

Pre-Preparatory Book Suggestions

Collections and Poetry

- *Mother Goose: One Hundred Best-Loved Verses* by Mary Engelbreit
- *A Child's Book of Stories* by Penrhyn W. Coussens
- *Fables* by Arnold Lobel
- *Out and About: A First Book of Poems* by Shirley Hughes
- *Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature* by Nicola Davies

Picture Books

- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff
- *Daisy Comes Home* by Jan Brett (and other books by J. Brett)
- *Jessie Bear, What Will You Wear?* by Nancy White Carlstrom
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Play With Me* by Marie Halle Ets
- *Ask Mr. Bear* by Marjorie Flack and other books by M. Flack
- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore
- *The Little Engine that Could* by Watty Piper
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Quiet* by Tomie de Paola
- *Max and the Tag-Along Moon* by Floyd Cooper
- *A Home in the Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon
- *Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter
- *I Give You the World* by Stacey McCleary
- *What a Wonderful World* by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats (and others by E. J. Keats)
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (and other books by Eric Carle)

Science and Nature Study Books

Raccoon on His Own by Jim Arnosky; Also, *Rabbits & Raindrops*; *Otters Under Water*, *Babies in the Bayou*; *Little Lions* and others

Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing Animal Habitats by Jim Arnosky

Crinkleroot's 25 Birds Every Child Should Know by Jim Arnosky

Crinkleroot's 25 Mammals Every Child Should Know by Jim Arnosky

The Berenstain Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Living Math Books

Books by Lizann Flatt:

- *Sorting Through Spring*
- *Shaping Up Summer*
- *Counting On Fall*
- *Sizing Up Winter*

Swan Harbor: A Nature Counting Book by Laura Rankin

Books by Roseanne Thong

- *Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes*
- *Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes*