Horrible Bear! By Ame Dyckman – In this hilarious and sweet tale of misunderstandings, a little girl becomes furious with a large bear when he rolls over onto her kite and crushes it by accident. They are able to resolve their differences by the end of the story so that nothing is “horrible anymore.” This book is a fantastic one to share with children who may have conflicts or differences of opinion – wonderful! Ages 3-7.
Bear & Hare: Where’s Bear? By Emily Gravett – Two friends play a game of hide-and-seek in the style of many young children who haven’t yet learned how to hide! Ages 2-4.

OTHER FUN EXAMPLES OF BOOKS ABOUT BEARS:

Just Like You by Emma Dodd – Baby bear wants to do everything just like his daddy in this sweet story of love between parent and child. Ages 2-4.
Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin, Jr. – A continuation of the wonderful series by Bill Martin Jr. and this one features many animals native to the Pacific Northwest! Ages 1-4.
Where’s My Teddy? By Jez Alborough – A little boy has lost his beloved teddy bear in the woods but little does he realize that someone else is looking for their teddy bear too...Ages 4-6.
Happy Birthday, Moon by Frank Asch – In this gentle bedtime story, a little bear gives the moon a hat for his birthday and, when he wakes the next morning, discovers that the moon has given him the same gift! Ages 4-6.
Counting Wild Bears of the Native Northwest Coast by Gryn White – Children can practice counting while learning about bears and Native American artwork. Ages 2-5.
Baby Bear Counts One by Ashely Wolff – Baby bear counts the different animals who are preparing for winter. Ages 4-6.
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach – Who really ate the sandwich? Was it the bear, like dog said it was? Hmmm...Ages 5-7.
Bear in the Air by Susan Meyers – This story tells the adventures of a teddy bear who has become separated from the child who loves him and all he goes through to get back home to his little boy. Gorgeous illustrations! Ages 4-7.
Old Bear by Kevin Henkes – In the middle of the long, cold winter, bear dreams of spring and being a cub again. Ages 4-7.
BEARS by Nancy Stewart
Nancy Stewart is a local children’s singer and songwriter who lives on Mercer Island. She has created a web site - www.nancymusic.com – which is a fantastic resource for music and literacy ideas for use in your classrooms. From the main site, click on “Song of the Month.” You can search for a specific song ALPHABETICALLY (there are many songs!) Each song also includes the tune that Nancy uses, ideas for sharing this song at circle times, and literacy connections. Here are the words to a song about bears:

Bears, bears, bears,
So many kinds of bears,
Pick a letter, then tell me
What kind of bear you see!

Activity Ideas for this song:
- Write or glue one letter of the word “BEARS” on each of five envelopes. Put one picture of a different bear (polar bear, black bear, panda bear, brown bear, koala bear) in each envelope. As children choose the letter in the song, you or they can take the bear out.
- Decorate boxes or cans with the letters and put plastic or paper bears inside.
- Same as above, but write down facts about each bear and place in the cans or boxes. Take one out and read after naming each bear. Older children can read the facts out loud.

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.

THE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT STARS CLASS ON SATURDAY, February 25th, WILL BE “THE PROTECTIVE FACTORS FRAMEWORK AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES.”

In the Dark of Night by Lee Bennett Hopkins
In the dark of night, when all is still
And I’m half sleeping in my bed
It’s good to know my Teddy bear
Is snuggling at my head.

Bear is Sleeping (Tune of: Are You Sleeping?)
Bear is sleeping. Bear is sleeping.
Wake him up! Wake him Up!
Come and say hello, bear. Come and say hello, bear.
Time to eat, time to eat.

Different Types of Bears CHART
What you need:
Large paper (butcher paper is great)
Markers
Masking tape

Create a chart highlighting different bears. There are a total of eight different types of bears including American black bears, polar bears, giant panda bears, Asiatic black bears, sloth bears, spectacled bears, sun bears, and brown (grizzly) bears.

- For a great resource on bears, go to Idaho Public Television’s web site for kids - http://idahoptv.org/sciencetrek/topics/bears/index.cfm

This site has all kinds of interesting facts about bears including: where they live, what they eat, how long they live, bear prints, if they hibernate or not, and famous bears!!

You can create different categories for your chart – make it as complex or simple as you like. Include pictures. Ask children what they would like to learn about bears. You can find nonfiction books about bears at any library in the Easy Non-fiction section – just ask the library staff where they are located! Have fun with science learning!!