

Early literacy what happens *before* your child learns to read. It is broken down into six skills:

LOVING BOOKS (Print motivation): being interested in and enjoying books.

USING BOOKS (Print awareness): understanding that print has meaning; noticing print everywhere; knowing how to handle a book.

LEARNING WORDS (Vocabulary): books contain a wider range of vocabulary than our spoken conversations.

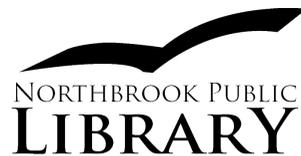
SEEING LETTERS (Letter knowledge): knowing that letters look different from each other; knowing letter names and sounds.

HEARING SOUNDS (Phonological sensitivity): being able to hear the difference between similar sounds and play with the smaller sounds that make up words.

TELLING a STORY (Narrative skills): being able to describe things and events, and tell stories.

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Great BOOKS for THREE- YEAR- OLDS



All books are located in the Picture Book section alphabetical by author's last name, unless otherwise indicated.

Arant, Bruce
Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep
When Farmer Simpson tries to put his sheep to bed, they think of every excuse to stay awake.

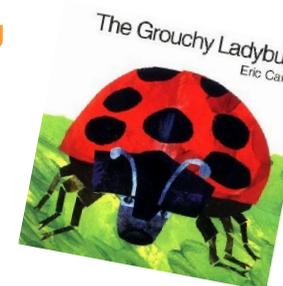
Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta
Chicks Run Wild
When her chicks refuse to settle down for the night, Mama decides to surprise them with an unusual request.

Barton, Byron
The Three Bears
Barton's pared-down text and vibrantly colored images offer a neatly distilled version of this classic tale.
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Browne, Anthony
One Gorilla: A Counting Book
Learn to count with a variety of primates--gorillas, gibbons, mandrills, and others.

Cabrera, Jane
Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush
A version of the well-known song featuring animals going to school, learning, going home, and getting ready for bed.

Carle, Eric
The Grouchy Ladybug
A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size or strength.



Christelow, Eileen
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.

Dorros, Arthur
Abuela
While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City.

Dyckman, Amy
Tea Party Rules
A bossy little girl makes a bear cub follow all the rules at her tea party before he is allowed to eat any of the cookies.



Ehlert, Lois
Eating the Alphabet
An alphabetical tour of the world of fruits and vegetables.

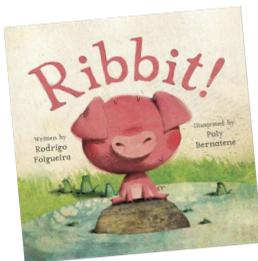
Emberley, Ed
Go Away Big Green Monster
Die-cut pages lets children construct and then deconstruct a big green monster. The story entertains as it helps its audience master common fears.

Fleming, Denise
Everything Book
Introduces colors, shapes, numbers, animals, food, and nursery rhymes.



Folguiera, Rodrigo
Ribbit!

When a pig visits a frog pond, sits on a rock, and says only "Ribbit!", news spreads fast.

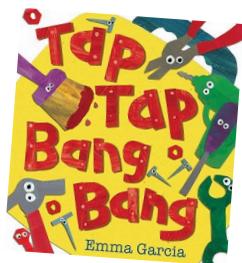


Fox, Mem
Where is the Green Sheep

A contagious, engaging rhyme reinforces beginning vocabulary while the clever illustrations tickle your funny bone.

Garcia, Emma
Tap Tap Bang Bang

A lively introduction to tools and the sounds that they make.



Gravett, Emily
The Odd Egg

Several birds lay eggs of various sizes, but Duck is trying to hatch the oddest egg of all. What could be inside?

Griffing, Andrea
Trashy Town

Can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town. Good, clean fun!

Hall, Algy Craig
Dino Bites!

A cumulative story finds a hungry dinosaur munching, crunching and searching for lunch.

Henkes, Kevin
My Garden

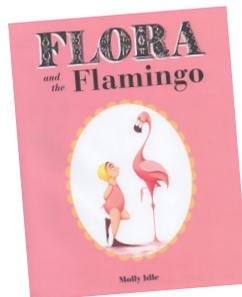
A young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes and tomatoes the size of beach balls.

Hest, Amy
Little Chick

Three stories in which Little Chick learns how to deal with life's disappointments with the help of his beloved auntie.

Idle, Molly Schaar
Flora and the Flamingo

In this wordless book, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.



Kasza, Keiko
The Wolf's Chicken Stew

A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

Kirk, Daniel
Oh So Tiny Bunny

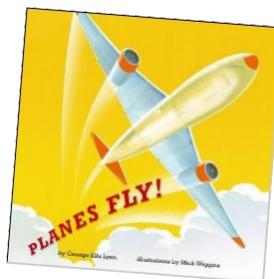
Oh So Tiny, a very small bunny, dreams every night of being big until he discovers one advantage to being small.

Litwin, Eric
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons

Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

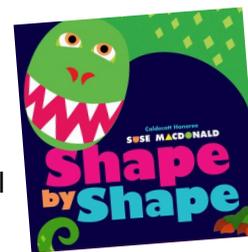
Lyon, George Ella
Planes Fly!

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate different kinds of planes, their instruments, what they carry, and what it is like to go for a flight.



MacDonald, Suse
Shape by Shape

Turn the die-cut pages to discover colorful shapes which come together to reveal a creature from long ago.



Martin, Bill
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

A lively alphabet rhyme/chant tells the story of what happens when the alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree in this classic alphabet book.

Murray, Alison
Princess Penelope and the Runaway Kitten

Princess Penelope thought she'd make friends with a mischievous kitten. But then off he ran, with a swish of his tail, leaving behind him a pink woolly trail!



Numeroff, Laura
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

Rex, Michael
Dunk Skunk

Sport actions rhyme with the names of animals who love to play, such as Goal Mole and Hurdle Turtle.

Scarry, Richard
Cars and Trucks and Things That Go

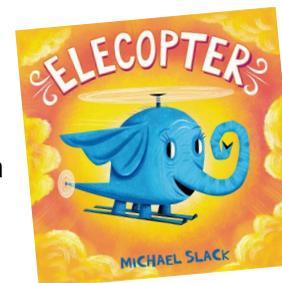
On their way to the beach the Pig family encounters almost every kind of transportation vehicle imaginable in this beloved classic.

Shields, Carol Diggory
Wombat Walkabout

Rhyming text follows six little wombats on walkabout and a hungry dingo following, envisioning them as his lunch until the wombats turn the tables on him.

Slack, Michael
Elecopter!

Fly along with Elecopter as she soars above the savannah, patrolling the skies with her fire-hose nose at the ready.



Tankard, Jeremy
Boo Hoo Bird

When Bird gets hit on the head while playing ball, his friends have many suggestions to try to make him feel better.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll
Mouse Paint

Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

Willems, Mo
Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus

When the bus driver has to leave for a little while, the pigeon pleads to drive the bus.



Wood, Audrey
The Napping House

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a pile of creatures causes a commotion with just one bite.