Omar Loves to Read!

Pre-reading

Questions:
• Should parents read to their babies? Why or Why not?

Definitions:
• Bright – strong in color
• Surprise – to happen suddenly, without warning

Reading

Hi, my name is Omar. I am eight months old. I am growing and learning every day. I like clapping my hands. I like playing peek-a-boo. I like feeding myself crackers. I love reading!

Mom reads to me every day. She knows reading is good for my brain. She knows I learn a lot from reading. The more I am read to, the better reader I will be. Mom finds me wonderful books. She knows I like the ones with bright colors. I like pictures of animals and toys. I like pictures of trucks and children.

Books are so much fun! I like books with pages you can touch and feel. I like to feel the soft kittens. Some books play music. Others make fire truck noises! The pop-up books surprise me. I love books so much; I have even tried to eat them!

Board books are hard to chew. (Mom likes those books best!)
Understanding

1. How old is Omar? ____________________________________________________________

2. What does he love to do? ____________________________________________________

3. Why does Omar’s mom read to him? __________________________________________

4. How often does Omar’s mom read to him? ______________________________________

5. What kind of pictures does Omar like? ________________________________________

Writing

Choice A: Write about reading with your children.

Choice B: In your own words, write about Omar’s love of reading.