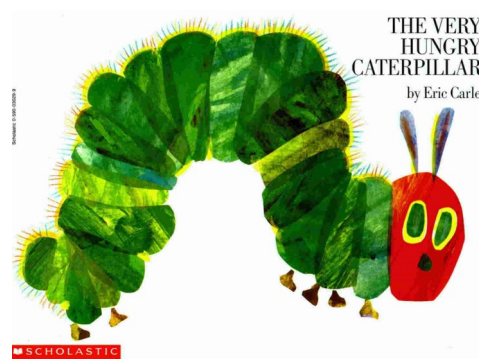
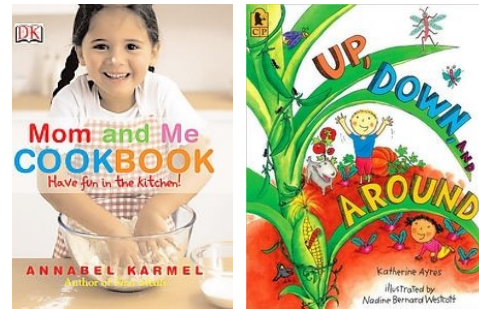


Reading With Preschoolers



3-4 YEARS OLD

- Knowledge about stories increases
- Describes actions and events in stories
- Talks about the characters
- Relates stories and characters to real events
- Retells main story events
- Anticipates and predicts events that will occur later in story
- Handles book properly
- Listens to longer stories



For Preschoolers Choose:

- Books about children from a variety of backgrounds.
- “Concept” books about counting, size or time.
- Simple "science" books about objects and how they work—like dump trucks, vegetable seeds or tools.
- Books with a special topic of interest such as policemen, dancers, cooking, or going to school.
- Books about feelings and relationships: making friends, dealing with hurt feelings, problem solving.
- Books about living with family members.
- Books with simple text that a child can remember and “read”, all on their own!

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR PRESCHOOLER?

- Have your child guess what will happen, or make up a new ending
- Relate the story to their experiences (i.e., “remember when you fell off your bike and how you felt?”)
- Point out the words and the picture that goes with it
- Let your child tell the story by looking at the pictures
- Choose books that have a simple story with a beginning, middle and end
- Include reading/writing in pretend play (e.g. a shopping list)
- Practice taking care of books
- Contact your local library about “Story Time” for preschoolers

