

## **Books That Promote Language and Concept Building in Young Children**

### **Books that Promote Core Vocabulary:**

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? by Bill Martin, Jr. (What, You, Hear)

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin, Jr. (What, You, See)

From Head To Toe by Eric Carle (Can, You, Do, I)

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle (Not)

Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann (Night-Night, In, Out)

Are You My Mother by P.D. Eastman (You, Not)

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown (Big, Little)

What's Wrong Little Pookie? By Sandra Boynton (No)

Go, Dog, Go by P.D. Eastman (Go)

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson (More)

Monster Needs One More by Natalie Marshall (More)

Just One More by Jennifer Hansen Rolli (More)

More Bears by Kenn Nesbitt (More)

Press Here by Herve Tullet (More)

### **Books That Discuss Emotions:**

Crabby Pants by Julie Gassman

You Get What You Get by Julie Gassman

Mouse Was Mad by Linda Urban

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Gary Rubinstein

The Way I Act by Steve Metzger

Soda Pop Head by Julia Cook

My Mouth Is A Volcano by Julia Cook

Last To Finish A Story About the Smartest Boy in Math Class by Barbara Esham

Interactive Books:

One Red Dot by David Carter

Press Here by Herve Tullet

A Kiss For You by Joan Holub

Waddle! by Rufus Butler Seder

Star Wars by Rufus Butler Seder

Out of Sight by Francesco Pittau

City Animals by Simms Taback

Farm Animals by Simms Taback

Can You Make a Scary Face? By Jan Thomas

Who Am I? by Begin Smart

The Yellow Balloon by Charlotte Dematons

Alphabet by Paul Wiseman Books

Wordless Books:

Chalk by Bill Thomson

Tuesday by David Wiesner

Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Zoom by Istvan Banyai

The Lion and The Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

Wave by Suzy Lee

The Red Book by Barbara Lehman

Journey by Aaron Becker

A Boy A Dog and A Frog by Mercer Mayer

Trainstop by Barbara Lehman

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Good Dog, Carl by Alexandra Day  
Re-Zoom by Istvan Banyai  
Changes, Changes by Pat Hutchins  
The Snowman by Raymond Briggs  
Where's Walrus by Stephen Savage  
Deep In The Forest by Brinton Turkle  
Truck by Donald Crews  
Pancakes For Breakfast by Tomie dePaola

*Picture Books That Support Spatial Skill Development:*

Yellow Ball by Molly Bang (ages 1-3)  
Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayers and Nadine Bernard Westcott (ages 2-4)  
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins Macmillan (ages 2-5)  
Shrinking Mouse by Pat Hutchins (ages 2-6)  
Big Bug by Henry Cole (ages 2-6)  
You Are (Not) Small by Anna Kang and Christopher Weyant (ages 2-6)  
Follow That Map! A First Book of Mapping Skills by Scot Ritchie (ages 3-5)  
Piggies In the Pumpkin Patch by Mary Peterson and Jennifer Rofe (ages 3-7)  
Which Is Round? Which Is Bigger? By Mineko Marmada (ages 3-7)  
Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton (ages 4-7)  
Henry's Map by David Elliot (ages 4-8)  
Lucy In the City: A Story About Developing Spatial Thinking Skills by Julie Dillemath (ages 4-8)

*Children's Books that Celebrate Diversity:*

Round Is a Mooncake by Jenny Thong (ages 2-5)  
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats (ages 3-5)  
The Good Luck Cat by Joy Harjo (ages 3-7)

Something Beautiful by Sharon Dennis Wyeth (ages 3-7)

My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete (Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match by Monica Brown (ages 4-8)

It's a Small World by Disney (ages 3 and up)

Mostly onsterly by Tammi Sauer (ages 4-8)