

**HeadsUp!**



**Reading**

### **Book-Handling Skills Continuum**

An important part of building print awareness is getting books into children's hands. The earlier the exposure to books, the earlier children learn book-handling skills. Those children who haven't had early exposure to books may need specific instruction in these book-handling skills. These are the skills that children develop when they have many opportunities to handle books:

**Grasps book and puts in mouth**

**Helps adult turn pages**

**Turns pages awkwardly**

Anthony turns a lot of pages then one page, then goes backward.

**Turns an inverted book right-side up**

**Turns pages well**