

Everyday Interactions Matter Booklist Teacher List

Reading with infants and toddlers provides valuable one-on-one bonding time with caregivers. It creates a sense of security and emotional connection as children associate reading with warmth, comfort, and love. This helps to strengthen the caregiver-child bond and build a positive relationship with books and learning.

The books listed below are for children ranging in age from birth to 24 months.

Simple Interaction Tool Element: Connection	
Book	Description
I Am Happy: A Touch-and-Feel Book of Feelings	If ANGRY were something you could touch, would it be scratchy? How about LOVE? Would it feel soft and fuzzy? What does SCARED feel like, or BRAVE? This book invites a hands-on exploration of some very familiar feelings. of young children, who sometimes have trouble getting a handle on what they're feeling - or figuring out just how to express it.
Lots of Feelings by Shelly Rotner	A face can tell you what someone is feeling. In this expressive photo-essay, simple text and photographs introduce basic emotions – happy, grumpy, thoughtful, and more – and how people show them.
When I Am / Cuando estoy	This book helps children understand the international language of emotion in English and Spanish. It teaches children vocabulary words for emotions and even suggests constructive ways to deal with some of their negative feelings. The brightly illustrated boys and girls express a variety of emotions and tell how they react.
My Monster Mama Loves Me So by Laura Leuck	Little monster tells readers the many ways his mama shows that she loves him: she attends all of his "beastball games"; sings him lullabies and tucks him into bed; and "She gives me great big hairy hugs,/bakes me cookies filled with bugs,/and when I'm sick she's twice as nice-/she gives me lizard juice with ice."
Owl Babies by Martin Waddel	Three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, and they can't help but wonder where she is. What is she doing? When will she be back? What scary things move all around them? Stunning illustrations from striking perspectives capture the anxious little owls as they worry. Not surprisingly, joyous flapping and dancing and

	bouncing greet the mother's return, lending a celebratory tone to the ending of this comforting tale.
My Many Colored Days by Dr Seuss	This book teaches children that it is normal to experience different emotions on different days and even on the same day, which sometimes makes it hard to understand and express yourself. Dr. Seuss gives children a language to express their feelings by likening them to colors.
Simple Interaction Tool Element: Reciprocity	
Book	Description
Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora	This is a playful book about a toddler playing every young child's favorite game. Each page starts, "Peekaboo I see..." with a visual clue that leads to the subject, be it mommy, daddy, grandma, etc.
Peekaboo Bedtime, by Rachel Isadora	Bright illustrations depict a three-generation family, with several pets too. The book incorporates elements of a successful bedtime routine—waving to the moon, taking a bath, and replacing shoes with slippers. Both the family and the routine make for a comforting book about getting ready for bed.
Whose Toes are Those? by Jabari Asim	Short, sweet rhymes will encourage parents and babies to interact and giggle with each other. A fun take on "this little piggy."
Making Faces, photographs by Molly Magnusson	The text and photographs of diverse facial expressions teach five different emotions—happy, sad, surprised, silly and angry. The text prompts grown-ups to interact with their child and the book includes a mirror so babies, toddlers and preschoolers can see their own faces.
Peek-a Who? by Nina Laden	This interactive rhyming text and peek-a-boo cutouts take the most loved baby and toddler game and puts it in children's book form! Bright, engaging illustrations and the anticipation of what's hiding on the next page, peeking through the die-cut windows, will keep little ones guessing and giggling all the way to the surprise ending.
Simple Interaction Tool Element: Inclusion	
Book	Description
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold	This book follows a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's

	traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be.
What If We Were All The Same! by C.M Harris	This is an inspirational and warm celebration of the differences in all living things..." What If We Were All The Same! embraces all of our beautiful differences. Aimed to help children understand there are many great reasons for being friends with those who are different than they are.
You Are Enough: A Book About Inclusion by Margaret O'Hair	It can be hard to be different -- whether because of how you look, where you live, or what you can or can't do. But wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same? Being different is great! Being different is what makes you YOU.
Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung	In the beginning, there were three colors, Reds, Yellows, and Blues. All special in their own ways, all living in harmony—until one day, a Red says "Reds are the best!" and starts a color kerfuffle. When the colors decide to separate, is there anything that can change their minds?
Not All Pickles Are Green! by Suzanne T. Christian	Join Dilly as he goes for a walk and meets pickles of every color of the rainbow. From red to violet, each new friend reveals their unique likes and hobbies, from playing with a ball to loving dinosaurs. The problem of understanding diversity is elegantly solved as Dilly and his new friends demonstrate that our external differences make us unique.
It's Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr	It's Okay to Be Different celebrates all the ways we are unique and inspires kids to embrace everyone's individuality. Whether you have an invisible friend; feel mad, embarrassed, or proud; need a helping hand; or like to eat mac and cheese in the bathtub, this book offers the perfect affirming message for anyone who has ever felt like the odd one out.
Bubble Babies: Celebrating Diversity, Inclusivity, and Connection by Stephanie Seidler	Bubble Babies is a book that introduces little ones to the joy of bubbles while celebrating diversity. With relatable characters and engaging illustrations, it fosters empathy, cultural awareness, and language development.
Pink Is for Boys by Robb Pearlman	Pink Is for Boys encourages children to enjoy what they love to do, whether it's racing cars and playing baseball, or loving unicorns and dressing up. Vibrant illustrations help children learn and identify the myriad colors that surround them every day, from the orange of a popsicle, to the

	green of a grassy field, all the way up to the wonder of a multicolored rainbow.
Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers	Babies are born everyday and everywhere. This book explores different types of families from single parents to multiple siblings. They are kissed, dressed, and fed. Additionally, babies participate in a multitude of different activities including playing games, learning to walk, splashing in a pool. Ultimately, babies are loved for just being them.
Families, by Rena D. Grossman	This board book highlights the common ways humans and animals take care of their babies. "All families give kisses . . . share snacks . . . take baths, take naps, and say 'I love you.'" Each double-page spread juxtaposes a human family and an animal family taking part in the same activity.
Simple Interaction Tool Element: Opportunities to Grow	
Book	Description
Oops!: A Diaper David Book by David Shannon	David finds himself in a few sticky situations, and learns his five favorite words along the way. From throwing a ball to riding a tricycle to taking a bath, David sometimes has a little too much fun. But he knows there's nothing better than cuddling with Mama at the end of a busy and exciting day.
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang	A story of a young girl and her father and they are counting down the steps they do before she goes to sleep at night. This book is all about counting as the girl and her father count step by step from ten to one.
Toddler Two by Anastasia Suen	Two adventurous toddlers go on an afternoon romp through their backyard. As they blow bubbles, pull their wagon, dig in the sandbox, play hide-and-seek, and ride on swings, they discover everything about themselves that comes in twos: two eyes, two ears, two hands, two feet, two arms, two legs two is the number just for them.
Hello, Day! by Anita Lobel	Painterly renditions of a cow, a sheep, a horse, and more are accompanied on the opposing pages by simple language describing what each animal "says" (moo, baa, neigh). Your young children can practice animal sounds as you read together. Lobel's twist—telling readers what the animals are really saying—lends an element of discovery and delivers a satisfying wrap-up to the colorful day.