

EARLY LITERACY

Early Literacy: Reading with Very Young Children

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LEARNER OBJECTIVES

- Participants will be able to:
 - Describe the importance of reading with very young children
 - List strategies to use when reading with very young children
 - Explain strategies for overcoming the challenges of reading with very young children



READING TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

Why is reading
to very young children
important?



READING ALOUD IS POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH:

- Vocabulary development
- Receptive language skills
- Active listening skills
- Reduced levels of stress
- Improved fluency
- Improved working memory
- Development of a love for reading

Anderson, E. (2022) *5 Benefits of Reading Out Loud in Your Classroom*



READING TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

Why is reading
to very young children
challenging?



READING TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

Overcoming the Challenges



STRATEGIES FOR READING ALOUD WITH VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

- Make it routine
- Ensure there is enough time
- Check your environment
- Make expectations clear



STRATEGIES FOR READING ALOUD WITH VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

- Reread books
- Engage child in the reading of the book
- Choose interactive books
- Choose repetitive books
- Read with expression
- Consider the language level of the book



TARGETING LITERACY SKILLS

What literacy skills
can be targeted
with very young children?



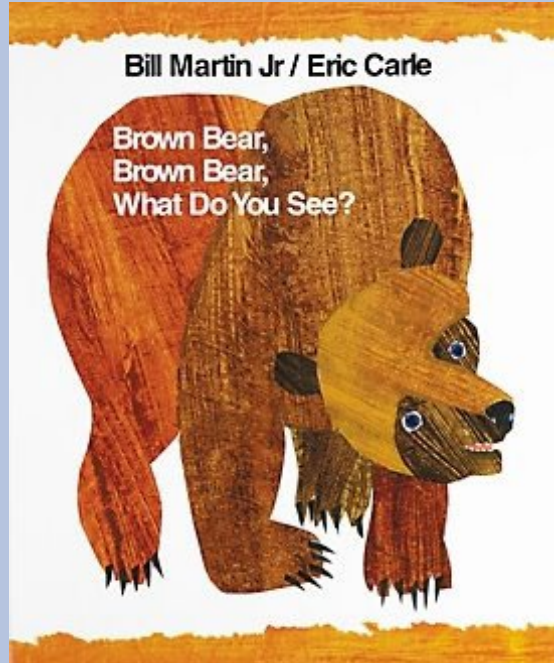
LITERACY SKILLS

- Book Knowledge
- Print Awareness
- Phonological Awareness
- Vocabulary and Language

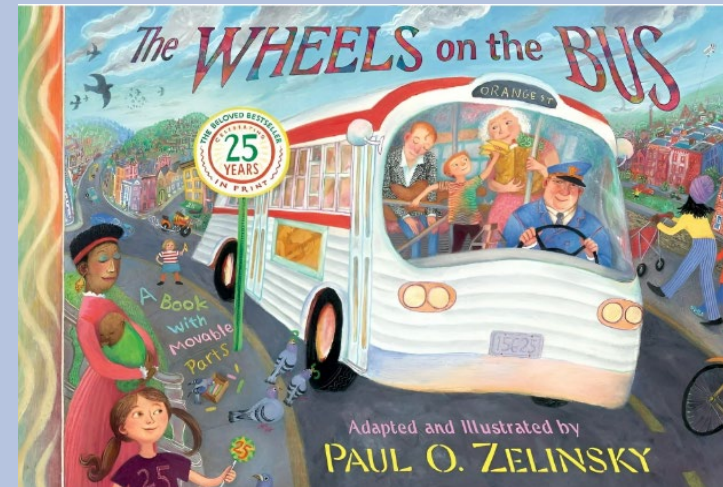
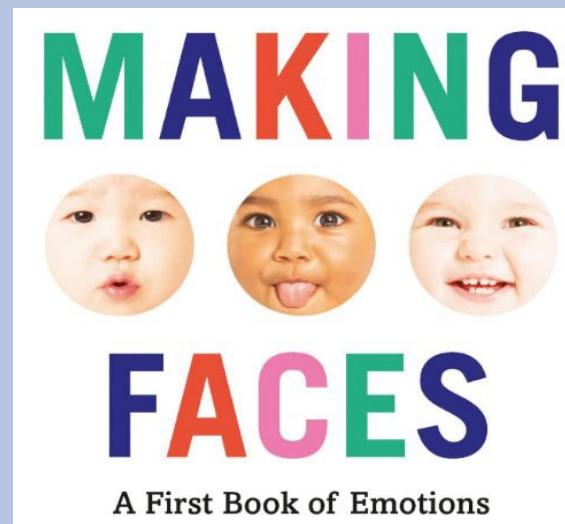
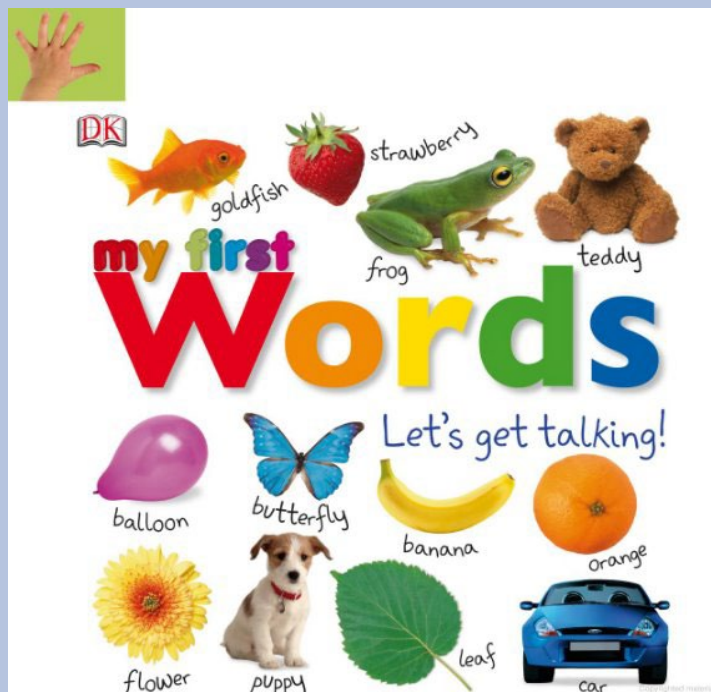


RECOMMENDED BOOKS

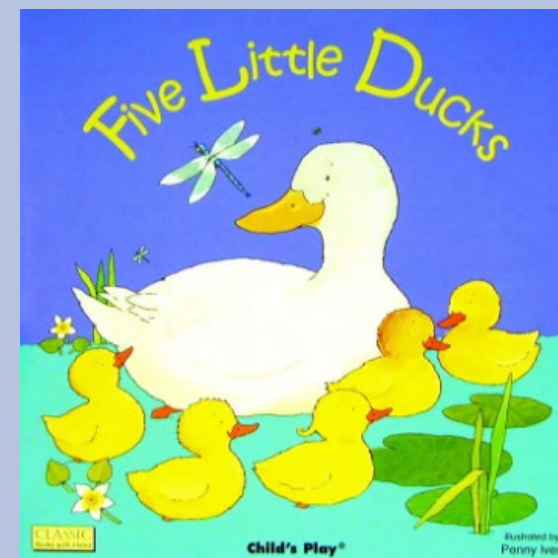
**Books with
repetitive language**



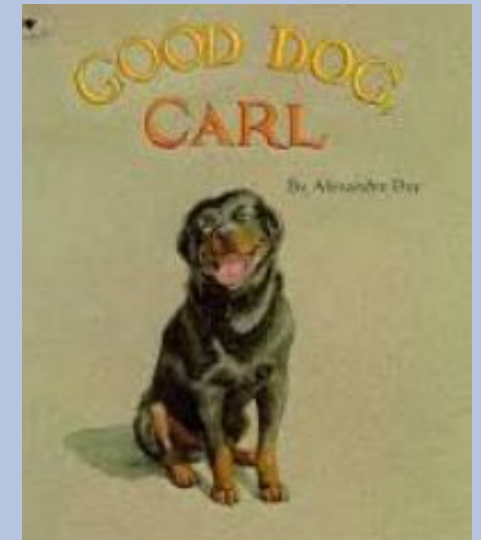
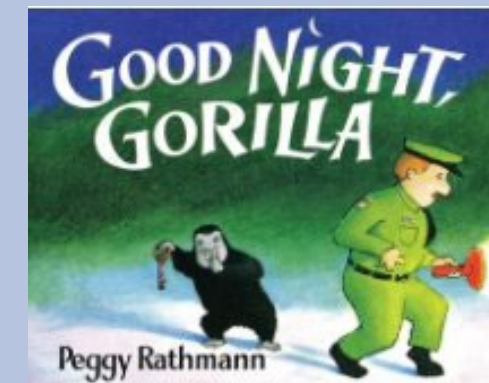
**Books with
real pictures**



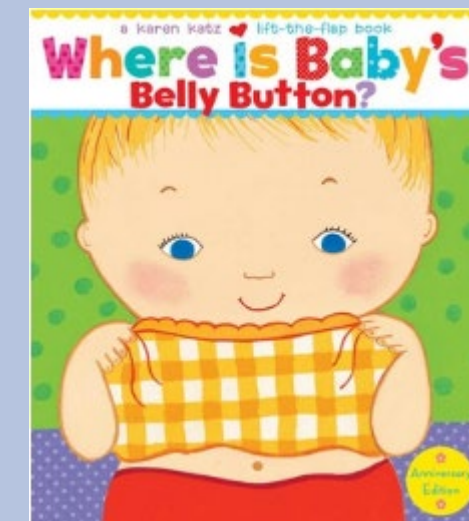
**Books that
can be sung**



**Books with
limited language**



Lift the flap books



RECOMMENDED READINGS

What book recommendations
do you have
for very young children?



RESOURCES

- *Anderson, E., (2022). 5 benefits of reading out loud in your classroom. Blog | Carnegie Learning. <https://www.carnegielearning.com/blog/5-benefits-reading-aloud>*
- *Missouri Early Learning Standards | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. (n.d.). <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/missouri-early-learning-standards>*
- *Trelease, J., (2019). Read Aloud Handbook Eight Edition. Penguin Random House.*

