**Faces**

Young children, especially infants, are fascinated by faces. Activities using facial expressions not only stimulate baby’s senses and motor skills, but also strengthen the bond between you and baby.

**Ideas & Tips**
- Looking directly at your child, make different facial expressions. Raise your eyebrows, stick out your tongue, open your mouth wide, smile! Cradle an infant close for this activity, since their developing vision’s range is only 8 to 12 inches.
- Encourage your baby to touch your face. Use baby’s fingers to point to and identify eyes, nose, mouth and more—on your face and baby’s.
- Help baby identify faces in family photos. Young children enjoy identifying the faces of family members as well as their own faces.
- Participate in Play to Learn Programs at any participating Pierce County Library branch or the Children’s Museum of Tacoma. Those programs are for children ages birth to six years old, with an adult.
- The Library’s Baby Story Time is a great program for parents and caregivers discover fun new ideas to try with their very young children.

**More Books**
- Baby sees: a first book of faces (Title Entry)
- Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas
- Nighty Night, Little Green Monster by Ed Emberley
- Shades of People by Shelley Rotner

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**Rhyming Fun**

**Feelings**

Sometimes on my face, you’ll see, (point to face)
How I feel inside of me. (point to chest)
A smile means happy, (smile on the face)
A frown means sad. (frown on the face)
And gritting teeth, means I’m mad. (grit teeth)
When I’m proud, I beam and glow, (smile)
But when I’m shy, my head hangs low. (Bow head)

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