

Book List for Pre- Readers: Four- and Five- Year- Olds

Letter Knowledge

Learning that each letter is distinct and that each letter has its own name and sound

Alphabeasts by Wallace Edwards
Eh? to Zed: A Canadian ABeCedarium by Kevin Major
Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Leste
The Dog from Arf! Arf! To ZZZZZZ: The Dog Artist Collection
Ellsworth's Extraordinary Electric Ears by Valorie Fisher

Narrative Skills

Telling stories, answering questions, and being able to describe things and events

Two Frogs by Chris Wormell
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
Arrowhawk by Lola Schaefer
Clara and Asha by Eric Rohmann
Halibut Jackson by David Lucas
Hammer Soup by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert
Just Enough and Not Too Much by Kaethe Zemach
Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel by Leslie Connor
On My Way to Buy Eggs by Chih-Yuan Chen
Red Book by Barbara Lehman
Send It! by Don Carter
Swimming with Dolphins by Lambert Davis
Tracks in the Snow by Wong Herbert Yee
The Trucker by Brenda Weatherby
We're Going on a Picnic by Pat Hutchins
Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
Elizabeth's Doll by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
Photographer Mole by Dennis Haseley
Widget by Lyn Rossiter McFarland

Phonological Awareness

Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words

Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss
A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson
Mortimer by Robert Munsch
Ants in My Pants by Wendy Mould
Clara Caterpillar by Pamela Duncan
Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont
My Little Sister Hugged an Ape by Bill Grossman
One Dark Night by Lisa Wheeler
Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root
Roller Coaster by Marla Frazee
Some Dogs Do by Jez Alborough
Why Do Kittens Purr? by Marion Dane Bauer
Wiggle by Doreen Cronin

Print Awareness

Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the words on a page

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert
Oh, Look! by Patricia Polacco
Olivia and the Missing Toy by Ian Falconer
First Day of Winter by Denise Fleming
There's Only One of Me! by Pat Hutchins
What! Cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story by Kate Lum
Something from Nothing by Phoebe Gilman
The Teddy Bear by David McPhail
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steven Jenkins

Print Motivation

Being interested in and enjoying books

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback
Skippyjon Jones by Judith Byron Schachner
Hello, Hello! by Miriam Schlein
Knock, Knock! Who's There? by Tad Hills
What Are You So Grumpy About? by Tom Lichtenheld

Vocabulary

Knowing the names of things

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt
Imagine a Night by Sarah Thomson
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Alice the Fairy by David Shannon
Can You See What I see? Cool Collections by Walter Wick
Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse by Lindsay Barret George
Look-Alikes Jr.: The More You Look, the More You See by Joan Steiner
Secret Seahorse by Stella Blackstone
Surprising Sharks by Nicola Davies



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Book List for Early Talkers: Birth to Two- Years- Old

Letter Knowledge

Learning that each letter is distinct and that each letter has its own name and sound

Peek-a-Little Boo by Sheree Fitch and Laura Watson

A to Z by Sandra Boynton

My first Book of Shapes by Julie Aigner-Clark

Narrative Skills

Telling stories, answering questions, and being able to describe things and events

Blankie by Leslie Patricelli

Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers

Good Night, Spot by Eric Hill

Phonological Awareness

Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words

My Very First Mother Goose edited by Iona Opie

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

Print Awareness

Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the words on a page

The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O'Connell

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

Silly Little Goose by Nancy Tafuri

Hooray for Fish! by Lucy Cousins

Print Motivation

Being interested in and enjoying books

Cows in the Kitchen by June Crebbin

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Baby Faces by Margaret Miller

I Like it When by Mary Murphy

"More, More, More," said the Baby: 3 Love Stories by Vera B. Williams

Trucks, Trucks, Trucks by Peter Sis

Vocabulary

Knowing the names of things

Wynken, Blynken and Nod by Eugene Field

Babies on the Go by Linda Ashman

Black and White by Tana Hoban

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

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Where Is Baby's Belly Button? by Karen Katz

First Words by Usborne Look

Grow Up! by Nina Laden

Book List for Talkers: Two- and Three- Year- Olds

Letter Knowledge

Learning that each letter is distinct and that each letter has its own name and sound

B is For Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by June Sobel

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr

26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

Narrative Skills

Telling stories, answering questions, and being able to describe things and events

The Cake That Mack Ate by Rose Robart

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Busy Little Mouse by Eugenie and Kim Fernandes

Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed? by Barney Sattberg

Carl's Sleepy Afternoon by Alexandra Day

Kiss Good Night by Amy Hest

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems

Larabee by Kevin Luthardt

Oliver Finds His Way by Phyllis Root

Pie in the Sky by Lois Ehlert

Please, Puppy, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

Phonological Awareness

Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words

Raise the Roof by Anastasia Suen

Bee-Bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Duck's Key, Where Can it Be? by Jez Alborough

Baby Danced the Polka by Karen Beaumont

I Know a Rhino by Charles Fuge

Ten Little Fish by Audrey and Bruce Wood

Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman

Print Awareness

Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the words on a page

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

Shhhh! Everybody is Sleeping by Julie Markes

Maisy Goes Camping by Lucy Cousins Cousins

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Print Motivation

Being interested in and enjoying books

A Truck Goes Rattley-Bumpa by Jonathan London

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Can you Cuddle like a Koala? by John Butler

Vocabulary

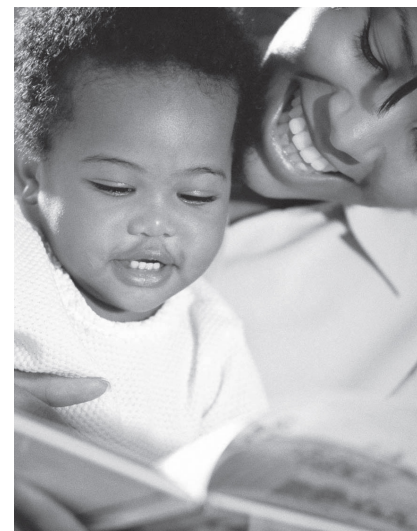
Knowing the names of things

The Napping House by Don and Audrey Wood

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox

Snuggle Up, Sleepy Ones by Claire Freedman

Sally Goes to the Vet by Stephen Huneck



Raindrop, Plop! by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

Ruby's Rainy Day by Rosemary Wells

10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle

Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Seeger

Millie Wants to Play by Janet Pedersen

We've All Got Bellybuttons! by David Martin

Baby Food by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

Get to Work Trucks! by Don Carter

My Car Board Book by Byron Barton

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert

Wow! City! by Robert Neubecker