

Recommended Read Aloud Books for Early Literacy and COVID Support for Preschoolers

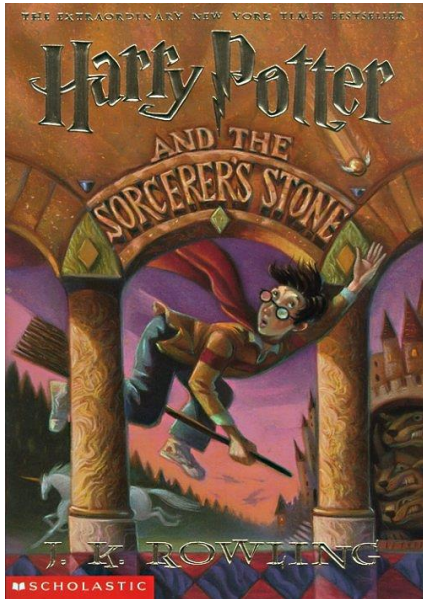
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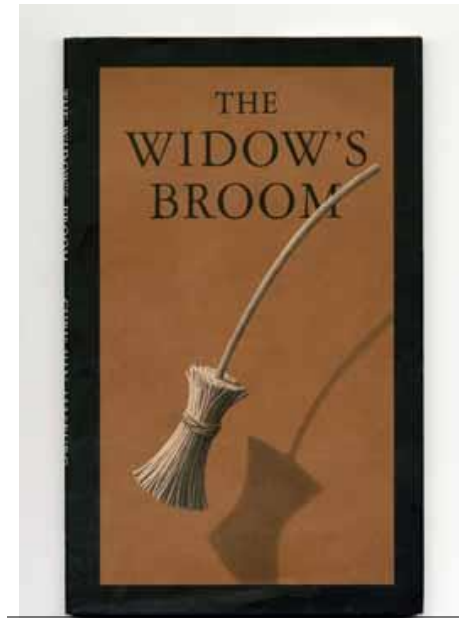
A Bit About Me...

- ▶ BS Nursing-1995
- ▶ BA Elementary Education-2008
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- ▶ Currently working on Master of Library and Information Sciences degree
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Some of my Favorites...



Favorite Chapter Book Series



Favorite Picture Book
By Chris Van Allsburg

Did You know..

Reading for 6 minutes a day reduces stress by 68%?

When children have a home library, as little as 20 books of their own, they achieve 3 more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home?

Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,000 words a year?

Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are in the top 2% of reading achievement?

Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words/year through reading?

Kids in classrooms without classroom libraries read 50% less than kids in classrooms with libraries?

If a child is read just one book a day, they will have been read 1,825 books by their 5th birthday?



RECOMMENDED PICTURE BOOKS TO SUPPORT THE 6 COMPONENTS OF EARLY LITERACY

Print Awareness

**Noticing print
everywhere, Knowing
how to handle a book
and knowing how to
follow the written word
on the page.**

Student sees teachers and others reading, recognizes books and print as a means of communication.

Children know how books work--the front cover, what's upside down, which page to start on, how to look from left to right.

The text connects obviously and directly with the pictures.

Books to build print awareness skills

- ▶ *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin
- ▶ *We are in a Book!* (Elephant and Piggie) by Mo Willems
- ▶ *The Monster at the End of This Book* by Jon Stone
- ▶ *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* By Mo Willems
- ▶ *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr.



Print Motivation

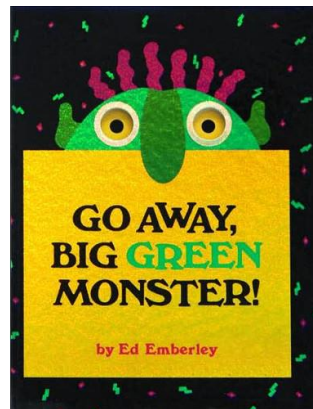
**Being interested in
and enjoying books**

Books reflect their lives and interests. Sees teachers, parents and others reading, books are readily available, and reading is a regular activity.

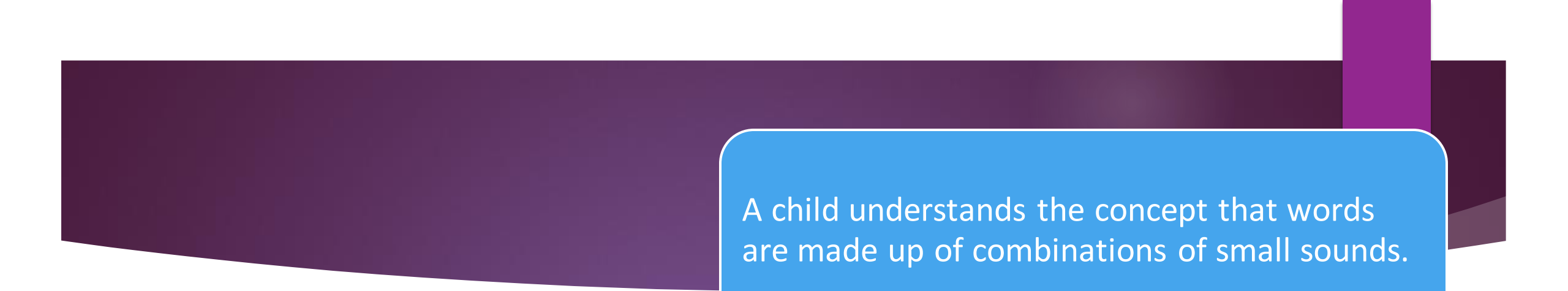
Kids who enjoy books and reading will be curious about reading and motivated to learn to read for themselves.

Use books that are of high interest, such as books with preschool characters or interactive books. Also, books about books are great for teaching this skill.

- ▶ *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein
- ▶ *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin
- ▶ *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* by Jan Thomas
- ▶ *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson
- ▶ *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* By Ed Emberley



Books to build print motivation



A child understands the concept that words are made up of combinations of small sounds.

Children who can hear how words "come apart" into separate sounds will be more successful at "sounding out" words when they start to read.

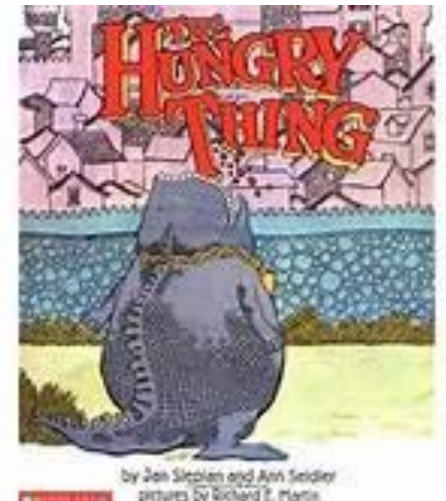
Books that promote this are often comprised of silly words and sounds.

Phonological Awareness

Hearing and playing with the smaller sounds of words

Books to teach phonemic awareness

- ▶ *Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy E. Shaw
- ▶ *Fox in Socks* by Dr. Seuss
- ▶ *Don't be Silly Mrs. Millie* by Judy Cox
- ▶ *Many Marvelous Monsters* by Ed Heck
- ▶ *The Hungry Thing* by Jan Slepian



Narrative Skills

Help children learn story structure, Predict what will happen in a story, Understand what they read, and build critical thinking skills.

A child understands that in telling stories, that there is a beginning, middle and end.

Let your pre-reader help build the narrative by 'reading' the pictures.

Read books with a repeated pattern or cumulative structure.

- ▶ *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- ▶ *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes
- ▶ *Good Dog, Carl* by Alexandra Day
- ▶ *Beekle, The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat
- ▶ *Sheila Ray's Peppermint Stick* by Kevin Henkes

Books to
support
narrative skills



Letter Awareness

Knowing that letters are different from each other, Knowing letter names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere

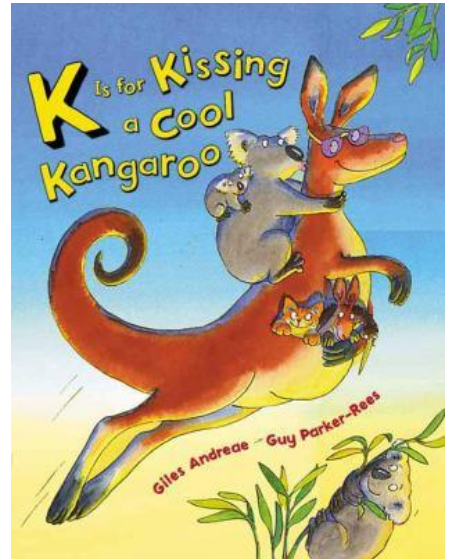
A child learns the names and sounds of letters.

To read words, children will learn that a word is made up of individual letters.

Pick books that have clear depictions of the letters, both lower case and capital.

Books that teach letter awareness

- ▶ *K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo* by Giles Andreae
- ▶ *8-An Animal Alphabet* by Elisha Cooper
- ▶ *The Sleepy Little Alphabet* by Judy Sierra
- ▶ *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin
- ▶ *Alligators All Around* by Maurice Sendak



Enriched Vocabulary

Knowing the names of things, understanding the meaning of words, and connecting words to objects, events, emotions, and concepts in the world.

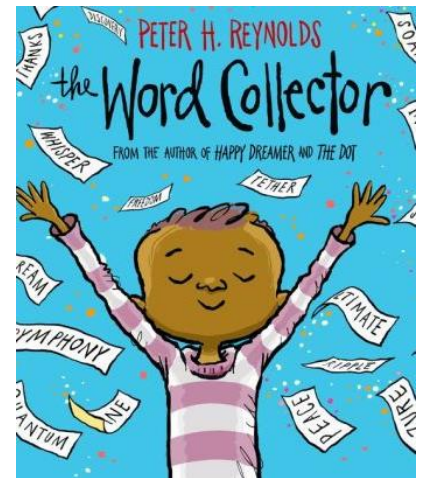
Children who have larger vocabularies have an easier time learning to read and become better readers.

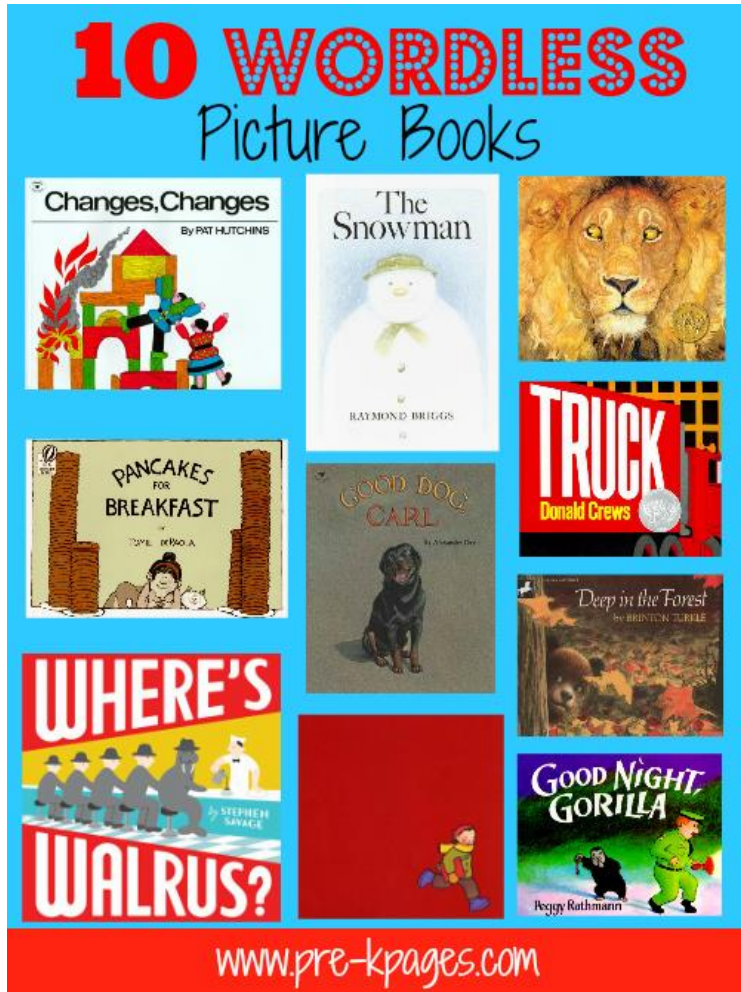
A strong vocabulary helps children with decoding (sounding out) and comprehension (understanding).

Read picture books. They have 3x more rare words than our everyday conversations.

Books that support an enriched vocabulary

- ▶ *The Word Collector* by Peter Reynolds
- ▶ *Max's Words* by Kate Banks
- ▶ *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor
- ▶ *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae
- ▶ *Thesaurus Rex* by Layla Steinberg





Wordless Picture Books

Why should you read wordless picture books?

These books provide an opportunity to ASK QUESTIONS!

- What do you think? (comprehension)
- What makes you say that? (inferring)
- Why do think....? (vocabulary/oral language)
- What do you think will happen? (predicting)

Read and reread these books! Then, have your students “read” the book to you.

Let them know that reading pictures is READING!

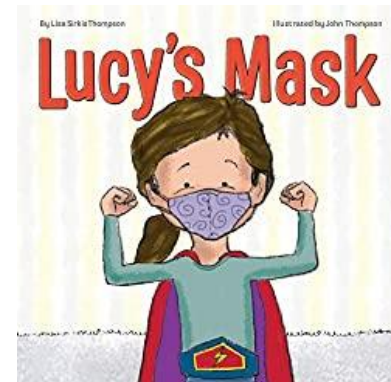
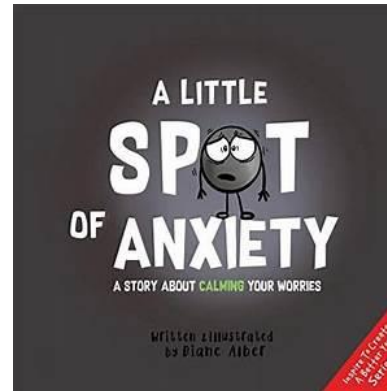
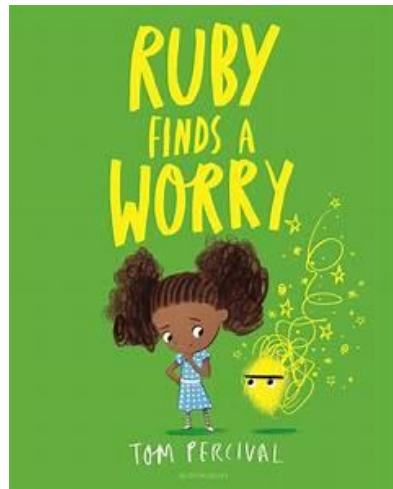
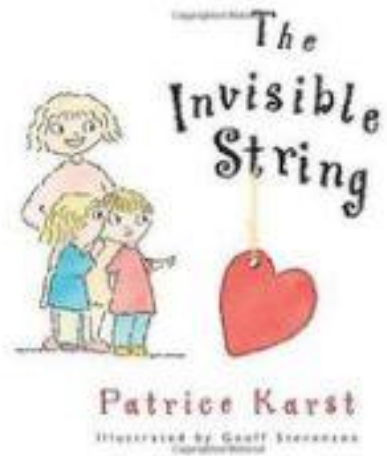
Wordless picture
[book list](#)

Covid- Supporting our children through books

- ▶ Books are a great way to explain what the virus is, how it spreads, and what children can do to help.
- ▶ Look for books with simple and gentle language.
- ▶ Take advantage of the many free eBooks online. Print-Laminate-Share!

<http://nhfv.org/2020/06/family-and-childrens-books-related-to-covid-19/>

Books to address masks, social distancing, and anxiety



COVID book
resource list.

Final thoughts...

- ▶ Feel free to contact me for more information about any of these books or resources!

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- ▶ A [complete list](#) of great Pre-K books is available on the resource page.
- ▶ Thank you for being here today!