Families

There is nothing more important to young children than their family. These books are perfect reminders for caregivers of how crucial they are in their child’s life.

Cat’s First Baby
by Natalie Nelson

Grandma and Me
by Carole Boston Weatherford

I Love You, Baby Burrito
by Angela Dominguez

Love You by Heart
by Peter H. Reynolds

May We Have Enough to Share
by Richard Van Camp

My Daddy and Me by Linda Ashman

One Special Day by Lola M. Schaefer

Things I Love to Do with You by Amy Schwartz

First Concepts

Children love to learn about how things work in their world. These books will introduce children to some early concepts that they can see through pictures as they hear the words.

A Little Book about Opposites*
by Leo Lionni

Blue Hat, Green Hat*
by Sandra Boynton

Count to Love*
by Andrea Davis Pinkney

How Are You? ¿Cómo estás? by Angela Dominguez

The Last Marshmallow* by Grace Lin

Up, Up, Up, Down by Kimberly Gee

Walter’s Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood

Yum! Yuck! A Book of People Sounds by Linda Sue Park

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BABY BOOKS to GO

Check out a ready-to-go tote bag filled with five board books and a colorful activity sheet.

The books are specifically chosen for infants and young toddlers to match their developmental needs.
Books with Faces

Babies are born with a fascination for faces and love to “read” faces, especially of the people they love. Below are some books with close-up faces of babies, young children and their families.

- Brown Sugar Babies by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
- Calm by Jillian Roberts
- Global Baby Playtime* by Maya Ajmera
- Kiss by Kiss: A Counting Book for Families by Richard Van Camp

- Mittens and Mukluks!: Winter in Alaska* by Joni Spiess
- My Heart Beats by Rina Singh
- Toesy Toes by Sarah Tsiang
- Tummy Time Friends by Pat Brisson

Books with Bright Colors and Color Contrasts

Color vision is still developing during infancy, making books that have high-color contrast a good choice to capture and hold a baby’s attention.

- Baby Animals Day and Night* by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
- Black and White: Visual Stimulation Images for Babies by Morgan Asoyuf
- Hello, Baby Animals!
- Sockeye Silver, Saltchuck Blue* by Roy Henry Vickers
- What a Wonderful World by Bob Thiele

Books to Manipulate

Children learn more effectively when they engage with their five senses. When children interact with books they see the pictures, hear the words and can also touch the books, making learning hands-on.

- Counting* by Fleur Star
- Eric Carle’s Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Other Nursery Rhymes: A Lift-the-Flap Book* by Eric Carle
- Hide and Seek by Tarō Gomi
- Making Tracks: Desert* by Abi Hall
- Moon: A Peek-Through Board Book by Britta Teckentrup
- Skeletitos: Make Every Moment Count by Susie Jaramillo
- We Say Good Night* by Salina Yoon
- Where’s the Puffin?* by Ingela P. Arrhenius

Books about Animals

Animals are universally popular and children will often make the sounds of animals before they say words. Reading books about animals is a great way to build vocabulary and increase verbal confidence.

- A Is for Anemone: A First West Coast Alphabet by Roy Henry Vickers
- A Cub Story by Kristen Tracy
- Dancing Feet by Lindsey Craig
- Doggies: A Counting and Barking Book* by Sandra Boynton

Books about Animals cont.

- Eyes* by Katrine Crow
- How to Say Hello to a Worm by Kari Percival
- Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails by Nancy Tafuri

Daily Routines

Infants and toddlers love stories about the familiar and concrete. Books about different parts of daily routines will engage children immediately since they can directly relate to the events of the story.

- Bedtime for Sweet Creatures by Nikki Grimes
- Brush! Brush! Brush! by Douglas Florian
- Diapers Are Not Forever = Los pañales no son para siempre by Elizabeth Verdick
- Hand in Hand* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Hey Baby! A Baby’s Day in Doodles by Andrea Pippins
- In the Rain* by Elizabeth Spurr
- Leo Gets a Checkup* by Anna McQuinn
- My Hair by Danielle Murrell Cox
- Sunny Days* by Deborah Kerbel
- We All Play = Kimêtawânaw by Julie Flett
- Where Do Pants Go? by Rebecca Van Slyke

* For more fun, read other books in this series.