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Books for Sharing Parents as Teachers Foundational 2 Curriculum

The following suggestions are examples of books parent educators may choose to use while on personal visits. These titles are provided only as guidelines. There are many other children's books that might pair well with an individualized visit plan, including books already in the family's home.

Most of these books can be ordered through the Amazon.com link on the Parents as Teachers homepage, www.ParentsAsTeachers.org. Purchases help support the Parents as Teachers Conference Scholarship Fund.

Early reading, letters and alphabet

ABC by Dr. Seuss
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
The Handmade Alphabet by Laura Rankin
Potluck by Anne Shelby
ABC Pop! by Rachel Isadora
The Z That Was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg
AlphaOops! The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis

Poetry, rhymes and songs

Shake It to the One That You Love the Best: Play Songs and Lullabies from Black Musical Traditions by Cheryl Warren Mattox
10 Little Fingers and Other Play Rhymes and Action Songs from Latin America by Jose-Luis Orozco
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky
All Night, All Day: A Child's First Book of African American Spirituals by Ashley Bryan
Hey Diddle Diddle by Marilyn Janovitz
Hickory Dickory Dock and Other Nursery Rhymes by Carl Jones
The Sky Is Not So Far Away by Margaret Hillert
Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme by Nadine Bernard Westcott
Spin a Soft Black Song: Poems for Children by Nikki Giovanni
Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas
Whistle for Willy by Ezra Jack Keats
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
It's Raining Pigs and Noodles by Jack Prelutsky
New Kids on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
Sort It Out by Barbara Mariconda
Nathaniel Willy, Scared Silly by Judith Mathews

Predictable, patterns

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle
Fat Mouse by Harry Stevens
It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw
The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
The Wheels on the Bus by Maryann Kovalski
Whose Footprints? by Molly Coxe
That Is NOT a Good Idea by Mo Willems
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback
Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud by Lynn Plourde

Colors, shapes, numbers and concepts

Count on Your Fingers African Style by Claudia Zaslavsky
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
Animal Babies by Eve Spencer
Bicycle Race by Donald Crews
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
We Read: A to Z by Donald Crews
Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno
Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe by Tana Hoban
The Shape of Things by Dayle Ann Dodds
Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods that Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis
What Can Magnets Do? by Allan Fowler
Counting Kids by Kim Golding
One, Two, Three, Oops! by Michael Coleman
Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Moonbear's Shadow by Frank Asch
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.
Does It Belong? by Barbara Gregorich
Press Here by Hervé Tullet

Social-emotional development, emotional expression and self-concept

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss
How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods by Saxton Freymann
The Feel Good Book by Todd Parr
When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry by Molly Bang
The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds
I Wonder Why Zippers Have Teeth: and Other Questions About Inventions by Barbara Taylor Get Ready,
Eddie! A Book About Getting Dressed by Nat Gabriel
The Tooth Book by Dr. Seuss
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood

When I Was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of her Youth by Jamie Lee Curtis
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
So Few of Me by Peter H. Reynolds
Ish by Peter H. Reynolds
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
Possum Magic by Mem Fox
Koala Lou by Mem Fox
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
The Peace Book by Todd Parr
Pete the Cat, I Love My White Shoes by James Dean
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
The Ugly Caterpillar by Carl Sommer
I Have a Loose Tooth by Sally Noll
Just Like Me by Barbara J. Neasi
Feelings by Alike
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
The Teeny-Tiny Woman by Paul Galdone
Flossie and the Fox by Patricia McKissack
Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi

Family, friends and community

The Family Book by Todd Parr
Do I Have a Daddy? A Story about a Single-Parent Child by Jeanne Warren Lindsay
Who's In My Family? All About Our Families (Let's Talk about You and Me) Hardcover by Robie H. Harris
Black, White, Just Right! by Marguerite W. Davol
The Skin You Live in by Michael Tyler
Shades of People by Shelley Rotner
A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan
What I Like About Me by Allia Zobel Nolan
Whoever You Are (Reading Rainbow Books) by Mem Fox
We're Different, We're the Same (Sesame Street) by Bobbi Kates
Stinky the Bulldog by Jacalyn Valent
Children Just Like Me: A Unique Celebration of Children Around the World by Anabel Kindersley and Barnabas Kindersley
Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems by Eloise Greenfield
Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold
The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales by Virginia Hamilton
Sweet Potato Pie by Anne Rockwell
We Are Having a Baby by Vicki Holland
Guess How Much I Love You? by Sam McBratney
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats
Oonga Boonga by Frieda Wishinsky

Death and loss

Moving Day by Tobi Tobias
Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
I Miss You: A First Look at Death by Pat Thomas
Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs by Tomie dePaola
When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death by Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

Nutrition, food, cooking and meals

The ABC's of Fruits and Vegetables and Beyond by Steve Charney and David Goldbeck
Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat by George Levenson
Beef Stew by Barbara Brenner
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Curious George Makes Pancakes by Margret Rey and H.A. Rey
The Gigantic Turnip by Aleksei Tolstoy
Good Enough to Eat by Lizzy Rockwell
Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat
How Groundhog's Garden Grew by Lynne Cherry
Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert
The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body by Joanna Cole
The Milk Makers by Gail Gibbons
Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French
Rabbit Food by Susanna Gretz
Rah, Rah, Radishes by April Pulley Sayre
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
Two Old Potatoes and Me by John Coy
Vegetables by Sara Anderson
The Vegetables We Eat by Gail Gibbons
I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child
A Rainbow of My Own by Don Freeman
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
The Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoberman
Picky Mrs. Pickle by Christine M. Schnieder

Sleep

Bayou Lullaby by Kathi Appelt
Barnyard Lullaby by Frank Asch
Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton
Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
The Night Kiss by Jim Aylesworth
The Sleep Book by Dr. Seuss
Sleep Rhymes Around the World by Jane Yolen
Sleep Like a Tiger by Mary Logue

Pictures, illustrations and hidden objects

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
What's Under My Bed? by James Stevenson
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Thomas' Snowsuit by Robert Munsch
Snuffy by Dick Bruna
No Jumping on the Bed by Tedd Arnold
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
A Ride on Mother's Back: A Day of Baby Carrying Around the World by Emery & Durga Bernhard
Kinda Blue by Ann Grifalconi
The Mitten by Jan Brett
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
The Memory String by Eve Bunting
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
I Spy by Jean Marzollo
The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman by Darcy Pattison
Searching for Oliver K. Woodman by Darcy Pattison

Wordless

Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola
A Boy, a Dog and a Frog by Mercer Mayer
School by Emily Arnold McCully
Deep in the Forest by Brinton Turkle
Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
Moonlight by Jan Ormerod
A Birthday Wish by Ed Emberley
Ah-Choo! by Mercer Mayer

Multiple languages

Alphabet Times Four by Ruth Brown
Family Pictures by Carmen Lomas Garza
Seya's Song by Ron Hirschi
In the Park by Huy Voun Lee
Dumpling Soup by Jama Kim Rattigan
Carlos and the Squash Plant by Jan Romero Stevens
Moja Means One: Swahili by Muriel Feelings