A Book of Babies by Il Sung Na – Baby duck leads children around the world as they get to see what the first day of life looks like for eight different animals. Ages 3-5.

What Will Hatch? By Jennifer Ward – This is a wonderfully interactive story where children must guess the animal that will hatch from each egg shown. Great early science learning too...Ages 2-5.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT Baby Animals:

Baby Animals by Xavier Deneux – A wonderful introduction to science for very young children. The pictures are simple and raised so that children can feel the outline of each baby animal. Board book (ages 0-3).

Baby Animals Take a Bath by Marsha Diane Arnold – There are many ways that baby animals bathe including in the snow, the sun, and the mud! Another early science book for babies! Ages 0-3.

Baby Bear Sees Blue by Ashley Wolff – Baby and Mama bear explore their forest world together, this time noticing all the color surrounding them in the plants and animals. Ages 2-5.

Egg by Kevin Henkes – An unexpected animal hatches out of one of the colorful eggs and everyone is surprised – a darling story about friendship and acceptance. Ages 2-5.

Fiona the Hippo by Richard Cowdrey – Fiona is a real baby hippo born at the Cincinnati Zoo. Her very early birth and struggle to survive, grow, and thrive against many odds has made her very popular and loved around the world. This is a book about her! Ages 3-7.

Hello Baby! by Mem Fox – This book showcases many unusual baby animals and the artwork of Steve Jenkins makes for a perfect combination. Ages 2-5.


Little Bitty Friends by Elizabeth McPike – Another book for babies and young toddlers about friendship and babies exploring the natural world right around them. Ages 0-3.

Nest by Jorey Hurley – This story takes us through the life cycle of a baby robin – from before the baby bird is even born up until the time she leaves the nest and begins her own family. Each illustrated page is a work of art. Ages 3-6.

Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy by Denise Fleming – All animals get sleepy and go to sleep! Ages 1-3.

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown – In this timeless tale, a mama bunny tells her baby that she will always love him no matter where he goes or what he does. A reassuring story for children who are just beginning to spread their wings a bit but still very much need the security of parents close by. Ages 2-4.
Spring Sorting Activity

What you need:
Plastic eggs in a variety of sizes, colors, designs, patterns...
   Eggs are available in many stores now!
Basket or large container
Empty egg cartons (2 or 3)

Talk with children in circle/large group time about the concepts of “alike” and “different.” Show examples of how the plastic eggs can be the same and how they are different.

Place the eggs in a basket on a table in your room with an egg carton next to the basket. Children can sort the eggs by color, size, design, pattern, or texture. They can also simply practice placing the eggs into the egg cartons OR make up their own game! **Source – Pre-K Pages** [www.pre-kpages.com/spring-classification-science-activity/](http://www.pre-kpages.com/spring-classification-science-activity/)

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Learning Activities for May

**Where is Baby Bear?**
Tune of: *Are You Sleeping?*
Where is baby bear?
Where is baby bear?
Here I am! Here I am!
How are you today, bear?
Very well, I thank you.
Growl, growl, growl.
Growl, growl, growl.

*Continue with…*
Where is piglet? (oink, oink, oink)
Where is puppy? (woof, woof, woof)

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**Little Duck, Little Duck**
Little duck, little duck, waddle around,
Little duck, little duck, touch the ground,
Little duck, little duck, wings go flap!
Little duck, little duck, say, “Quack, quack!”
Little duck, little duck, jump into the river,
Little duck, little duck, give a little shiver,
Little duck, little duck, shake your feet,
Little duck, little duck, find your seat.

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You may register for FREE STARS classes by clicking on the date of the class on the CALENDAR of the Pierce County Library web site: [www.piercecountylibrary.org](http://www.piercecountylibrary.org).
The next STARS Class will be Saturday, May 18th, and is titled, “Dialogue and Reflection Session.”

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**Baby and Parent Matching Game**
Collect pictures of baby animals and parent animals.

- Many nature magazines have great images.
- You can also go to the Internet and search for the pictures. Type in “baby elephant” and click on the **Image** button under your search box. You will get many results and you can print and laminate them. Better if they are in color but they don’t have to be!

Place all the parent animal pictures in one box or basket and place the baby animal pictures in another. Children can match the parents and babies.