

PRESCHOOL & EARLY ELEMENTARY

Solidly into the preschool and early school-age years, a child can usually sit for a longer or more complex story. Humor is recognizable, and it often helps a child through daily uncertainties.

Beaty, Andrea. **Ada Twist, Scientist.** Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

Becker, Aaron. **Journey.** Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor. **Quest and Return** complete the trilogy.

De La Peña, Matt. **Last Stop on Market Street.** A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things. 2016 Newbery Award winner and Caldecott Honor Book

Jeffers, Oliver. **A Child of Books.** A young reader introduces a boy to the many imaginative worlds that books bring to life. Creative illustrations include words from famous books.

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. **I'm New Here.** Three children from other countries (Somalia, Guatemala, and Korea) struggle to adjust to their new home and school in the United States.

Parker, Jake. **Little Bot and Sparrow.** A picture book about a robot who befriends a sparrow and learns both about happiness and loss when his best friend must fly south for the winter.

Stead, Philip Christian. **Bear Has a Story to Tell.** Bear, with the help of his animal friends, remembers the story he had hoped to tell before the onset of winter. Also available as a DVD.

Talleg, Olivier. **Who What Where?** Simple text asks the readers a series of questions about the characters on each page. Look at the pictures closely to find the answer.

Other books include:

Litwin, Eric. **Pete the Cat** books. (Some titles can be found under the author, James Dean)

Parr, Todd. Any of his books.

EARLY READERS

As children approach reading on their own, they may find times of shared reading even more enjoyable. Allowing the child to help with the reading and providing a variety of situations to read about will help a child grow. More mature subjects, as well as the truly imaginative and funny, are appreciated.

Henkes, Kevin. **Waiting.** Five animal figurines wait together by the window. In this gentle story, readers and characters meet new friends, observe the unhurried passage of the seasons, and anticipate what may come next. (Geisel Honor Book 2016)

Kang, Anna. **You Are (Not) Small.** A heated debate quickly ensues when two furry creatures can't agree on who is big and who is small. (2015 Geisel Medal Book)

Long, Ethan. **In! Over! And On! The Farm.** Four farmyard friends illustrate prepositional phrases as they go in and out, over and under, around, on and off.

Ruzzier, Sergio. **This Is Not a Picture Book.** Duck finds a book and is surprised to discover that there are books with words and no pictures--and that even without pictures a book can interest and excite you.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page.** Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby are excited to participate in a library read-aloud program, but they are nervous when Mrs. Teaberry and her unpredictable dog Zeke want to join. (2015 Geisel Honor Book)

Savage, Stephen. **Supertruck.** When a blizzard comes to town, an unassuming garbage truck secretly trades his glasses for a powerful snowplow and becomes the heroic "Supertruck." (Geisel Honor Book 2016)

Other books include:

Adler, David. **Don't Throw it to Mo!** And **Get a Hit, Mo!**

Arnold, Ted. **Fly Guy** beginning readers and non-fiction titles

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad** beginning readers

O'Connor, Jane. **Fancy Nancy** picture books and beginning readers

Willems, Mo. **Elephant and Piggie** series

***Some of these titles are also available as eBooks or downloadable audiobooks.**

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Family Reading Guide



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Reading together each day is an important step to building family community and lifelong learning. Read, sing, talk, write and play with your child every day. Here are some suggestions for books that will be enjoyed by reader and listener alike.

BOOKS BABIES WILL LOVE

Share these books with babies up to age two. For the youngest, find board books and other books with simple text and large pictures or photographs. Babies and toddlers enjoy seeing other babies and children playing and doing everyday things. As they get older, they start to explore wider concepts.

Arena, Jen. **Besos for Baby: A Little Book of Kisses.** Everyone has kisses for Baby, from Mami and Papi to perro and gato. Using simple Spanish words, this charming read-aloud proves that love is the same in every language!

Crozier, Lorna. **Lots of Kisses.** Combined with beautiful photographs, Lots of Kisses is the perfect board book for parents and caregivers to snuggle up and read with their oh-so-kissable little ones.

Dunbar, Joyce. **Pat-a-Cake Baby.** Late one night pat-a-cake baby wakes up his friends to help him bake a cake for a special guest.

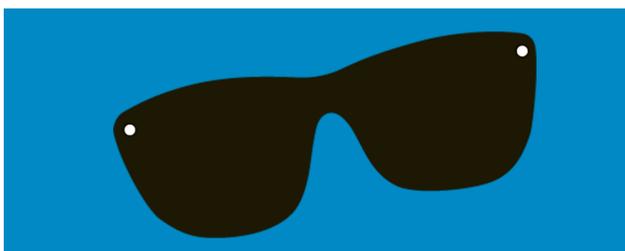
Katz, Karen. **The Babies on the Bus.** Brightly colored pictures illustrate lyrics to the well-known song, interspersed with additional verses about babies.

Other books include:

Beaton, Clare. **Bedtime Rhymes; Nursery Rhymes; Action Rhymes; Farmyard Rhymes**

Boynton, Sandra. Any of her board books.

Global Babies; Global Baby Girls; and Global Baby Boys



TIME FOR TODDLERS

At two and three years old, attention spans start to lengthen, so try books using simple text, but making concepts broader and stories longer. Toddlers and a bit older enjoy a one-on-one story experience where they can identify objects and characters as they are read to.

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Go! Go! Go! Stop!** Little Green only knows one word: 'Go!' It's the perfect thing to get the construction site moving, but how will they stop?

Murphy, Mary. **Say Hello Like This!** This lively split-page-format book shows how animals say hello with different sounds.

Patricelli, Leslie. **Potty.** Baby, a toddler, decides to use the potty for the first time.

Penfold, Alexandra. **Eat, Sleep, Poop.** A humorous memoir of an infant's first few months.

Other books include:

Dahl, Michael. **Bye-bye Bottles, Zebra; Big Bed for Giraffe** and others in the Hello Genius series

Hills, Tad. **Duck & Goose** series

Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs...**toddler and picture books



SHARE THESE WITH EARLY PRESCHOOLERS

Children four and five enjoy longer books with lots of humor. They will explore even more diverse topics and concepts such as feelings, imagination and friendship. They may even start noticing patterns of letter sounds with repetitive readings.

Cote, Genevieve. **Goodnight, You!** As darkness falls, two very different friends explore what scares them... and discover that with a bit of help, it's possible to see things in a new light.

Fleming, Denise. **5 Little Ducks.** Each day, Papa Duck goes out with his ducklings but on Monday only four come back, on Tuesday only three, but on Saturday all return when he calls and on Sunday, they stay home and rest.

Fogliano, Julie. **Old Dog Baby Baby.** A rhyming picture book about a lazy old dog and a playful baby.

McDonnell, Patrick. **Thank You and Good Night.** Maggie hosts a pajama party for Clement the bunny and friends.

Nelson, Kadir. **If You Plant a Seed.** While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.

Tarpley, Todd. **Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!** Three reluctant robots fight off sleep while their young caretaker does his best to get them to calm down.

Wilson, Karma. **Big Bear, Small Mouse.** A big bear and a small mouse discover all of the opposites between their animal friends.

Other books include:

Dewdney, Anna. **Llama, Llama** series

Pinkney, Jerry. **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

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