



## **Mamma and Calf**

*A baby elephant is called a calf. It weighs about 250 pounds at birth and stands about three feet tall. They can't see very well at first, but they can recognize their mothers by touch, scent, and sound.*

*Baby elephants stay very close to their mothers for the first couple of months. They drink their mother's milk for about 2 years, sometimes longer. They drink up to 3 gallons of milk a day. At first, baby elephants don't really know what to do with their trunks. They swing them to and fro and sometimes even step on them. They will suck their trunk just as a baby would suck its thumb.*