

4 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

Just a little longer until school will be starting!
Here are some ideas for what these kiddos really seem to enjoy in books:

ALPHABET

Not only will the child learn their ABC's, but these books help her to identify objects and specifically objects that start with that letter.

HUMOR

These books have great illustrations of wacky situations. A child can easily look through these books and pick out the things "wrong" and tell you why, "Socks go on feet- not hands!" With these books whether they are looked at just for the pictures or read aloud-conversations are encouraged... "Do you think dinosaurs could really wear underwear?"

ANIMALS

A combination of fiction and non-fiction is best. Children love animals and like seeing them in both settings. By having both available a child can compare how the "real" monkey lives to Curious George.

RECURRING CHARACTERS

The familiarity of these characters is comforting to a child. He knows Max and Ruby. He may not know the story, but he knows who they are and wants to know what will happen this time. "Max is going to make a mess!"

CONCEPTS

Shapes, Colors, Counting: These concepts are becoming familiar and the child is becoming confident with them. If she wants she can "read" these independently, which empowers her. Also, the practice gained from these books will carry over to other books (I see three ducks- one is hiding in the grass!) and activities (sorting).

AUTHORS TO TRY

David Adler
Mac Barnett
Cece Bell
Jan Brett
Margie Palatini
Antoinette Portis
Stephen Savage
Corey Rosen Schwartz
Bob Shea
Lane Smith
Jan Thomas
Mo Willems

Adler, David

Get a Hit, Mo!

When the bases are loaded, perhaps Mo will finally hit a home run.

Alexander, Kwame

Surf's Up

Frog friends Bro and Dude discuss the best way to spend the day at the beach.

Beaton, Kate

The Princess and the Pony

Princess Pinecone learns to love the pony she receives for her birthday.

Fan, Terry & Eric

Night Gardener

A town is transformed when an elderly gardener creates various topiary artwork.

Gerstein, Mordicai

The Night World

Sylvie the cat and her boy go out at night and explore.

Isadora, Rachel

I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)

A group of children describe many things in their world using their senses in this early nonfiction title.

Mantchev, Lisa

Strictly No Elephants

Due to his unusual pet, a boy is not permitted to join a club.

Palatini, Margie

Under a Pig Tree

The author has written a concise, practical history of figs. Due to a typo the publisher thinks the book is about pigs.

Portis, Antoinette

Wait

A boy and his mother walk through the city. The mother is in a hurry, while the child is drawn to all the things he sees along the way. In the end, they both find something to stop for.

Stead, Philip C.

Lenny & Lucy

Peter realizes his imaginary friend Lenny, could also use a friend.

Sullivan, Mary

Treat

A humorous tale, about a treat-obsessed dog.

Schwartz, Corey Rosen

Hensel & Gretel Ninja Chicks

Sisters must rescue their parents from a crafty fox in a cornbread cottage.

Tarpley, Todd

Beep! Beep! Go to Sleep!

A young boy tries to put three robots to bed.

Willem, Mo

The Thank You Book

The final book in the Piggie and Elephant series.

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