

Simple Concepts

Colors and shapes, letters and numbers are all important concepts for young children to learn.

1 Hunter

Pat Hutchins

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Bill Martin, Jr.

Click, Clack, Splash, Splash: A Counting Adventure

Doreen Cronin

Color Farm

Lois Ehlert

Color Zoo

Lois Ehlert

The Everything Book

Denise Fleming

Food for Thought:

The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds

Sexton Freymann

From Head to Toe

Eric Carle

It Looked Like Spilt Milk

Charles G. Shaw

Maisy's Amazing Big

Book of Learning

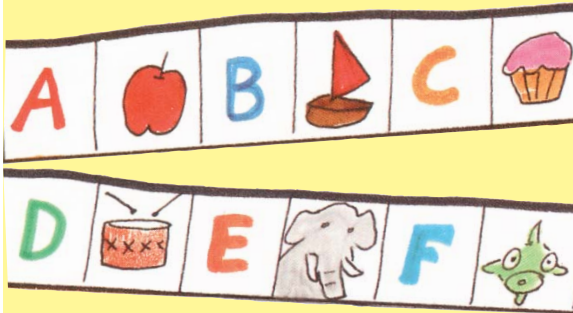
Lucy Cousins

Mouse Paint

Ellen Stoll Walsh

Ten, Nine, Eight

Molly Bang



Let's Hear It for the ABC's

Learning the alphabet is a vital building block for learning to read and getting ready for school.

ABC I Like Me!

Nancy Carlson

Alphabatics

Suse MacDonald

Ape in a Cape

Fritz Eichenberg

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Bill Martin, Jr.

Click, Clack, Quackity, Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure

Doreen Cronin

Eating the Alphabet

Lois Ehlert

Kipper's A to Z

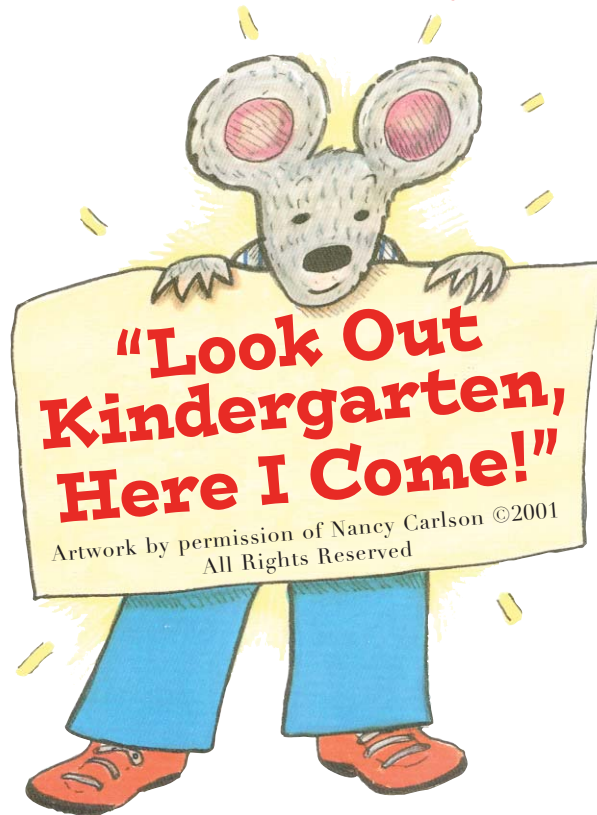
Mick Inkpen

Max's ABC

Rosemary Wells

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Get wild about reading!
Read to your child
20 minutes a day.



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"Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!"

100 Books for
Every Preschooler!



Rhythm, Rhyme, and Good Sounds

Nursery rhymes are so soothing!

Cha-Cha Chimps

Julia Durango

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Eileen Christelow

Hand Rhymes

Marc Brown

Here Comes Mother Goose

Iona Opie

I Went Walking

Sue Williams

Is Your Mama a Llama?

Deborah Guarino

Jamberry

Bruce Degen

"More More More,"

Said the Baby

Vera B. Williams

My Very First Mother Goose

Iona Opie

Old Black Fly

Jim Aylesworth

Over in the Meadow

Ezra Jack Keats

Rah, Rah, Radishes!

A Vegetable Chant

April Pulley Sayre

Rain

Manya Stojic

The Runaway Bunny

Margaret Wise Brown

Sheep in a Jeep

Nancy Shaw

Tomie dePaola's

Mother Goose

Tomie dePaola

Tortillas and Lullabies/

Tortillas y canciones

Lynn Reiser

Tortillitas para Mamá

and Other Nursery Rhymes

Margot Griego

Where's My T•R•U•C•K?

Karen Beaumont

Pattern Stories

Children love to predict what happens next.

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| <i>Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock</i>
Eric Kimmel | <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>
Laura Numeroff |
| <i>Bark, George</i>
Jules Feiffer | <i>Millions of Cats</i>
Wanda Gág |
| <i>Caps for Sale</i>
Esphyr Slobodkina | <i>The Seals on the Bus</i>
Lenny Hort |
| <i>The Gigantic Turnip</i>
Aleksei Tolstoy | <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>
Paul Galdone |
| <i>The Gingerbread Boy</i>
Richard Egielski | <i>Titch</i>
Pat Hutchins |
| <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i>
James Marshall | <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>
Eric Carle |
| <i>Hattie and the Fox</i>
Mem Fox | <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>
Michael Rosen |



City Sights, City People

Young children ask a lot of questions about what's around them.

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| <i>Abuela</i>
Arthur Dorros | <i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>
Robert McCloskey |
| <i>Biscuit Visits the Big City</i>
Alyssa Satin Capucilli | <i>Night on Neighborhood Street</i>
Eloise Greenfield |
| <i>Clang! Clang! Beep! Beep! Listen to the City</i>
Robert Burleigh | <i>Parade</i>
Donald Crews |
| <i>Flower Garden</i>
Eve Bunting | <i>Round Trip</i>
Ann Jonas |

Starting School

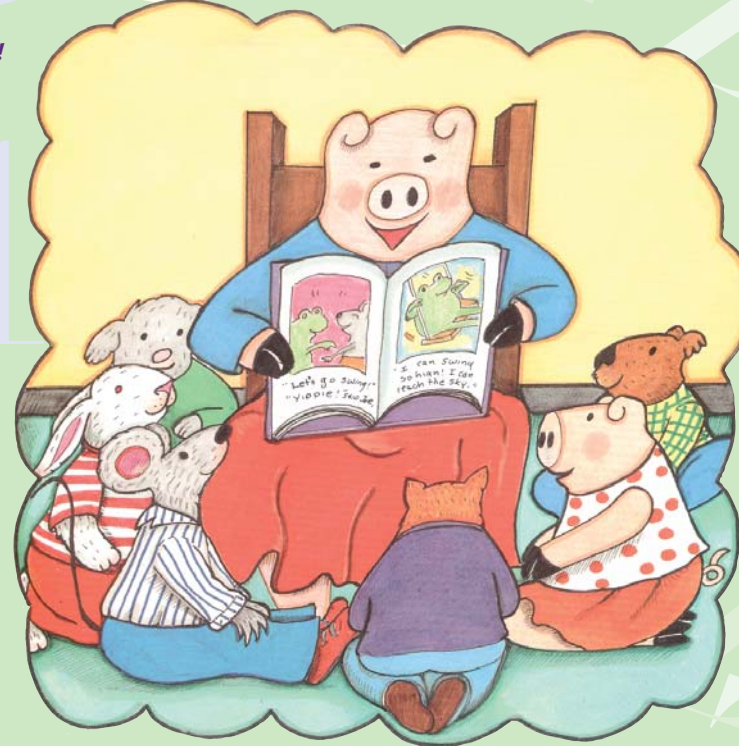
Getting ready to start school can be a big transition!

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| <i>David Goes to School</i>
David Shannon | <i>Franklin Goes to School</i>
Paulette Bourgeois |
| <i>Kindergarten Cat</i>
J. Patrick Lewis | <i>Kindergarten Diary</i>
Antoinette Portis |
| <i>Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!</i>
Nancy Carlson | <i>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten</i>
Joseph Slate |
| <i>Off to School, Baby Duck!</i>
Amy Hest | <i>School Bus</i>
Donald Crews |
| <i>Timothy Goes to School</i>
Rosemary Wells | <i>Wemberly Worried</i>
Kevin Henkes |

Sleep Tight, Sweet Dreams

Try these titles for helping young children snuggle in for a "happily ever after" night!

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| <i>A Book of Sleep</i>
Il Sung Na | <i>Bedtime for Frances</i>
Russell Hoban |
| <i>Good Night, Gorilla</i>
Peggy Rathmann | <i>Goodnight Moon</i>
Margaret Wise Brown |
| <i>Good-Night, Owl!</i>
Pat Hutchins | <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i>
Sam McBratney |
| <i>How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?</i>
Jane Yolen | <i>Time for Bed</i>
Mem Fox |

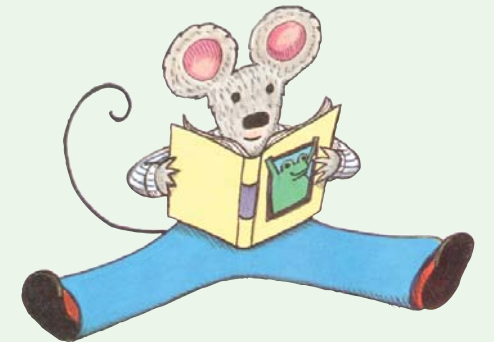


Look for these books in the Children's Room of your Chicago Public Library.

"Very" Beginning Readers

Readers, or primers, introduce words and use them again and again throughout the story.

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| <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>
Dr. Seuss | <i>Little Bear</i>
Else Holmelund Minarik |
| <i>Hop on Pop</i>
Dr. Seuss | <i>Mine's the Best</i>
Crosby Bonsall |



Favorites & Classics

These are much loved classics that your child will ask you to read over and over again.

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| <i>The Carrot Seed</i>
Ruth Krauss | <i>Rosie's Walk</i>
Pat Hutchins |
| <i>Corduroy</i>
Don Freeman | <i>Stone Soup</i>
Marcia Brown |
| <i>Curious George</i>
H. A. Rey | <i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>
Munro Leaf |
| <i>George and Martha</i>
James Marshall | <i>Swimmy</i>
Leo Lionni |
| <i>I Like Me!</i>
Nancy Carlson | <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>
Beatrix Potter |
| <i>The Little Engine That Could</i>
Watty Piper | <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>
Maurice Sendak |
| <i>Madeline</i>
Ludwig Bemelmans | <i>Whistle for Willie</i>
Ezra Jack Keats |
| <i>The Mitten</i>
Alvin Tresselt | <i>The Wolf's Chicken Stew</i>
Keiko Kasza |
| <i>Olivia</i>
Ian Falconer | |