

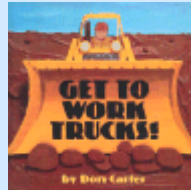
Vocabulary

*Help kids learn specific words
so they can express themselves
and eventually
become better readers and writers.*

Baby Food by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers
Is it a pear, a baby bird, or both?

First Words Baby Genius Series

This is a picture dictionary of a toddler's world.



Get to Work Trucks! by Don Carter

Learn the names of different trucks as they go through a busy workday. Roaring Brook Press

How Will You Get There, Maisy? by Lucy Cousins

Use clues to guess how Maisy and her friends will travel from here to there.

Look and Find with Bear by Susan Kantor

Help Bear in the Big Blue House find all sorts of things.

My Car Board Book by Barton Byron

Learn all about cars in this colorful book.

My First Farm: Spanish/English

Look at and name these bright photos in both languages!



Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping

by Julie Marks

Enjoy this perfect tucking-into-bed book with your favorite toddler. Harper Collins

Snowballs by Lois Ehlert

You'll have fun pointing to all the household objects used to bring these snow people to life.

Wow! City! by Robert Neubecker

Have fun looking for Izzy and her Dad on every page.

Ask a librarian for help finding these
and other materials for 2 and 3 year-olds.
For more great books, visit www.sdcl.org

Sound Sensitivity/Phonological Awareness

*Recognizing beginning, middle,
and ending sounds
is one of the most important
pre-reading skills.*

Baby Danced the Polka by Karen Beaumont

There's lots of romping and rhyming in this happy family book.

Buzzy's Boo Boo by Harriet Ziefert

Which bandage should Buzzy choose?

I Know a Rhino by Charles Fuge

This playful story has silly pictures and a surprise ending.

Subway by Anastasia Suen

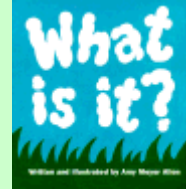
Take a brightly colored rhythmic ride with a girl and her mother.

Ten Little Fish by Audrey and Bruce Wood

Toddlers learning to count can fill in the blanks with the rhyming numbers.

Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman

Children love to help tell the story of how to clean Trashy Town.



What Is It? by Amy Allen

Have fun guessing what each picture is in this colorful rhyming book. Wedding Solutions Publishing

Narrative Skills

*Help kids develop language skills
by talking about the books,
asking and answering questions,
and putting words together to make phrases.*

Carl's Sleepy Afternoon by Alexandra Day

Carl's owner thinks he is napping... but what is he really up to?

Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

What will Ella Sarah wear?

Father Who Had 10 Children by Benedicte Guettier

Count your way through the adventures of this large family.

Good Dog, Daisy by Lisa Kopper

Uh-oh! Daisy's puppies are acting just like toddlers.

If You Were Born a Kitten by Marion Bauer

Find out how baby animals are born in this tender book.

Kiss Good Night by Amy Hest

Sam's bedtime routine is upset when his mother forgets something very important.

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems

You won't believe what happens to Trixie when she goes to the Laundromat with Dad.



Larabee by Kevin Luthardt

What does Larabee want more than anything? Peachtree Publishers

Let's Go by Jane Chapman

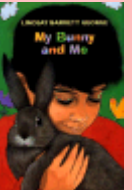
Can the motorcycle pass all these vehicles?

Moon Came Down on Milk Street by Jean Gralley

Follow the helpers in this gentle story, as they do their part.

Mud Pie for Mother by Scott Beck

Little Pig wants to make something special for Mother's birthday in this story about kindness and generosity.



My Bunny and Me by Lindsay Barrett George Harper Collins

Luis wants a bunny, but what would he do if he really had one?

New House for Mouse by Petr Horacek

Will mouse ever find a new house big enough for him and his apple?

Oliver Finds His Way by Phyllis Root

See how this little bear finds his way home.

On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott

When baby comes, this gentle book asks if there's still room for big brother.

Pie in the Sky by Lois Ehlert

From seed to dessert, this book looks at cherries.



Please, Puppy, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya

Lewis Lee Will their new puppy behave? Simon and Schuster 2005

Sally Goes to the Vet by Stephen Huneck

Learn what happens when visiting the dog doctor.

Wild Cowboy by Dana Kessimakis Smith

Is this a visit to Grandma's or a ride on the range?

Concept Books

*Help children learn colors,
numbers, opposites,
and other important concepts.*

26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

Two books in one! Practice your ABCs and your 123s.

Alphabet House by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Practice colors and the alphabet in this “I Spy” kind of book.

Big Nose, Small Nose by Steve Augarde

Giggle and guess the opposites in this funny turn-the-wheel book.

Dora’s Opposites/Opuestos de Dora by Phoebe Beinstein

Have fun with Dora and her friends in this exciting bilingual book about opposites!

Duckie’s Ducklings: A One-to-Ten Counting Book

by Frances Barry

These ducklings are having fun with their mother.

Fiesta! by Ginger Foglesong Guy

Practice counting in Spanish in this book about piñatas and parties.

Good Night, Poppy and Max: A Bedtime Counting Book

by Lindsey Gardiner

Can you count all the things Poppy and Max use to get ready for bed?

Joey and Jet: Book One by James Yang

Follow Jet as he fetches the ball up, down and all around.

Maisy Goes Camping by Lucy Cousins

Counting and camping are so much fun with Maisy and her friends.

Raindrop, Plop! by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

Learn colors and counting with a girl and her dog as they enjoy the rain.

Red Train by Will Grace

Practice colors, counting, and animal names with this great rhyming book.

Ruby’s Rainy Day by Rosemary Wells

Brother and sister learn colors in this funny book just perfect for any weather.

Siesta by Ginger Foglesong Guy

This simple story uses a bilingual approach to teach colors.

10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle

Learn ordinal numbers and enjoy a great surprise at the end of this beautiful book.

Especially Great For Interaction

*2’s and 3’s learn to love
books and language best
when a caring adult encourages interaction
while sharing a book.*

Can You Cuddle a Koala? by John Butler

Have fun doing all these animal movements.

Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed?

by Barney Saltzberg

Enjoy the zany bedtime routine of Cornelius P. Mud, a very silly pig.

Do Zebras Have Spots?

This is a see-through book featuring funny photos.

Does a Cow Say Boo? by Judy Hindley

Kids will *moo* and *hoot* through this active book.

Duck’s Key, Where Can it Be? by Jez Alborough

Lift the flaps and rhyme as frog leads Duck on a wild duck chase.

“Hi, Pizza Man!” by Virginia Walter

What would you say to a pizza-delivering dinosaur?

I Can Do It Too! by Karen Baicker

Toddlers will repeat the title as they see all the things they can do, too!

Lemons Are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Guess what’s hiding in the clever cut-outs this book uses to teach colors.

Millie Wants to Play by Janet Pedersen

Guess the farm animals by their sound while Millie learns to be patient.

Tickle the Duck! by Ethan Long

You won’t be able to stop tickling and laughing at this silly duck.

We’re Going on a Treasure Hunt by Lenny Hort

Real kids dressed up like sea creatures fill this fun call-and-response book.

We’ve All Got Bellybuttons! by David Martin

Do you, can you, will you act like animals, too?

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Best Books for 2’s and 3’s

Helping Children Get Ready to Read



Tips for Sharing Books with 2’s and 3’s

Make it fun!

Let your child help tell the story by:

Asking

questions that start with, ‘What...?’

Extending

**what your child answers by asking a
follow-up question**

Repeating

what your child says

Helping

your child repeat longer phrases

Praising

your child for talking about the book

Following

your child’s interests in the book

Choosing

a time when you both want to share books

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