Consider Books for your Preschooler which include:

- alphabet and counting books
- predictable stories and plots
- rhyming and repeating words
- silly books that play with words
- simple information books
- stories that are easy to retell
- themes that are interesting to your child
- topics about the world around them

Suggested books for Preschoolers:

- *The Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson
- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *I’m The Biggest Thing in the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Commotion in the Ocean* by Giles Andreae
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *Dog’s Colourful Day* by Emma Dodd
- *Jump* by Scott M. Fischer

Visit your local library to find many more great books for your child!!

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Early Literacy is...

A set of skills that children develop from birth that will help them learn to read and write. Your child’s early literacy skills are developing when they are:

- asking questions
- following instructions
- guessing what will happen
- picking out their own books
- singing
- talking about their day
- telling stories
- using markers and crayons
- making up silly words
- exploring the world around them

Early literacy is so much more than just letters and books!

What do Early Literacy Activities Promote?

- A love of books and learning!
- Adult/child bonding
- An increased attention span
- An understanding of sounds, letters, words and reading
- Concepts like colours, shapes, numbers, sizes and names of things
- Imagination
- Listening skills
- New words
- Rhyming
- Social interactions
- Thinking skills like problem solving, predicting, and putting things in order

Early Literacy Activities to explore:

- Planting a garden
- Baking together
- Building with oversized lego
- Drawing and writing with different tools such as markers and crayons
- Having them tell you what they did that day
- Labeling items with words
- Making letters out of string, tape, branches or clay
- Making up stories and drawing pictures that go with them
- Mixing coloured water and other experiments
- Playing “I spy”
- Playing matching or board games together
- Pointing out all the places you see letters and numbers in your day
- Setting up a dramatic play area, such as a restaurant
- Solving riddles
- Stringing large wooden beads