

## \* Diversity \*

To build a positive sense of self, children need to see themselves, their families, and their cultural traditions in the books we read to them.

### ***The Crayon Box That Talked***

by Shane DeRolf, Random House, 1997

### ***Feast for 10***

by Cathryn Falwell, Clarion Books, 1993

### ***American Babies***

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

### ***Mama, Do You Love Me?***

by Barbara M. Joesse, Chronicle Books, 1991

### ***Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors***

by Hena Khan, Chronicle Books, 2012

### ***Here Are My Hands***

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Henry Holt, 1987

### ***Yum Yum Dim Sum***

by Amy Wilson Sanger, Tricycle Press, 2003

### ***Cradle Me***

by Debby Slier, Star Bright Books, 2012

### ***Carry Me***

Star Bright Books, 2009

### ***Fiesta Babies***

by Carmen Tafolla, Tricycle Press, 2010

### ***Fast and Slow***

by Britta Teckentrup, Barefoot Books, 2013

## \* Nursery Rhymes \*

Nursery rhymes are important for young children because they help develop an ear for the cadence and rhythm of language.

### ***¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes***

by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy, HarperCollins/Rayo, 2003

### ***Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star***

by Caroline Jayne Church, Cartwheel Books, 2014

### ***Baa Baa Black Sheep***

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

### ***Itsy Bitsy Spider***

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2004

### ***My Mother Goose***

by David McPhail, Roaring Brook Press, 2013

### ***The Itsy Bitsy Spider***

by Iza Trapani, Charlesbridge, 1993

### ***Chinese and English Nursery Rhymes: Share and Sing in Two Languages***

by Faye-Lynn Wu, Tuttle, 2010 (audio CD included)

## \* Stories to Share \*

There are so many wonderful stories to share with babies. Here are a few to get you started.

### ***One Pup's Up***

by Marsha Wilson Chall, Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2010

### ***Rainbow Stew***

by Cathryn Falwell, Lee & Low Books, 2013

### ***Barnyard Banter***

by Denise Fleming, Henry Holt, 1994

### ***Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes***

by Mem Fox, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008

### ***Tip Tip Dig Dig***

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2007

### ***A Good Day***

by Kevin Henkes, Greenwillow Books, 2007

### ***Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji***

by F. Zia, Lee & Low Books, 2011

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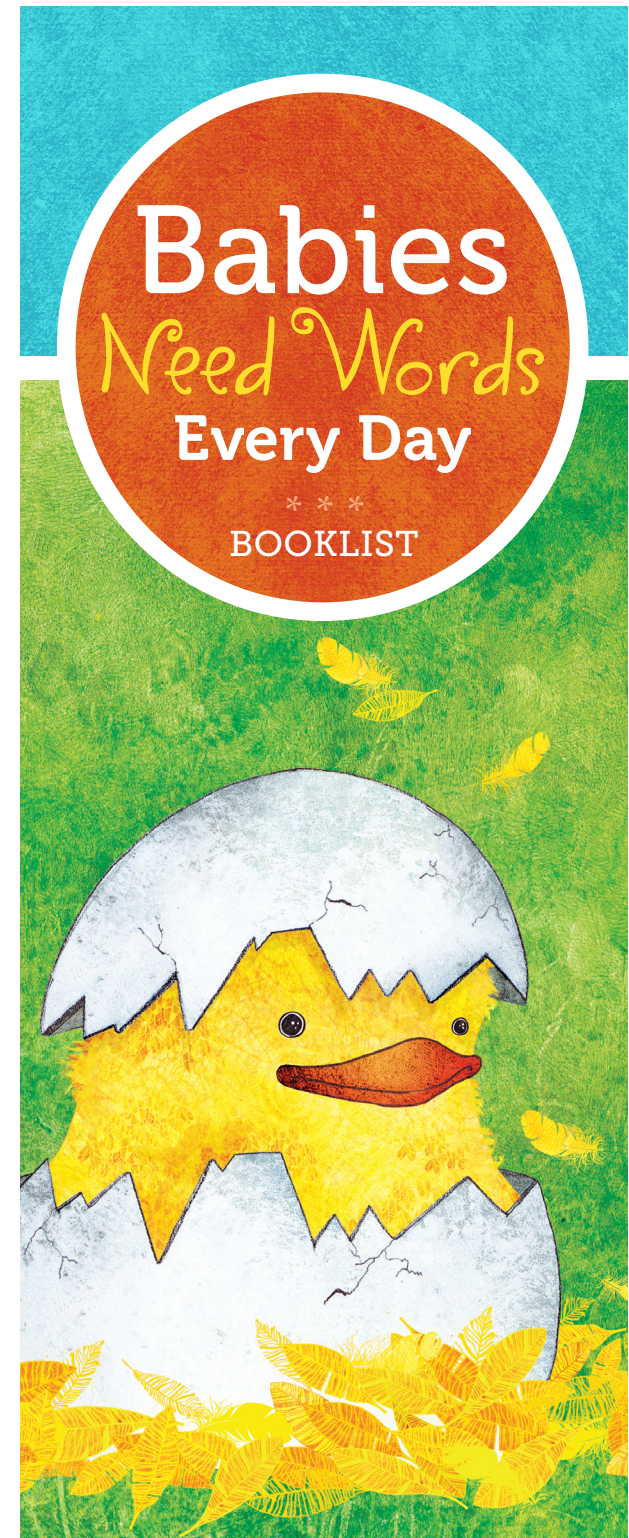
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## \* American Sign Language \*

Many families of hearing infants want to help their babies to communicate wants and needs with signs as a temporary bridge to oral language development. American Sign Language is important not only for the deaf community but also for hearing children who will be communicating with deaf relatives or friends.

### **Baby Signs for Animals**

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, HarperFestival, 2003

### **My First Baby Signs**

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, HarperFestival, 2002

### **Let's Sign, Baby! A Fun and Easy Way to Talk with Baby**

by Kelly Ault, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010

### **Sign Language ABC**

by Lora Heller, Sterling Children's Books, 2012

### **My First Signs**

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

## \* Books with Faces \*

Babies are born predisposed to find faces interesting. Research has shown that an infant pays attention to human faces longer than anything else.

### **Baby ABC**

by Deborah Donenfeld, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013

### **American Babies**

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

### **Global Baby Girls**

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2013

### **Baby Faces**

by Kate Merritt, Workman Publishing, 2012

### **I Love Colors**

by Margaret Miller, Little Simon, 2009

### **All about Me!**

by Dawn Sirett, DK Publishing, 2008

### **My Face Book**

Star Bright Books, 2011

## \* Books with Playful Language \*

When adults read aloud books with playful language, they encourage their young listeners to play with the sounds of language, too. This play supports language development and phonological awareness.

### **Moo, Baa, La La La!**

by Sandra Boynton, Little Simon, 2012

### **The Babies on the Bus**

by Karen Katz, Henry Holt, 2011

### **The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh!**

by Anne Vittur Kennedy, Candlewick Press, 2014

### **Honk Honk! Beep Beep!**

by Daniel Kirk, Hyperion, 2014

### **Trains Go**

by Steve Light, Chronicle Books, 2012

### **Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?**

by Dr. Seuss, Random House, 1970

### **Jazz Baby**

by Lisa Wheeler, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007

## \* Books with Sharp Color Contrasts \*

Color vision is not well developed at birth. This is why books with high-contrast pictures are the best choice when the goal is to interest infants in visual stimuli.

### **BLACK-AND-WHITE BOOKS**

#### **White on Black**

by Tana Hoban, Greenwillow Books, 1993

#### **Look Look!**

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton, 1998

#### **Look Look Outside!**

by Peter Linenthal, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012

#### **I Kissed the Baby!**

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2003

#### **Hello, Bugs!**

by Smriti Prasadam, Tiger Tales, 2010

#### **Checkers and Dot on the Farm**

by J. Torres, Tundra Books, 2013

### **BOOKS WITH BRIGHT COLORS**

#### **My Bus**

by Byron Barton, Greenwillow Books, 2014

#### **My Very First Book of Colors**

by Eric Carle, Philomel, 2005

#### **Hooray for Fish!**

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2005

#### **Tap Tap Bang Bang**

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2010

#### **Toot Toot Beep Beep**

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2008

#### **Colors**

by Orla Kiely, Henry Holt, 2012

#### **Slow Snail**

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

#### **We're Going to the Farmers' Market**

by Stefan Page, Chronicle Books, 2014

## \* Books to Manipulate \*

As soon as they are able, young children are "hands-on" learners. Using books that they can rattle, touch, feel, lift the flaps on and explore not only engages their senses but also adds interest.

### **TOUCH-AND-FEEL BOOKS**

#### **The Big Out and About Book**

by Georgie Birkett, Barron's, 2012

#### **Touch and Feel: Bedtime**

DK Publishing, 2014

#### **Touch and Feel: Farm**

DK Publishing, 2011

#### **Peekaboo**

by Giuliano Ferri, Minedition, 2015

### **LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOKS**

#### **Peekaboo Baby**

by Sebastien Braun, Candlewick Press, 2012

#### **Who Can Jump?**

by Sebastien Braun, Candlewick Press, 2014

#### **Dear Zoo**

by Rod Campbell, Little Simon, 2007

#### **Honk, Honk! Baa, Baa!**

by Petr Horáček, Candlewick Press, 2014

#### **Buzz, Buzz, Baby!**

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2014

#### **Where Is Baby's Puppy?**

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2011

#### **Zoom, Zoom, Baby!**

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2014

#### **Whose Toes Are Those?**

by Sally Symes, Candlewick Press, 2012



## \* Common Objects to Identify \* (First Words)

Infants are most interested in pictures of familiar things. Picture books that pair a picture of a single object with a word help children to learn new vocabulary.

### **Farm**

by James Brown, Candlewick Press, 2011

### **Look at Baby's House!**

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2008

### **Baby Babble**

by Kate Merritt, Workman Publishing, 2012

### **First 100 Words**

by Roger Priddy, Priddy Books, 2011

### **Trucks Trucks Trucks**

by Peter Sis, Greenwillow Books, 2004

### **Peek-a-WHO?**

by Nina Laden, Chronicle Books, 2000

### **At the Beach**

by Salina Yoon, Feiwel & Friends, 2011

## \* Concepts \*

Concept books are instructional books that help children start to label and identify their world. The best of these books teach and entertain children at the same time.

### **Maisy's First Colors**

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2013

### **Maisy's First Numbers**

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2013

### **Baby's Shapes**

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2010

### **My Turn to Learn Numbers**

by Natalie Marshall, Little, Brown Kids, 2013

### **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Simon & Schuster, 1989

### **Quick Duck!**

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

### **Count!**

National Geographic Children's Books, 2011

### **Baby Parade**

by Rebecca O'Connell, Albert Whitman & Company, 2013

### **Butterfly Colors and Counting**

by Jerry Pallotta, Charlesbridge, 2013

### **Quiet, Loud**

by Leslie Patricelli, Candlewick Press, 2003

## \* Daily Routines \*

Here is a list of stories featuring the daily routines of babies.

### **I'm Not Sleepy!**

by Jonathan Allen, Boxer Books, 2012

### **The Going to Bed Book**

by Sandra Boynton, Little Simon, 2012

### **Llama Llama, Nighty-Night**

by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

### **Llama Llama, Wakey-Wake**

by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

### **Go Baby Go**

by Marilyn Janovitz, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2011

### **Brush, Brush, Brush!**

by Alicia Padron, Children's Press, 2010

### **Mealtime**

by Elizabeth Verdick, Free Spirit Publishing, 2011