

## Preschoolers need:

- To be read to every day
- To learn about narrative through stories
- To be involved in reading and playing word games
- To play and pretend
- To know what writing is and how it works
- To be taken to the library for books and programs

## When sharing books with your preschooler you should:

- Have fun and talk about the books together
- Encourage your child to “read” the story to you
- Make everyday connections to the story
- Point to the words as you read

## Books to share with your preschooler:

*Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer

*Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson

*Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban

*Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*,  
retold by Eileen Christelow

*Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London

*The House in the Night* by Susan Marie Swanson

*Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed* by Mo Willems

*Where is the Green Sheep?* by Mem Fox

*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw

*Sheep in Wolf's Clothing* by Helen Lester

*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Click Clack Moo* by Doreen Cronin

*The Seals on the Bus* by Lenny Hort

*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter

*A Good Day* by Kevin Henkes

*Strega Nona: an Original Tale* by Tomie de Paola

*Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore* by David McPhail

*Pout Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

*Wild About Us* by Karen Beaumont

*Bee Dance* by Rick Chrustowski

*Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman

*Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins

*Press Here* by Hervé Tullet

For even more titles, a DeKalb County Public Library children's librarian can help you find many other books and materials your child will enjoy.

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Research shows when parents talk, read, and sing with their babies and toddlers, connections are formed in their brains. These connections build language, literacy, and social-emotional skills at an important time in a young child's development.

## Babies need:

- To hear your voice—talk to your baby about what you see and what you are doing
- To be read to every day
- To be surrounded with music, songs and nursery rhymes
- To experience play—you are your baby's first toy
- To be taken to the library for books and programs like Building Blocks, which uses books, activities and “play with a purpose” to enhance language and motor skills in very young children

## When sharing books with your baby you should:

- Choose books with bright colors, familiar objects and photos of babies
- Pick the right time for you and your baby
- Cuddle your baby
- Show your baby the book, talk and have fun
- Watch what your baby does
- Share a book with your baby every day—even a few minutes is important

## Books to share with your baby:

*Baby Happy, Baby Sad* by Leslie Patricelli  
*Big Fat Hen*, illustrated by Keith Baker  
*Row, Row, Row Your Boat* by Jane Cabrera  
*If You Were My Bunny* by Kate McMullan  
*Moo, Baa, La La La* by Sandra Boynton  
*10 Little Fingers and 10 Little Toes* by Mem Fox

*My Very First Mother Goose*, illustrated by Rosemary Wells

*Marc Brown's Playtime Rhymes* by Marc Brown

*Over the Hills and Far Away: a Treasury of Nursery Rhymes*, collected by Elizabeth Hammill

*All Kinds of Kisses* by Nancy Tafuri

*My First Trucks* by Sarah Davis

*Show Me Happy* by Kathryn Allen

*Helen Oxenbury Nursery Collection* by Helen Oxenbury

*Baby at the Farm* by Karen Katz

*Bathtime for Chickies* by Janee Trasler

*Jane Foster's 1 2 3* by Jane Foster

*Carnival of Cats* by Charles Ghigna

*Baby Pig Pig Talks* by David McPhail

*Clare Beaton's Animal Rhymes* by Clare Beaton

## Toddlers need:

- To be talked to about everyday activities
- To be read to every day and to be read the same book over and over again
- To be sung to every day
- To be encouraged to pretend play
- To be given materials for drawing and scribbling
- To be taken to the library for books and programs

## When sharing books with your toddler, you should:

- Have fun and talk about books together
- Choose books with repeating rhymes, words and phrases

- Read nursery rhymes and make up your own silly rhymes
- Let your child help you hold the book
- Point things out in books and name them

## Books to share with your toddler:

*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood and Don Wood

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Boats* by Byron Barton

*Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes

*Bear Counts* by Karma Wilson

*Mouse Who Ate the Moon* by Petr Horáček

*Gossie* by Olivier Dunrea

*Wheels on the Bus* by Raffi and Jane Cabrera

*Blue Goose* by Nancy Tafuri

*Bunny Dreams* by Peter McCarty

*Race Car Count* by Rebecca Dotlich

*Polar Bear's Underwear* by Tupera Tupera

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Do Lions Live on Lily Pads?* by Melanie Walsh

*Barnyard Banter* by Denise Fleming

*Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell

*Rrralph* by Lois Ehlert

*Close Your Eyes* by Kate Banks

*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney

*Goodnight, Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

*Time to Get Dressed!* by Elivia Savadier

*Cozy Light, Cozy Night* by Elisa Kleven

*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems