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**Even the smallest infants benefit when someone reads to them**

That really is a great bonding moment, not only for them to get neuro-development, but also for families to be able to bond and interact with their baby even for the most premature babies. :12

**Hope is for every child to be sent home with a new book**

There're numerous opportunities for the staff here to be reading as well as for the families and our hope is that over the course of this read-a-thon every baby would be able to go home with a book as well as have families bring in their own favorite book to read to their child as well. :18

**Books can be a keepsake from when they were in the NICU**

The family, even though being in the NICU was a very hard time and very stressful for a lot of families, that they could have something to reflect on that was a positive - 'when you were so tiny I read you this book.' And that can be part of that child’s life forever as a thing to remember Children’s Hospital and their NICU time. :18