

Parent Tips

Reading aloud to your child is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading. Choosing many different types of books will expose your child to new concepts, vocabulary and interests. Listed below are some recommended books that represent various types of literature. Visit your local library for other books to enjoy with your child. A complete listing of recommended books for children can be found on the department website: www.decal.state.ga.us.

Alphabet Books

Alphabet books introduce your child to the letters and connect the beginning letter sound with pictures.

- *Dr. Seuss' ABC*, Dr. Seuss
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault
- *Eating the Alphabet*, Lois Ehlert

Counting Books

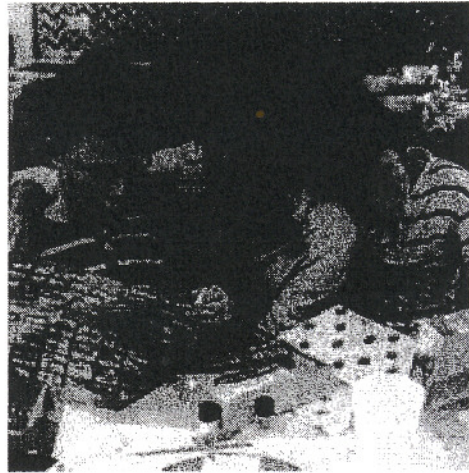
These books emphasize counting and connect the numerals with a corresponding number of items.

- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, Eileen Christelow
- *Anno's Counting Book*, Mitsumasa Anno

Concept Books and Informational Books

These books teach concepts that children will review in school such as colors, shapes, opposites, or sizes and provide information to help in understanding the world.

- *Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe*, Tana Hoban
- *Boats*, Anne Rockwell



Poetry/Rhymes

These books contain rhymes and repeated verse. Learning to hear rhymes is an essential step in developing the skills needed for reading.
