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Books to Read with Your Future Cobb County Student

Considerations	Suggested Titles
Sturdy Companions: Opt for board books with durable pages that can withstand curious little hands and mouths. Soft cloth books are also a great choice for teething babies.	² Color Me: Who's in the Water? By: Surya Sajnani. (Bath Book – Pages Change Color When Wet)
Visual Delights: Choose books with bright, colorful illustrations and high-contrast images to capture your infant's attention. Simple faces and patterns are particularly appealing.	³ All About Me! By: DK (Nonfiction, 0-3)
Simple Sounds of Language: Look for books with minimal text, easy-to-read rhymes, or repetitive phrases to engage your baby and nurture early language development.	Peek-a-Boo! By: Roberta Intrater
Touch and Explore: Books with flaps, foldouts, or textured areas provide a multi-sensory experience and encourage tactile exploration.	WHOSE KNEES ARE THESE? Judici Ain - Annually Lidyr Rue WHOSE KNEES ARE THESE? Judici Ain - Annually Lidyr Rue
Short and Sweet Stories: Choose books with a limited number of pages and words (less than 200) to match your infant's attention span. Short stories can be read repeatedly, reinforcing familiarity and language development.	Doggies By: Sandra Boynton
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Toddlers – 12 months to 36 months	Engaging Storylines: Toddlers are starting to grasp simple narratives. Choose books with engaging storylines centered around familiar themes like animals, daily routines, or emotions.	¹ Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? By: Bill Martin Jr. Illus. By: Eric Carle
	Interactive Adventures: Toddlers love to be part of the story. Look for books with prompts for actions, sounds, or questions to encourage participation and engagement.	Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes By: Mem Fox Illus. By: Helen Oxenbury
	Expanding Vocabulary: Introduce books with slightly more complex vocabulary and sentence structures to support language development while keeping the text simple.	2The Pout-Pout Fish By: Deborah Diesen Illus. By: Dan Hanna
	Exploring Concepts: Expand the range of topics to include counting, colors, shapes, and concepts like opposites or emotions.	⁵ Ten, Nine, Eight By: Molly Bang
	Durable Yet Diverse Formats: While board books are still suitable, introduce books with paper pages to broaden their reading experience. Consider books with pop-ups, lift-the-flaps, or other interactive elements.	THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR LOGGE CATERPILLAR By: Eric Carle



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Preschoolers - 36 months to 60 months	Imaginative Adventures: Preschoolers can handle more intricate storylines and themes. Introduce books with imaginative plots, diverse characters, and themes that explore social interactions, problem-solving, and emotions.	**Mommies Say Shhh! By: Patricia Polacco.
	 Richer Language: Choose books with more sophisticated vocabulary and sentence structures to further enhance language development. Rhyming and repetition still play a role, but with increased complexity. 	If Animals Kissed Good Night By: Ann Whitford Paul Illus. By: David Walker
	A World of Genres: Introduce a wider range of genres, such as non-fiction, poetry, and early chapter books. This exposes preschoolers to different writing styles and expands their	By: Anna McQuinn Illus. By: Rosalind Beardshaw
	 Humor and Imagination: Preschoolers appreciate humor and imaginative elements. Look for books with funny characters, silly 	² Round Is A Tortilla: A Book Of Shapes By: Roseanne Thong
	situations, or fantastical elements to spark their imagination and sense of humor.	Anno's Counting Book By: Mitsumasa Anno
	 Discussion and Exploration: Choose books that invite discussion and exploration of concepts like friendship, empathy, or problem-solving. Encourage preschoolers to ask questions, make predictions, and relate the stories to their own experiences. 	SPOON By: Amy Krouse Rosenthal Illus. By: Scott Magoon



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- 1. Original recommendation found: https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/great-books-read-infants-and-toddlers
- 2. Original recommendation found: https://bookriot.com/best-childrens-books-by-age/
- 3. Original recommendation found: https://www.cbcbooks.org/cbc-book-lists/bahl-2018/
- 4. Original recommendation found: https://earlymath.erikson.edu/best-books-for-babies-to-find-math-in-their-world/
- 5. Original recommendation found: https://earlymath.erikson.edu/best-books-for-toddlers-to-spark-more-talk-about-more-and-less/

Read and Discuss Story Tips found: https://thebasics.org/brain-boosts/read-and-discuss-stories/