

Early Childhood Reading Materials

Books According to Classroom Themes

Books may be arranged on the display shelf according to a particular theme that is being explored in the classroom. For example, if the children were interested in animals, an assortment of animal books could be displayed for children to read on their own or with others. If the classroom theme was transportation, the teacher would want to read books about transportation to the children, then make those books available for further exploration. The following are examples of books which into these two selected themes:

Animals

- Bancroft, H., Van Gelder, R.G., & Davie, H.K. (1963). *Animals in winter*. New York: Scholastic.
- Benjamin, C. (1994). *Footprints in the snow*. New York: Scholastic.
- Brett, J. (1997). *The hat*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons.
- Brett, J. (1989). *The mitten*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons
- Briggs, R. (1990). *The snowman storybook*. New York: Random House.
- Burton, V. L., (1971). *Katy and the big snow*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.
- Cosgrove, M. (1975). *Wintertime for animals*. New York: Dood, Mead.
- Ehlert, L. (1995). *Snowballs*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt Brace & Company.
- Erlbach, A. (1995). *Blizzards*. Chicago: Children's Press.
- Fisher, R.M. (1982). *Animals in winter*. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society.
- Fowler, A. (1991). *How do you know it's winter?* Chicago: Children's Press.
- Gundersheimer, K. (1982). *Happy winter*. New York: Harper Collins.
- Hader, B., and Hader, E. (1976). *The big snow*. New York: Scholastic.
- Keats, E. J. (1962). *The snowy day*. New York: Viking Press, Inc.
- Kohn, R. (1995). *Winter storytime*. Chicago: Children's Press.
- Loretan, S. & Lenica, J. (1991). *Bob the snowman*. New York: Penguin Books.
- Maass, R. (1996). *When winter comes*. New York: Scholastic.
- Moncure, J. B. (1975). *Winter is here!* Elgin, IL: Tchild's World, Inc.
- Neitzel, S. (1989). *The jacket I wear in the snow*. New York: Mulberry Books.

Transportation

- Bennet, J. (Ed.). (1991). *Machine poems*. New York: Oxford.
- Cameron, E. (1970). *The big book of real trucks*. New York: Gosset & Dunlap.
- Crews, D. (1980). *Truck*. New York: Scholastic.
- Geis, D. (1987). *Rattle-rattle dump truck*. Los Angeles, CA: Price/Stern/Sloan.
- Gibbons, G. (1990). *Fill it up! All about service stations*. New York: Harper Collins.
- Hamilton-MacLaren, A. (1992). *Water transportation*. New York: Bookwright Press.
- Jeunesse, G. (1993). *Boats*. New York: Scholastic.
- Korman, J. (1993). *Tonka-working hard with the mighty dump truck*. New York: Scholastic.
- Kovalski, M. (1987). *Wheels on the bus*. Boston: Joy Street Books.
- Kuklin, S. (1993). *Fighting fires*. New York: Banbury Press.

Marston, H. (1993). *Big rigs*. New York: Cobblehill Books.
 Micklethwait, L. (1993). *A child's book of art*. New York: Dorling Kindersley.
 Owen, A. (1990). *Bumper to bumper*. New York: Trumpet Club.
 Oxenbury, H. (1983). *The car trip*. New York: E.P. Dutton.
 Petrie, C. (1987). *Joshua James likes trucks*. Chicago: Children's Press.
 Piper, W. (1993). *The little engine that could*. New York: Scholastic.
 Scarry, R. (1974). *Cars and trucks and things that go*. New York: Western.
 Scarry, R. (1990). *Richard Scarry's be careful, Mr. Frumble!* New York: Random House.

Books about Children with Disabilities

A Guide to Children's Literature and Disabilities: 1989-1994

NICHCY: National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
<http://www.nichcy.org/pubs/bibliog/bib5txt.htm>

A list of books which are written about or include characters who have a disability is provided. The books are identified by age and grade level, from preschool through high school.

Children's Magazines

Most magazines geared toward preschool age children are publications which center on a particular theme or set of pictures and activities for preschoolers to share with family members. The following websites list magazines for all ages of children.

Helping Your Child Learn To Read

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Reading/Resources.html#Magazines>

A list of magazines classified according to general interest, story, and science, nature, sports, math, and history is provided for families. Other areas of this website have basic information on literacy development and a variety of activities for children, infancy through age 10.

Super Kids

<http://super-kids.com>

This website has a listing of children's magazines with links that show examples of each one. The listing is for all ages.

Cobblestone Publishing

<http://www.cobblestonepub.com/pages/magmain.htm>

Has sample magazines in different age categories for children.