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)
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 Dillemuth (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 2nd 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)