# Diversity \*

To build a positive sense of self, children need to see themselves, their families, and their cultural traditions in the books we read to them.

The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane DeRolf, Random

House, 1997

Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell, Clarion

Books, 1993

American Babies

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse, Chronicle Books, 1991

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors

by Hena Khan, Chronicle Books, 2012 Here Are My Hands

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Henry Holt, 1987

Yum Yum Dim Sum by Amy Wilson Sanger, Tricycle

Press, 2003

Cradle Me

by Debby Slier, Star Bright Books, 2012

Carry Me

Star Bright Books, 2009

Fiesta Babies

by Carmen Tafolla, Tricycle Press, 2010

Fast and Slow

by Britta Teckentrup, Barefoot Books, 2013

# **Nursery Rhymes**

Nursery rhymes are important for young children because they help develop an ear for the cadence and rhythm of language.

¡Pío Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy, HarperCollins/Rayo, 2003

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Caroline Jayne Church, Cartwheel Books, 2014

**Baa Baa Black Sheep** by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

Itsy Bitsy Spider by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2004 My Mother Goose
by David McPhail Roarin

(audio CD included)

by David McPhail, Roaring Brook Press, 2013

**The Itsy Bitsy Spider** by Iza Trapani, Charlesbridge, 1993

Chinese and English Nursery Rhymes: Share and Sing in Two Languages by Faye-Lynn Wu, Tuttle, 2010

# Stories to Share \*

There are so many wonderful stories to share with babies. Here are a few to get you started.

## One Pup's Up

by Marsha Wilson Chall, Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2010

### Rainbow Stew

by Cathryn Falwell, Lee & Low Books, 2013

### **Barnyard Banter**

by Denise Fleming, Henry Holt, 1994

# Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

by Mem Fox, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008

Tip Tip Dig Dig

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2007

### A Good Day

by Kevin Henkes, Greenwillow Books, 2007

Hot, Hot Roti for Dada-ji

by F. Zia. Lee & Low Books, 2011



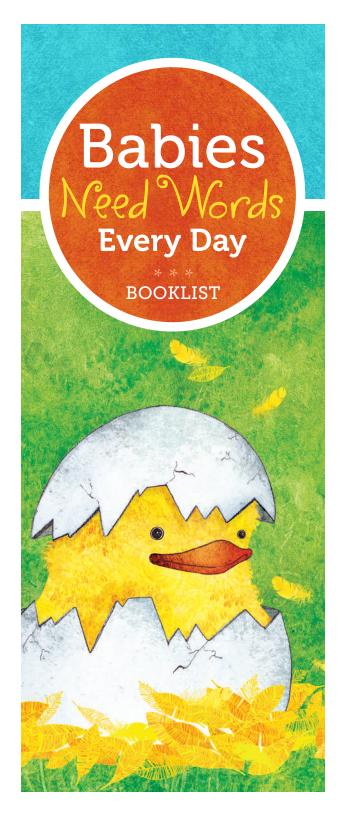
For more information, tips and posters for babies please visit

# www.ala.org/alsc/babiesneedwords

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# \* American Sign Language \*

Many families of hearing infants want to help their babies to communicate wants and needs with signs as a temporary bridge to oral language development. American Sign Language is important not only for the deaf community but also for hearing children who will be communicating with deaf relatives or friends.

### **Baby Signs for Animals**

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goodwyn, HarperFestival, 2003

#### My First Baby Signs

by Linda Acredolo and Susan Goo dwyn, HarperFestival, 2002

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

by Kelly Ault, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010

# Sign Language ABC

by Lora Heller, Sterling Children's Books, 2012

#### My First Signs

by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2005

## Young Readers, 2012 I Kissed the Baby!

Look Look Outside!

White on Black

Books, 1993

Look Look!

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2003

#### Hello, Bugs!

by Smriti Prasadam, Tiger Tales, 2010

#### Checkers and Dot on the Farm by J. Torres, Tundra Books, 2013

to interest infants in visual stimuli.

**BLACK-AND-WHITE BOOKS** 

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton, 1998

by Peter Linenthal. Dial Books for

by Tana Hoban, Greenwillow

# **BOOKS WITH BRIGHT COLORS**

#### My Bus

by Byron Barton, Greenwillow Books, 2014

### My Very First Book of Colors by Eric Carle, Philomel, 2005

#### Hooray for Fish!

**Books with Sharp Color Contrasts >** 

Color vision is not well developed at birth. This is why books

with high-contrast pictures are the best choice when the goal is

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2005

# Tap Tap Bang Bang

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2010

### Toot Toot Beep Beep

by Emma Garcia, Boxer Books, 2008

#### **Colors**

\* Books to Manipulate \*

As soon as they are able, young children are "hands-on"

learners. Using books that they can rattle, touch, feel, lift the

flaps on and explore not only engages their senses but also

by Orla Kiely, Henry Holt, 2012

#### Slow Snail

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

### We're Going to the Farmers' Market

by Stefan Page, Chronicle Books, 2014

# **Books with Faces**

Babies are born predisposed to find faces interesting. Research has shown that an infant pays attention to human faces longer than anything else.

#### Baby ABC

by Deborah Donenfeld, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013

#### American Babies

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2010

### Global Baby Girls

by Global Fund for Children, Charlesbridge, 2013

#### Baby Faces

by Kate Merritt. Workman Publishing, 2012

#### I Love Colors

by Margaret Miller, Little Simon, 2009

#### All about Me!

by Dawn Sirett, DK Publishing, 2008

### My Face Book

Star Bright Books, 2011

# \* Books with Playful Language \*

When adults read aloud books with playful language, they encourage their young listeners to play with the sounds of language, too. This play supports language development and phonological awareness.

#### Moo. Baa. La La La! by Sandra Boynton, Little

Simon, 2012 The Babies on the Bus

# by Karen Katz, Henry Holt, 2011 The Farmer's Away! Baa!

Neigh! by Anne Vittur Kennedy, Candlewick Press, 2014

#### Honk Honk! Beep Beep! by Daniel Kirk, Hyperion, 2014

### Trains Go

by Steve Light, Chronicle Books, 2012

#### Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?

by Dr. Seuss. Random House. 1970

#### Jazz Baby

by Lisa Wheeler, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007

adds interest. TOUCH-AND-FEEL BOOKS

The Big Out and About Book by Georgie Birkett, Barron's, 2012

Touch and Feel: Bedtime DK Publishing, 2014

Touch and Feel: Farm DK Publishing, 2011

#### Peekaboo

by Giuliano Ferri. Minedition, 2015

#### LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOKS

#### Peekaboo Baby

by Sebastien Braun. Candlewick Press. 2012

# Who Can Jump?

by Sebastien Braun, Candlewick Press. 2014

by Rod Campbell, Little Simon, 2007

### Honk. Honk! Baa. Baa! by Petr Horáček. Candlewick Press, 2014

Buzz. Buzz. Baby! by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2014

Where Is Baby's Puppy? by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2011

Zoom, Zoom, Baby! by Karen Katz. Little Simon, 2014

# Whose Toes Are Those? by Sally Symes, Candlewick Press, 2012

# Common Objects to Identify \* (First Words)

Infants are most interested in pictures of familiar things. Picture books that pair a picture of a single object with a word help children to learn new vocabulary.

#### Farm

by James Brown. Candlewick Press. 2011

#### Look at Baby's House!

by Peter Linenthal, Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2008

#### Baby Babble

by Kate Merritt, Workman Publishing, 2012

### First 100 Words

by Roger Priddy, Priddy Books, 2011

#### Trucks Trucks Trucks

by Peter Sís. Greenwillow Books, 2004

#### Peek-a-WHO?

by Nina Laden, Chronicle Books, 2000

#### At the Beach

by Salina Yoon, Feiwel & Friends, 2011

# \* Concepts \*

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

#### Maisy's First Colors

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press, 2013

### Maisy's First Numbers

by Lucy Cousins, Candlewick Press. 2013

#### Baby's Shapes

by Karen Katz, Little Simon, 2010

### My Turn to Learn Numbers

by Natalie Marshall, Little, Brown Kids. 2013

#### Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, Simon & Schuster, 1989

### **Quick Duck!**

by Mary Murphy, Candlewick Press, 2013

#### Count!

National Geographic Children's Books, 2011

### **Baby Parade**

by Rebecca O'Connell, Albert Whitman & Company, 2013

### **Butterfly Colors and** Countina

by Jerry Pallotta, Charlesbridge, 2013

### Quiet, Loud

by Leslie Patricelli, Candlewick Press. 2003

# **Daily Routines**

Here is a list of stories featuring the daily routines of babies.

# I'm Not Sleepy!

by Jonathan Allen, Boxer Books, 2012

#### The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton, Little Simon, 2012

Llama Llama, Nighty-Night by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

Llama Llama, Wakev-Wake by Anna Dewdney, Viking, 2012

### Go Baby Go

by Marilyn Janovitz, Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2011

# Brush, Brush, Brush!

by Alicia Padron, Children's Press, 2010

# Mealtime

by Elizabeth Verdick, Free Spirit Publishing, 2011



