



6 Pre-Reading Skills

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.
2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.
3. Vocabulary: Knowing the names of things.
4. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with smaller sounds in words.
5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, their names and sounds. Recognizing letters everywhere.
6. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow words on a page.

Read with your child (with 6 Pre-Reading Skills)

- Set aside time each day to read with your child.
- Read slowly so they can enjoy the story and pictures.
- Move your finger beneath the words; name objects and colors; count things.
- Have conversations about the story, ask questions, guess what happens next.
- Pick books that you and your child enjoy.

Born to Read:

Early Literacy Choices for Babies and Toddlers

was created by children's librarians and professionals, the Youth Services Section of the South Carolina Library Association, the South Carolina State Library, and many others who shared their time and experience including Zachary Moore who helped compile the recommendations. More information about the pre-reading skills can be found on the Every Child Ready to Read website of the American Library Association. (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ecrr/index.cfm>)

These books are available in the public libraries of South Carolina. Look for more books and other authors at your local library.

***Make time to read
to children every day!***



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BOOKS ABOUT BABIES

Baby Faces Boardbooks by Scholastic

Buenos Dias, Bebe! / Good Morning, Baby! by DK Publishing, 2004.

Baby! Talk! by Penny Gentieu. Crown Publishers, 1999.

I Love Colors by Margaret Miller. Little Simon, 1999.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes (Baby Board Books)
by Annie Kubler. Child's Play International, 2002.



TOUCH/FEEL BOOKS AND FLAP BOOKS

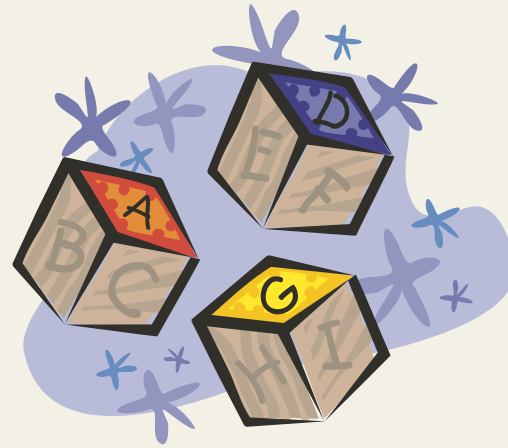
That's Not My Teddy by Fiona Watt. Usborne Books, 2008

Touch and Feel: Farm. DK Publishing, 1998.

Peek-a-Moo! by Marie Torres Cimarusti. Dutton's Children's Books, 1998.

Where is My Belly Button by Karen Katz. Little Simon, 2000.

Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt. Golden Books, 1940



CONCEPT

Yummy Yucky by Leslie Patricelli. Candlewick, 2003.

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989.

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow Books, 1986.

My Car by Byron Barton. Greenwillow Books, 2001.

One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root. Candlewick Press, 1998.

SONG BOOKS

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont. Harcourt, 2005.

Old MacDonald Had a Farm by Jane Cabrera. Holiday House, 2008.

The Wheels on the Bus by Paul Zelinsky. Dutton Juvenile, 1990.

The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort. Henry Holt and Company, 2000.

I Love You a Bushel & a Peck by Frank Loesser. HarperCollins, 2005.

RHYMES

Baa Baa Black Sheep by Iza Trapani. Whispering Coyote, 2001.

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews. Greenwillow Books, 2004.

Please Puppy Please by Spike Lee & Tonya Lewis Less.
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005.

Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky. A. Knopf, 1986.

Mother Goose Remembers by Clare Beaton. Barefoot Books, 2000.



BOOKS TO SHARE WITH NEWBORNS

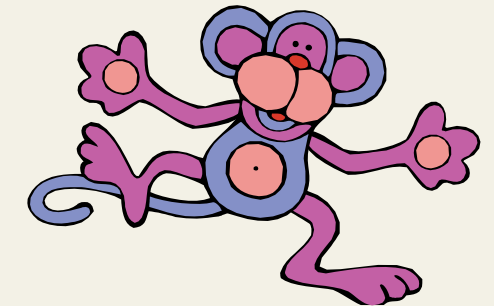
I Kissed the Baby by Mary Murphy. Candlewick Press, 2003.

What Shall We Do with the Boo-Hoo Baby? by Cressida Cowell.
Scholastic Press, 2000.

Welcome, Little Baby by Aiki. Greenwillow Books, 1987.

Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers. Harcourt, 2001.

Hush Little Baby by Sylvia Long. Chronicle Books, 1997.



BOOKS TO SHARE WITH TODDLERS

Piggies by Audrey and Don Wood. Harcourt, 1991.

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann. G.P. Putnam's, 2002.

Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree by Eileen Christelow. Clarion, 1992.

Who Hops? by Katie Davis. Harcourt, 1998.

Let's Go Visiting by Sue Williams. Harcourt, 1992.