

SHAPES

Sizes and Shapes are very important for early development. All objects can be described with these two concepts. Understanding shapes also helps children better grasp how to form letters.

Animal shapes by Christopher Silas Neal

Baby's Shapes by Karen Katz

Big Little by Leslie Patricelli

Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh

My Very First Book of Shapes by Eric Carle

Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes

by Roseanne Thong and John Parra

Shapes by John J. Reiss

What Is That? by Tana Hoban

It's Circle Time! Shapes by Nomar Perez

COUNTING

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

***10 Little Rubber Ducks** by Eric Carle

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker

City Lullaby by Marilyn Singer

Counting by Fleur Star (braille and print)

Counting Kisses: A Kiss & Read Book by Karen Katz

***Counting with Frida/Contando con Frida**

by Patty Rodriguez

***First 100 Numbers** by Roger Priddy

***One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss

***Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes/Diez dedito de las mano y diez deditos de los pies** by Roger Priddy

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

DIVERSITY

To build a positive sense of self, children need to see themselves, their families and traditions in the images shown and the books read to them. Emotional expression is interconnected with your baby's brain development.

All Fall Down by Helen Oxenbury

Babies Around the World by Puck and Violet Lemay

Can I Join Your Club? by John Kelly

Close Your Eyes by Kate Banks

Cuddle by Elizabeth Verdick

Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers

Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes: A First Book All About You by Judy Hindley

Families by Rena D. Grossman

Fiesta Babies by Carmen Tafolla

***Global Babies/Bebés del mundo**

by Global Fund for Children

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

***Hug Machine** by Scott Campbell

I Can by Helen Oxenbury

I Love You Through and Through by Bernadette Rossetti

I Wish You More by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

***Little Blue Truck** by Alice Schertle

Littles and How They Grow by Kelly DiPucchio

Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions

by Abrams Appleseed

Mama, Do You Love Me

by Barbara M. Joosse and Barbara Lavalley

More, More, More Said the Baby by Vera B. Williams

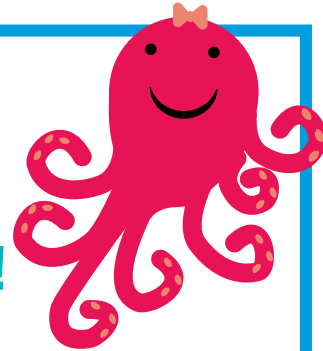
Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children

by Sandra Pinkney

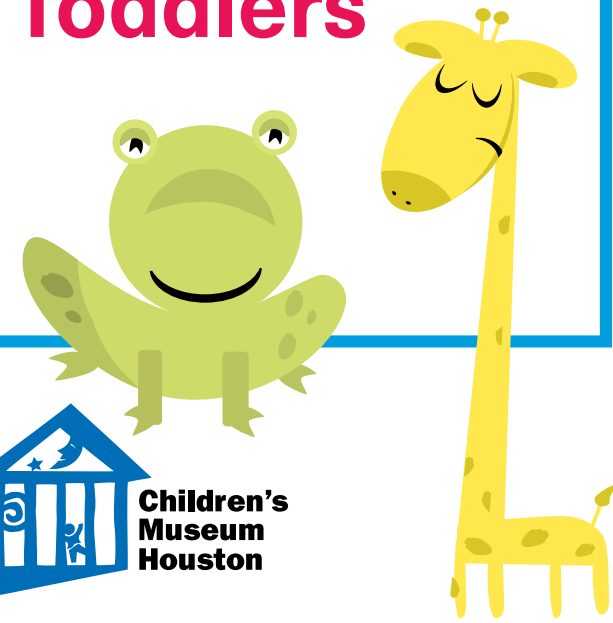
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to read to
your baby!



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**Children's
Museum
Houston**

The books listed here are highly recommended by many sources, including the librarian and educators at the **Children's Museum of Houston**. You can find most of these titles in the public library for free when using a library card. Check each book off as you read and see how many you can read to your child before they turn three years old!

***Indicates that books are available in Spanish**

***Indica libros disponibles en español**

DAILY ROUTINES

Here is a list of stories to introduce daily routines to your baby.

Bathtime for Little Rabbit by Jorg Muhle

Bedtime 123 by Eric Walters

***Goodnight Moon/Buenas noches Luna**

by Margaret Wise Brown

Nighty-night by Leslie Paricelli

Peekaboo Bedtime by Rachel Isadora

Say Goodnight by Helen Oxenbury

Ten Tiny Babies by Karen Katz

***The Going to Bed Book** by Sandra Boynton

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

***Tubby/Baño** by Leslie Patricelli

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

Baby by Kelly Ault and Leo Landry

Pat-a-Cake by Annie Kubler

Random House Book of Mother Goose by Arnold Lobel

Sign Language ABC by Lora Heller

Tickle Tickle (Board Book) by Helen Oxenbury

***My Car/Mi carro** by Byron Barton

Say Hello! by Rachel Isadora

***Where is Baby's Belly Button?/Donde esta el ombligo?** by Karen Katz

FACES

Human faces are interesting to babies at birth. Research has shown that an infant pays attention to human faces longer than anything else.

Baby Face: A Book of Love for Baby by Cynthia Rylant

Baby Faces by DK Publishing

Hello Baby: Faces: A High-Contrast Board Book by Roger Priddy



LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Books that pair a picture with a word help babies learn new vocabulary. Teaching your baby sign language helps them communicate before their oral language is developed.

Baby Signs: A Baby-Sized Introduction to Speaking with Sign Language by Blackstone and Scribens

Baby Sign Language for Hearing Babies

by Karyn Warburton

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

***First 100 Words/ Primeras 100 palabras**

by Roger Priddy

TOUCH AND FEEL BOOKS

Babies use their senses to learn about the world around them. Sensory stimulation is linked to emotional, cognitive and physical development.

Animal Kisses/Besos de animals by Barney Saltzberg

Baby Duck and the Cozy Blanket by Amy Hest

Baby, Touch and Feel: Animals Board Book

by DK Publishing

NURSERY RHYMES

Nursery Rhymes are important for babies because they help develop an ear for the rhythm of language.

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg

***Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes** by Annie Kubler

Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose

by Leo and Diane Dillon

***!Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes/**

Pio Peep! Rimas Tradicionales en Espanol

by Alma Alor Ada and F. Isabel

Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes

by Salley Mavor

To Market, to Market by Anne Miranda

Humpty Who?: A Crash Course in 80 Nursery Rhymes for Clueless Moms and Dads by Jennifer Griffin



ANIMALS

Animal books are interesting to babies and animals can play very symbolic roles in stories and toys. The animal sounds and bright colors make reading to your baby fun!

Animals by Roger Priddy

***Animales: libro de contrastes** by Roger Priddy

Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming

***Big Red Barn/El gran granero rojo**

by M. Wise Brown and F. Bond

Baby: Woof Woof! by DK Publishing

Dear Zoo: A Lift the Flap Book by Rod Cambell

***Go, Dog, Go!/¡Corre, perro, corre!** by P.D. Eastman

***Good Night, Gorilla** by Roger Priddy

Hello, Day! by Anita Lobel

Honk Honk! Baa Baa! by Petr Horacek

Hooray for Fish! by Lucy Cousins

***I am a Bunny** by Ole Risom

***Moo, Baa, La La La!** by Sandra Boynton

***The Very Hungry Caterpillar/La oruga muy hambrienta** by Eric Carle

***Where's Spot** by Eric Hill

COLORS

Colors are an important language concept that allow us to describe our world. High contrast books in black and white are ideal for younger babies while books with bright colors are great for brain stimulation for infants older than 3 months.

Blocks by Irene Dickson

Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton

***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?/**

Oso pardo, oso pardo que ves ahí? by Bill Martin Jr.

Colors by John J. Reiss.

Colors and Shapes by Kathleen Petelinsek

***Freight Train/Tren da carga** by Donald Crews

Happy Baby Colores = Colors by Roger Priddy

***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes** by Eric Litwin

