

Recommended books for young children

When you are choosing books for young children always think about what interests them. Board books and cloth books are always good for this age. Books that only have one word that labels things are also good. Some VERY important books to have in your collection are rhyming books. Children need to hear rhymes early before they see the rhyming patterns. *Remember hearing comes before seeing. Read these very important rhyming books to your child.

These are some of Catalina's favorites (my daughter). (FYI - I never give away or sell any of my books, because you can use them to teach your children LOTS of lessons. Lots of books are used to learn how to spell a certain word especially when they are just starting to learn how to spell words. Some can be used for math. Others can be used for writing lessons or science lessons. Even more can be used to teach rhyming words. Keep your books, because you will use them again.)

The books are listed in alphabetic order using the author's last name.

Board Books

Numbers (Touch and feel) by: Bright Baby

& Colors (Touch and feel) by: Bright Baby (I like these, because they are bright and colorful. Also, they have real pictures of items instead of drawings. I also like them, because they have easy to read print that's located either at the top or bottom of the page which is great for going over top and bottom. I would ask "What's that say at the top?" And I would point to show the top. Later I would not point and see if she could point to the top or bottom whichever I'm teaching.)

First words by: Bright Baby

Shapes by: Baby Genius

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Board Books continued

The Going to Bed Book	by: Sandra Boynton (I like this one, because it rhymes and it has nice phrasing for easy reading and nice rhythm.)
Blue Hat, Green Hat	by: Sandra Boynton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	by: Eric Carle
Noah's Ark	by: Lucy Cousins
Happy baby ABC	by: Sarah Kappely Made by: Priddy Books (Bright Baby are made by Priddy Books. And I LOVE their books!)
Counting Kisses	by: Karen Katz
Where is Baby's Mommy	by: Karen Katz
Daddy and Me	by: Karen Katz
Pat the bunny	by: Dorothy Kunhardt
Spot Loves His Daddy	by: Eric Hill (There are lots of great "Spot" books.)
I Love Colors	by: Margaret Miller (The words are big, short, and easy to read. Great for teaching left to right.)
The Rainbow Fish	by: Marcus Pfister
Curious George's ABCs	by: H. A. Rey
Frosty the Snowman	by: Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson (Song books are also great for hearing phrases as well as hearing rhyming words in most songs. By hearing phrased reading, children will become phrased and fluent readers easier.)
Opposites/Opuestos & My family/Mi Familia	by: Gladys Rosa-Mendoza (English.Spanish Foundations Series)

Board Books continued

Skippy Jon Jones - Up & down by: Judy Schachner (Fun book. I like how the words are at the top and at the bottom of the page not just at the bottom.)

Oh, David! by: David Shannon

Bye-Bye, Bottle by: Ellen Weiss

Cloth Books

Fuzzy Bee, Fluffy Chick, & Squishy Turtle

by: Priddy Books (I love these cloth books, because they rhyme, they're touch and feel, and they teach kids about insects, animals on the farm and animals that live in cold places.)

Around 18 months of age you can start to read longer books, because they are able to sit longer periods of time. Here are some great books.

Picture Books

Naughty Little Monkeys by: Jim Aylesworth

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by: Eric Carle

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by: Nancy Carlson

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by: Eileen Christelow

Freight Train by: Donald Crews

You're My Honey, Funny Bunny by: Sally Doherty

Corduroy by: Don Freeman

Ten Little Ladybugs by: Melanie Gerth

Angelina Ballerina by: Katharine Holabird

Harold and the Purple Crayon by: Crockett Johnson

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Picture Books

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by: Bill Martin, Jr. & John Archambault

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

by: Laura Numeroff

We're Going On A Bear Hunt

by: Michael Rosen

Where The Wild Things Are

by: Maurice Sendak

Alice the Fairy

by: David Shannon

David Goes to School

by: David Shannon

Hey, Pancakes!

by: Tamson Weston

Knuffle Bunny

by: Mo Williems

Silly Sally

by: Audrey Wood

Dr. Suess books (Wonderful rhyming books that children love!)

Stories of Santa (Up on the Housetop & Jolly Old St. Nicholas; This is a song book by Hallmark. Any song books are good for phrasing and fluent reading.)

