



Picture Book Recommendations *(with related themes)*



- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Eric Carle (colors and animals)
- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett (animal names, animal facts, Seasons, Weather)
- *Are You My Mother?* by P. D. Eastman (Family, animals)
- *Jump Frog Jump* by Robert Kalan (animals, movement)
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (growing things, life cycle, nutrition)
- *The Carrot Seed* by Robert Kraus (science- growth, family)
- *Papa, Please get the moon for me* by Eric Carle (Science - Moon and imagination)
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni (animal facts, leadership, problem solving, teaming)
- *Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault (Alphabet, rhyme and repetition)
- *Here are My Hands* by Bill Martin, Jr. (Body parts, actions and movements)
- *Hands are not for Hitting* by Elizabeth Verdick (a series of 6 books focusing on social-emotional, movement, etc.)
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (Sharing, friendship, love)
- *On Monday When It Rained* by Cheryl Kachenmeister (emotions)
- *It Looked like Spilt Milk* by Charles G. Shaw (Science -Clouds, imagination)



Music CD/Resources *(available at most public libraries)*



- *Literacy in Motion*. By The Learning Station (Dance along to songs based on classic children's books).
- *We All Live Together, Volumes 1-5*. By Greg & Steve (Early learning concepts, rhythm and movement songs, sing a longs, friendship & cooperation songs, activity and resting songs).
- *Rhyming to Read*. By Jack Hartmann (Songs to strengthen rhyming and language skills).
- *Movin' 2 Math*. By Jack Hartmann (Songs to teach counting, calendar skills, shapes, spatial awareness and other basic math concepts).
- *The Singable Songs Collection*. By Raffi (Classic childrens songs, nursery rhymes and other fun songs for movement and activity).
- *Victor Vito*. By Laurie Berkner (Playful original and classic children's songs for sing alongs, movement and teaching positive self-concepts).
- *Learning-Time Tunes*. By Georgiana Stewart (Teaches early learning concepts, listening skills and telling time).
- *Activity Songs and Games: Learning Fun for Preschoolers*. By Georgiana Stewart (Learning language, following directions and gaining self-awareness through musical play and creative movement).