

Six Skills for Early Literacy

Read Aloud to Babies & Toddlers

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Print motivation

Being excited about and interested in books

- Share books that excite children's interests
- Re-read favorite books and rhymes
- Have fun and enjoy books together

Phonological awareness

Playing with the sounds in words

- Sing songs
- Play word games: clap syllables, substitute sounds, drop letters (i.e. train becomes rain)
- Share rhymes

Enriched vocabulary

Knowing the specific names of things

- Be descriptive when naming things: big red boat, furry black puppy
- Expose children to new words
- Discuss concepts: time, seasons, opposites, etc.

Narrative skills

Telling stories and describing things

- Engage in conversations: model good listening skills
- Allow children to tell their own stories
- Encourage pretend play

Print awareness

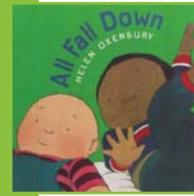
Noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle a book, and following words on a page

- Help children discover letters and words on signs, menus, labels, etc.
- Allow children to hold books and turn pages
- Follow the words on a page: demonstrate left to right/top to bottom

Letter knowledge

Knowing the differences between how letters look, their names, and their sounds

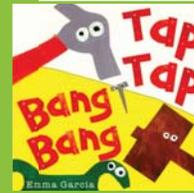
- Help identify the first letter of their name
- Introduce the letters of the alphabet
- Make children aware that letters have different sounds



All Fall Down by Helen Oxenbury.

BRD OXENBUR. •••

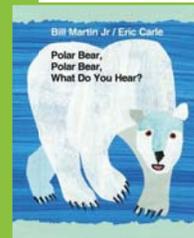
In simple, rhythmic language these playful toddlers have fun until they all fall down!



Tap Tap Bang Bang written & illustrated by Emma Garcia.

BRD GARCIA. •••••

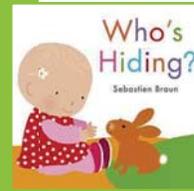
What will be made with all the noisy tools? Children will enjoy repeating the sounds the tools make before the reveal of the finished product.



Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin Jr.; illustrated by Eric Carle.

BRD MARTIN. •••••

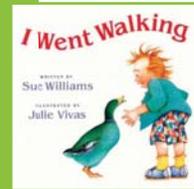
Join polar bear as he discovers other animals by using his listening skills.



Who's Hiding? by Sebastien Braun.

BRD BRAUN. •••••

Baby explores the garden and discovers different animals in this lift-the-flap book.



I Went Walking by Sue Williams; illustrated by Julie Vivas.

BRD WILLIAM. •••••

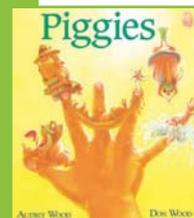
A young child goes out for a walk and discovers a new farm animal at every turn in this warmly illustrated book.



Space Walk: Lift-the-Flap Adventures by Salina Yoon.

BRD YOON. •••••

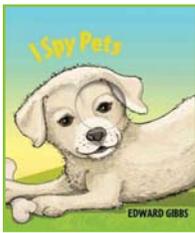
Go on a spacewalk with your child, learning about planets during this lift-the-flap adventure.



Piggies written by Don and Audrey Wood;

illustrated by Don Wood. BRD WOOD. •••••

Fun pictures and brief text make this a great book to enjoy together and a perfect pairing to the playful rhyme, "This Little Piggy."



I Spy Pets by Edward Gibbs. PIC GIBBS.



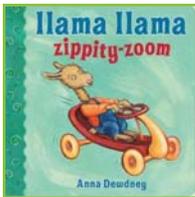
Use clues to guess which animal is peeking through the page. Large, bright pictures make this a fun guessing game for toddlers.



White on Black by Tana Hoban.

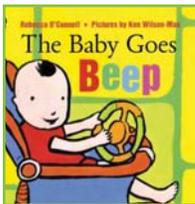
BRD HOBAN.

This wordless board book has high-contrast illustrations perfect for any infant. The white illustrations against a black background show simple silhouettes like a baby bottle, a duck and a bear.



Llama Llama Zippity-Zoom by Anna Dewdney. BRD DEWDNEY.

Llama Llama is having lots of fun outdoors with his friends. The fast cadence of the action words makes this a zippity-zoom of a read!

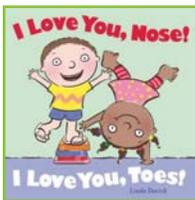


The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca

O'Connell; illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max.

BRD OCONNEL.

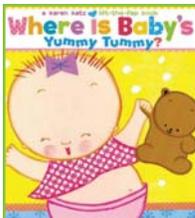
Follow baby's day as he noisily explores his surroundings from car seat to meals to bath and bedtime.



I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes! by

Linda Davick. PIC DAVICK.

This delightful story features a wide array of children celebrating their bodies from their hair to their toes!

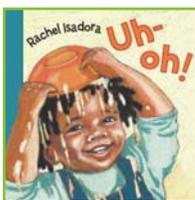


Where is Baby's Yummy Tummy?: A

Karen Katz Lift-the-Flap Book by Karen

Katz. BRD KATZ.

Find baby's feet, nose, and more in this charmingly illustrated lift-the-flap adventure.



Uh-Oh! by Rachel Isadora. PIC ISADORA.



A little one is on the move in this appealing picture book. Daily activities familiar to all toddlers repeatedly end in a mess punctuated by the phrase, "Uh-oh!"



Yum! text by Harriet Ziefert; illustrated by

SAMi. BRD SAMI.

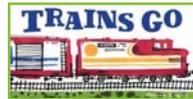
Explore shapes of tasty treats in this brightly illustrated flip-a-shape board book with die-cuts.



Move by Elizabeth Verdick &

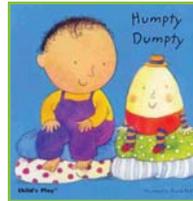
Marjorie Lisovskis. BRD VERDICK.

From the "Happy Healthy Baby" series, **Move** encourages young children to crawl, climb, and more.



Trains Go by Steve Light. BRD LIGHT.

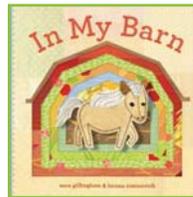
Take a fun and noisy trip with different trains in this energetic book for young transportation enthusiasts.



Humpty Dumpty illustrated by Annie

Kubler. BRD KUBLER.

Sing this playful rhyme accompanied by illustrations of children playing along to the song.



In My Barn by Sara Gillingham; illustrated

by Lorena Siminovich. BRD GILLING.

With a built-in finger puppet, children can explore a foal's day.



Hello, Dinosaur by DwellStudio. BRD

HELLO.

Lift-the-flaps and find out what type of dinosaur is hiding.

Looking for more?

Try books by these other great authors:

Byron Barton

Sandra Boynton

Emma Dodd

Peter Linenthal

Leslie Patricelli

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