the older toddler room. Teaching older toddlers to identify individual capital letters is practiced early on, along with identifying animals, sounds of animals, shapes, numbers, colors, and many more subjects that support identification.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> pre-step** of reading occurs in the younger preschool room. Identifying each capital letter is continued and recognizing the basic sounds of consonants happens at this age. Teaching that each letter has a sound is the 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-step.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> pre-step** of reading occurs around age four. This step is lower case and capital letter recognition. The children practice blends and can identify some words. Children will mostly write in upper case and can identify and sound out one to three letter words.

The **1<sup>st</sup> step** of reading occurs at age five or before. This is the stage when reading will begin. The process of reading will come naturally only if the previous three steps were completed!