

## What about Sign Language?

One of the more recent fads in infant/toddler/preschool education has been to teach little ones sign language. Proponents believe that teaching sign can help even the very young communicate more easily and at an earlier age. Special education teachers have long supplemented spoken words with signs to add emphasis and grab students' attention. Sign language certainly lends itself to supporting communication in lots of ways. Here are a few articles (pro and con) for you to explore if you're interested.

[Baby Sign Language](#) Here's an entire website devoted to the concept. They have free resources as well as products to sell.

Parents.com is in favor of the concept: [Read More](#)

Here's an article from Baby Center: [Read More](#)

And a few groups have some concerns about the movement to use sign with babies:

[Policy on Baby Sign from Deaf Australia, Inc.](#)

Some believe the trend can actually delay acquisition of verbal skills: [Read More from MSNBC](#)

And here's a perspective from a speech/language pathologist: [Read more](#)