

This compiled list includes favorites, suggested books from national book lists, preschool and school readiness suggestions, and some books that are just plain fun. Any age appropriate, well-written children's book will be an asset to your child. Eaton County libraries provide many opportunities for children with story times, summer programs, and special events. Early Childhood Connections provides many literacy-based opportunities that connect young children and their parents with the love of books. These include Toddler Times, Fun 2 B 4, and events with free books for any child birth to five years of age. Check out the activity calendar at [eatongreatstart.org](http://eatongreatstart.org).



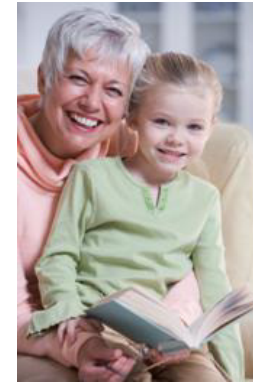
Reading to children from birth begins a lifelong love with books and reading materials. Read all kinds of materials to infants including everything from cereal boxes and recipes to children's books and newspapers. Talk to your child constantly. This may seem redundant and even silly at times, but this begins to build vocabulary, reading, and even math skills. It's OK for young children to handle books. Just feeling, mouthing, and even chewing on books has been linked to building a future reader. Look for board books, cloth books, and other age-appropriate literacy materials. Check out your local library for lots of good literacy ideas, story times, and other book connections!



## Tips for reading with young children:

- Read with your child every day.
- Read books with large print and point word by word as you read.
- Read your child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat.
- Discuss new words.
- Ask about the pictures and what is happening in the story.
- Read a variety of children's books.
- Read with expression.
- Make reading together fun!

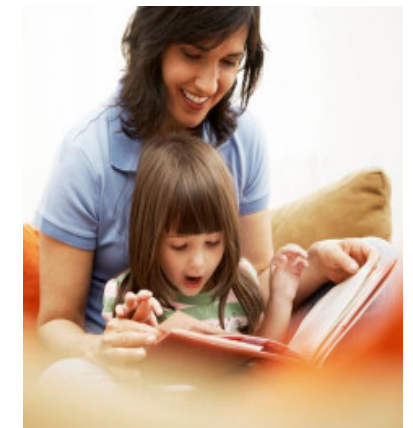
The Great Start School Readiness and Kindergarten Transition Team includes members from: Early On, Early Childhood Connections, Eaton Intermediate School District, Great Start, Great Parents Great Start, Head Start, Local School Districts, Michigan School Readiness Programs, Office for Young Children, and Parents. For more information call 517-541-8987.



Looking for a good book to share with your infant, toddler, or preschooler?



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Compiled by the Eaton School Readiness and Kindergarten Transitions Team

### Book Recommendations for Children 0-3 Years of Age

Title	Author
All Fall Down	Simon, Helen Little
Animal Crackers: Bedtime	Dyer, Jane. Little, Brown
Animal Kisses	Saltzberg, Barney
Baby Animals: Black and White	Tildes, Phyllis L. Charlesbridge
Baby Rock, Baby Roll	Blackstone, Stella
Baby's Lap Book	Chorao, Kay
Be Gentle!	Miller, Virginia
Big Fat Hen	Keith Baker
Black on White	Hoban, Tana
Blue Hat, Green Hat	Boynton, Sandra. Little Simon
Book!	Kristine O'Connell
Brown Sugar Babies	Smith, Charles
Come Along, Daisy!	Simmons, Jane. Little, Brown
Construction Zone	Hoban, Tana
Dinosaur Roar!	Stickland, Paul and Henrietta Stickland
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs	Barton, Byron
Hello, Lulu	Uff, Caroline
How a Baby Grows	Buck, Nola
How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?	Yolen, Jane
I Can	Oxenbury, Helen
I Love Colors	Miller, Margaret
I Smell Honey	Pinkney, Andrea
In the Tall, Tall Grass	Fleming, Denise
Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?	Carlstrom, Nancy White
Jump at the Sun	Wilson-Max, Ken
Little White Duck	Zaritsky, Bernard and Walt Whippo
Maisy's ABC	Cousins, Lucy
Maybe, My Baby	O'Book, Irene
My Colors (Mis Colores)	Emberly, Rebecca. Little, Brown
My First Baby Games	Manning, Jane
My Very First Mother Goose	Opie, Iona
Peek-A-Boo!	Ahlberg, Janet and Allen
Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe	Hoban, Tana
Sheep in a Jeep	Shaw, Nancy
Ten, Nine, Eight Bang	Garrett, Molly
The Bear Went Over the Mountain	Wells, Rosemary
The Everything Book	Fleming, Denise
Time for Bed	Fox, Mem
Tom and Pippo Read a Story	Oxenbury, Helen
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star	Winter, Jeanette
Welcome, Baby! Baby Rhymes for Baby Times	Calmenson, Stephanie
Where Is My Baby?	Ziefert, Harriet, Simms Taback
Where's Spot?	Hill, Eric
Where's the Baby?	Paxton, Tom
You Are My Perfect Baby	Thomas, Joyce Carol
Zoom City	Hurd, Thatcher

### Book Recommendations for Children 3-6 Years of Age

Title	Author
A Color of His Own	Lionni, Leo
Actual Size	Jenkins, Steve
Alexander and the Terrible, No Good Day	Viorst, Judith
Alfie Gives a Hand	Hughes, Shirley
Alphabetics	MacDonald, Suse
Apple Pie Tree	Hall, Zoe & Shari Halpern
Are You My Mother?	Eastman, P.D.
Aunt Flossie's Hats	Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald & James Ransome
Blueberries for Sal	McClosky, Robert
Bright Eyes, Brown Skin	Hudson, Cheryl Willis, B.G. Ford, George Ford
Caps for Sale	Solbodkina, Esphyr
Charlie Anderson	Abercrombie, Barbara & Mark Graham
Charlie the Caterpillar	DeLuise, Dom
Chewy Louie	Schneider, Howie
Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom	Martin, Bill Jr.
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type	Cronin, Doreen
Corduroy	Freeman, Don
Crunching Carrots, Not Candy	Slack, Judy
Curious George	Rey, H.A.
Doctor De Soto	Stieg, William
Don't Be Silly, Mrs. Millie!	Cox, Judy
Duck and Goose	Hills, Tad
Duck at the Door	Urbanovic, Jackie
Eat up Gemma	Hayes, Sarah & Jan Ormerod
Eating the Alphabet	Elhert, Lois
Fancy Nancy	O' Connor, Jane
Feast for 10	Falwell, Cathryn
Fidgety Fish	Galloway, Ruth
First Day at School	Hughes, Monica
First Day Jitters	Danneberg, Julie
Friends at the Park	Bunnet, Rochelle & Carl Sahlhoff
Goodnight, Moon	Brown, Margaret W
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss
Guess How Much I Love You?	McBratney, Sam & Jeram, Anita
Harold's ABC	Johnson, Crockett
Have You Seen My Duckling?	Tafari, Nancy
Horus' Horrible Day	Corey, Shana
Houses and Homes	Morris, Ann
I Like Me!	Carlson, Nancy L.
I Love You, Stinky Face	McCourt, Lisa
I Read Signs	Hoban, Tana
I See, You Saw	Karlin, N.
I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato	Child, Lauren
If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Numeroff, Laura
In the Small, Small Pond	Fleming, Denise

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Is Your Mama a Llama?	Guarino, Deborah
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat	Taback, Simms
Koala Lou, I Love You	Fox, Mem
Leo the Late Bloomer	Krauss, Robert & Aruego, Jose
Library Lion	Knudsen, Michelle
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Henkes, Kevin
Mama Zooms	Cowen-Fletcher, Jane
Meet the Barkers	De Paola, Tomie
Miss Rumphius	Cooney, Barbara
Mouse Count	Walsh, Ellen
Noisy Nora	Wells, Rosemary
Olivia	Falconer, Ian
Piggie Pie	Palatini, Margie
Skippyjon Jones	Schachner, Judy
Splash, Splash, Spring	Carr, Jan
Stellaluna	Cannon, Janell
Stephanie's Ponytail	Munsch, Robert N.
Suki's Kimono	Uegaki, Chieri
Tacky the Penguin	Lester, Helen
Tell Me a Story Mama	Johnson, Angela & Soman, David
Ten Little Ladybugs	Gerth, Melanie & Laura Huliska Beith
Ten Minutes Till Bedtime	Rathman, Peggy
The Carrot Seed	Krauss, Ruth
The Doorbell Rang	Hutchins, Pat
The Five Chinese Brothers	Bishop, Claire Huchet
The Hello, Goodbye Window	Juster, Norton
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow	Neitzel, Shirley & Winslow Parker, Nancy
The Kissing Hand	Penn, Audrey
The Little Engine That Could	Piper, Watty
The Little House	Burton, Virginia Lee
The Mitten	Brett, Jan
The Rain Came Down	Shannon, David
The Snowy Day	Keats, Ezra Jack
The Sun Is My Favorite Star	Asch, Frank
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter, Beatrix
The Three Little Pigs	Galdone, Paula
The Ugly Duckling	Moore, Lillian
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle, Eric
There's a Nightmare in My Closet	Mayer, Mercer
Tibili	Leonard, Marie
Tuesday	Wiesner, D.
We're All Alike, We're All Different	Dwight, Laura
What Am I?	Trapani, Iza
What Did You Do Today?	Forward, Toby
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice
Who Am I?, What Am I?, I Can Roll!, I Can Fly!	Crozen, Alain & Lanchais, Lurelie