

BOOKLIST TO GROW A



LOVE FOR LITERACY



Quick tips for parents to increase literacy -

- Read picture and storybooks that focus on sounds, rhymes, and alliteration (words that start with the same sound, such as in Dr. Seuss's books).
- Focus your child's attention on stories by pointing to words and pictures as you read.
- Encourage your child to tell a story (or describe events) about his/her drawing and write down the words (or about his/her favorite toys).
- Introduce new vocabulary words during holidays and special activities such as outings to the zoo, the park, etc.
- Be animated and silly! (ex. Try to eat the food in the book, make up voices, animal sounds, peek-a-boo)
- You don't have to read all words.
- Make a regular book time as part of the routine- start short
- Let them hold the book, explore, turn pages, talk about the pictures.
- Pick books that have flaps, windows, or textures
- Pick books about things they like or point out their favorite things in books (balls, cars, dinos)
- Pick repetitive books or books with songs and actions that you do together
- If you can, use props (Make beds and tuck in stuffed animals for the tuck me in book) OR have a book related snack (Very hungry caterpillar foods, strawberries, make "jam" by mashing up the different berries in the Jamberry book)



List of books -



- **Baby Faces (DK book)**
- **Global Babies**
- **Moo Baa La La La (Sandra Boynton)-Animal sounds simple pictures**
- **Stomp, Wiggle, Clap, and Tap: My First Book of Dance (Rachelle Burk)**
- **Tuck me in (Dean Hacohen and Sherry Scharschidt)**
- **All Better (Henning Lohlein and Bernd Penners)**
- **Poke-a-Dot books- little bubbles pop and make a fun sound while talking about the pictures**
- **Brown Bear (Eric Carle)**
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)**
- **Jabari Jumps (Gaia Cornwall)**
- **The Mitten (Jan Brett)**
- **Jamberry (Bruce Degen)**
- **Sheep in a Jeep (Nancy E. Shaw)**
- **Goodnight Gorilla (Peggy Rathmann) No words, just talk about the pictures and tell your story.**
- **The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear (Audrey Wood)- Great book for pretending**
- **Room on the Broom (Julia Donaldson)**
- **Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury)**
- **Different? Same!**
- **Dig, Dump, Roll**
- **The Very Cranky Bear**
- **Little Blue Truck**

