

READING LISTS

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(Resources for finding good books for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers, including list of books read and discussed at 2009 CAEYC Conference)

Web Resources

Beginning with Books, Center for Early Literacy, includes 2009 new book recommendations:

<http://www.beginningwithbooks.org/books>

Association for Library Service to Children (part of ALA):

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc>

(go from Home page, to Communications and Publications, to Book Lists, to Building A Home Library)

ReadingRockets (includes lists by subject/theme):

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books#>

Book'Em: <http://www.bookem-kids.org/>

ALA Suggested Book List for Young Readers (1997) (Born to Read Project):

<http://www.ed.gov/Family/RSRforFamily/booklist.html>

Reading is Fundamental, Inc. and ALA:

<http://www.udel.edu/ETL/RWN/ReadingLists.html#pk>

Read to Grow, Inc. (CT based early literacy non-profit):

http://www.readtogrow.org/Content/Tips_Resources_Book_Lists.asp

Children's Bookshelf – PW Children's bookseller blog about books that include diversity. List compiled from suggestions from readers of the blog:

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/shelftalker> (broken down by age group, many show book cover)

Also see:

From Lullabies to Literature (NAEYC)

By Jennifer Birckmayer, Anne Kennedy, and Anne Stonehouse

Appendix B - Good Books for Infants and Toddlers

Appendix A – Developmental Milestones and Implications for Story Sharing.

Weaving Picture Books Throughout the Day by Mary Renck Jalongo (Early Childhood Today)

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3271>

Don't Forget These Resources:

Local Librarians (ask for the librarian who runs the pre-school programs)

Publishers' websites

Authors' websites

(these sites may provide curriculum and other helpful material)

Examples/Books to Read

QUIET TIMES/SNUGGLE TIMES

If Kisses Were Colors, by Janet Lawler

Time for Bed, by Mem Fox

Hush Little Baby by Sylvia Long

A Hug for You, by Margaret Anastas

CONCEPT MOMENTS (lang arts/math)

Words: Picture This, by Alison Jay

ABCs – Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Bill Martin Jr and John Archambault

Counting – 10 in the Bed, by Jane Cabrera

Colors –

Colors, by Guy Smalley

I Went Walking, by Sue Williams

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr

Opposites – A Big Dog, by Bernadette Ford

My Very First Look at Opposites, by Two Can Publishing

(for older kids, asks another question)

MUSIC/SINGING/CHANTING

Over on the Farm, by Christopher Gunson (also counting)

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr (animals/science)

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY/RAINY DAY BOOKS

Beach Party, by Harriet Ziefert and Simms Taback

A Father's Song, by Janet Lawler

Any book, look for activity opportunities/chanting/repeating/singing

SOCIAL SKILLS

No Biting, by Karen Katz (other books in this board/flap series)

Hooway for Wodney Wat, by Helen Lester (bullying)

Words Are Not for Hurting, by Elizabeth Verdick (bilingual version available)

(others in this board series)

See other books published by **free spirit Publishing**

SOCIAL ISSUES

A Mother for Choco, by Keiko Kasza (adoption)

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, by Mem Fox

Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox

ART/MOTOR SKILLS

If Kisses Were Colors, by Janet Lawler (coloring a rainbow, coloring any particular/familiar story character or animal)

JUST PLAIN FUN

Baby BeeBee Bird, by Diane Redfield Massie

The Napping House, by Audrey **and** Don Wood

llama, llama, mad at mama, by Anna Dewdney

HOLIDAYS

A Mother's Song, by Janet Lawler

A Father's Song, by Janet Lawler

(for Mother's and Father's Day, always think about inclusiveness, addressing children's needs if there is an alternative family situation. Suggest other special people in children's lives, such as granddads, brothers, uncles, etc.)

Tyrannoclaus, by Janet Lawler

Many other examples on resource lists/websites by theme/topic

SCIENCE

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle (not only butterfly metamorphosis, but days of the week)

The Very Busy Spider (farm animals, spider habits, have children feel the raised web/art of the book!)

Mice Squeak, We Speak, by Tomie DePaola (also make animal noises)