



I CAN READ!



How can parents help develop Early Literacy skills at home?



What is Early Literacy?

Early Literacy is what children know about reading or writing before they actually learn to read and write. There are 6 pre-reading skills that a child needs to develop to become a reader. These skills are in turn supported by the 5 Early Literacy Practices which are
READ, PLAY, SING, TALK, WRITE!



Tips for Selecting books [ages 0 to 1]

Choose books with:

- bright and bold illustrations set against a contrasting background
- lift the flap or pop-up features to delight and engage your baby
- touch and feel elements to help your baby explore the sense of touch and learn how different things feel

Early Literacy Activities

- Sing to your baby everyday and fill your rhymes with funny sound effects and different voices
- Name body parts during bath time or diaper changing time.
- Play 'what's in the bag'? game. Place 4-6 toys / household objects in a bag. Get your baby to pull out any objects from the bag. Say out loud the name of the object.

Infants will enjoy looking through wordless picture books, or books that have just a single word alongside an eye-catching illustration.



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National Center for Family Literacy. (2018). Tips for Parents: Choosing Books for Infants and Toddlers. Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Centre. Retrieved October 15, 2021, from <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/parenting/article/tips-parents-choosing-books-infants-toddlers>

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Watch This:

Learning to read starts from infancy. Help your child develop the love of reading through books, songs and daily experiences that are vital in the development of your baby's early literacy skills.



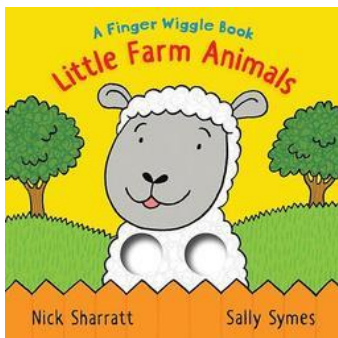
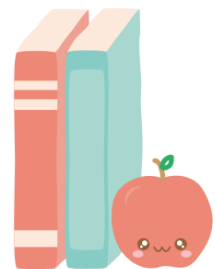
Read, Speak, Sing: Your baby and early literacy - YouTube

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Recommended Books

The following books can be found at the Early Literacy Section



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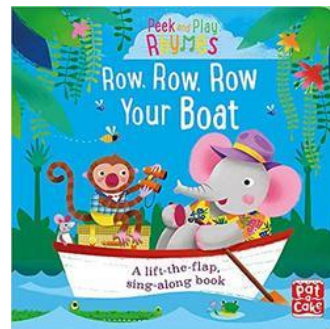
Author: Sally Symes

Illustrator: Nick Sharatt

Publisher: London: Walker Books Ltd, 2021

Call No.: English SYM

Section: Early Literacy Sense & Sensations



Title: **Row, row, row your boat: a lift-the-flap, sing-along book**

Author: Richard Merritt

Publisher: London: Pat-a-Cake, 2018

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THIS BOOK-BASED ACTIVITY AT
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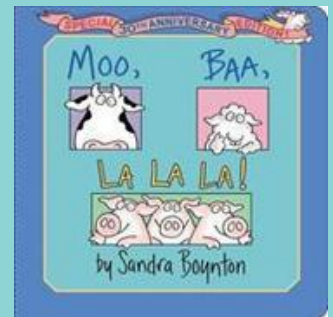
Moo, Baa, La La La!

by Sandra Boynton

Section: Early Literacy Poetry & Rhymes

Call No.: English 591.59 BOY

In this book, children will learn about different animals and the sounds they make. A perfect book for reading aloud!

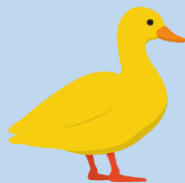


NAME THE ANIMALS AND SAY THE SOUNDS ALOUD.



Moo

Cow



Quack

Duck



Baa

Sheep



Neigh

Horse



Woof

Dog



Oink

Pig

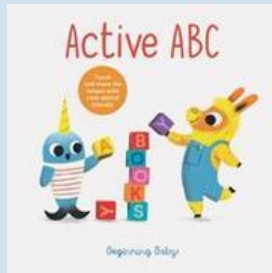
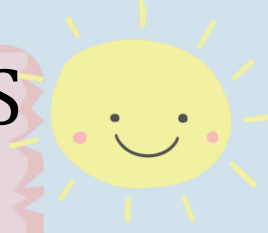
Tip for Parents

Introduce your child to the different types of animals and the sounds they make. You can also share other fun facts about the animals such as what they eat and their habitats.

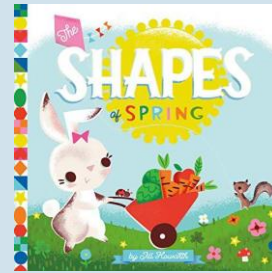


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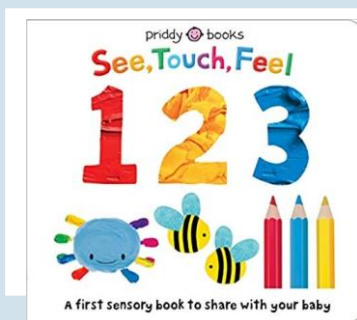


Title: [Active ABC](#)
Author: Nicola Slater
Publisher: San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2021
Call No.: English SLA
Section: Early Literacy Emergent Readers

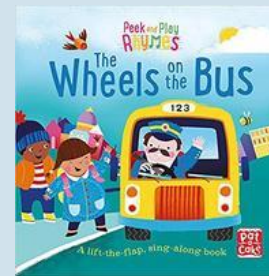


Title: [The Shapes of Spring](#)
Author: Jill Howarth
Publisher: New York, NY: Running Press Kids, an imprint of Running Press Books, 2020
Call No.: English HOW
Section: Early Literacy Concepts

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Title: [See, touch, feel 123: a first sensory book to share with your baby](#)
Publisher: London: Priddy Books, 2021
Call No.: English 612.8 SEE – [BA]
Section: Early Literacy Concepts



Title: [The Wheels on the Bus: a lift-the-flap, sing-along book](#)
Author: Richard Merritt
Publisher: London: Pat-a-Cake, an imprint of Hachette Children's Group, 2017
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