

In order for a child to become a successful reader, he or she must develop Print Knowledge. The more books a child has the opportunity to interact with as well as the more books they have read to them, the quicker they will develop print knowledge.

To observe a child's print knowledge, look for the following behaviors:

- Pointing to pictures
- Turning Pages
- Staring at the Front of a Book
- Holding the book Right Side Up
- Pointing to words while reading
- Reading Left to Right/Top to Bottom
- Pointing to specific words and letters
- Identifying different types of reading materials and reasons for reading the material.

### **Babies—Simple and Edible**

Cloth Books

*Fuzzy Bee and Friends*

By Roger Priddy

Vinyl/Bath Books

*Dr. Seuss's Circus McGurkus Squirt!*

By Dr. Seuss

Board Books (thick pages that will not fall apart when tasted)

*Goodnight Gorilla*

By Peggy Rathmann

### **Toddlers—Vocabulary**

Books with Handles

*I Can Skip, Hop, Jump*

By P. Wingate

Books that teach vocabulary

*Sam's First Word Book*

By Yves Got

Simple Pictures

*Ten in the Bed*

By Penny Dale

Repetitive Books

*Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*

Bill Martin, Jr.

Real Photographs

*Baby Faces Eat!*

By Roberta Grobel Intrater

Books about Songs

*There Was An Old Lady...*

Illustrated by Pam Adams

### **Preschoolers—Concepts**

Rhyming Books

*The Cat in the Hat*

By Dr. Seuss

Simple Stories

*If You Give A Mouse a Cookie*

By Laura Joffe Numeroff and

Felicia Bonds

(continued above)

More complicated pictures

*The Three Snow Bears*

By Jan Brett

Lift the Flap books

*Who's Making That Mess*

By Philip Hawthorn, Jenny Tyler,

Stephen Cartwright

### **Character Books**

*Clifford*

*Dora*

*Curious George*

*Barney*

### **Award Winners**

**Caldecott-Best Picture Books**

*The Hello, Goodbye Window*

By Norton Juster

**Newbery-Best Story (mostly older children)**

*Frog and Toad Together*

By Arnold Lobel

**Loretta Scott King- African American Authors & Illustrators**

*Jazz*

By Walter Dean Myers,

Illustrated by Christopher Myers

### **Other Types of Print Materials**

Non Fiction

*Hands Are Not For Hitting*

By Martine Agassi and Marieka Heinlen

Magazines

*Ranger Rick*

*Highlights*

Lists

Dictionaries

Song Books

Letters and Bills

Grandma's Birthday Card

Check the mailbox

Directions

Recipes

E-mails and Websites

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## Where to go to get books?

### *Public Library*

- The Public Library is a great place for children to browse and borrow books. Not only does this save money, but it can develop your child's personal taste.

### *Book Stores*

- Many book stores like Barnes and Nobles and Books-A-Million have designated children areas with books and toys to encourage children to explore and enjoy reading in a relaxed atmosphere.

### *Book Fairs*

- Book fairs hosted by schools provide the most popular books children enjoy, usually are discounted, and often provide a fundraising opportunity for the hosting school.

### *Scholastic Inc. (Publisher)*

- Scholastic sells reasonably priced paperback books through classrooms as well as on-line. ([www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com))

### *On-line*

- On-line book stores often have specials on books and make additional recommendations based on authors and similar writing styles.

### *Second Hand*

- Garage Sales and Consignment stores are great places to find gently used, low cost books.



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