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Stories Before School

The Early Literacy Journey



100 Stories Before School: Best Practice Information.

Leonie Gabriel, Director at Childrenfirst, Balmoral and Alpha Street Preschools has provided examples of links from their high quality programmes to the Australian National Quality Standards and the Early Years Learning Framework.

Early Years Learning Framework relating to 100 stories project:

Learning outcomes

LO 1 – Children have a strong sense of identity.

1.3 Children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities.

LO 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.

2.3 Children become aware of fairness.

LO 4 – Children are confident and involved learners.

4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.

4.2 Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesizing, researching and investigating.

4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

LO 5 – Children are effective communicators

5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.

5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.

5.3 Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.

Practice

Holistic approaches

Intentional Teaching

Cultural competence

Principles

Relationships with families

High expectations and equity

Respect for diversity

National Quality Standards – related to 100 stories project

Quality area 1: Educational program and practice.

This quality area focuses on ensuring that the educational program and practice is stimulating and engaging and enhances children's learning and development.

Quality Area 5: Relationships with children.

This quality area focuses on relationships with children being responsive, respectful and promoting children's sense of security and belonging. Relationships of this kind free children to explore the environment and engage in play and learning.

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities.

This quality area focuses on collaborative relationships with families that are fundamental to achieving quality outcomes for children and community partnerships that are based on active communication, consultation and collaboration.



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What difference do stories make?

- Your child learns stories and reading are **FUN!**
- **Grow brains grow!**
About 85% of brain development happens before school. Reading together now, strengthens learning at school and all through life.
- **Concentration** increases by spending time with stories.
- **Listening, talking and communication skills** develop in storytime.
- **Maths language and concepts** are in many picture books- help your child get ready for school maths.
- **Give your child more words to talk with**-picture books have more “unusual” words than any other books.
- **Many stories have a problem to be solved**- encourage your child to learn to ask and answer questions, and work problems out.
- **Rhymes in stories and songs**, build your child’s understanding of the way letters, words, parts of words and sounds work; an important skill for reading readiness at school.
- **Stories grow children’s imagination** for places and things they have never seen, helping talking, reading, writing and confidence at school.
- **Help your child talk and think about their emotions**- characters in stories often show emotions like your child.
- **Children become comfortable with “how books work”** – understanding they have authors and illustrators, a beginning and end, words and sentences, pictures for meaning, and more.

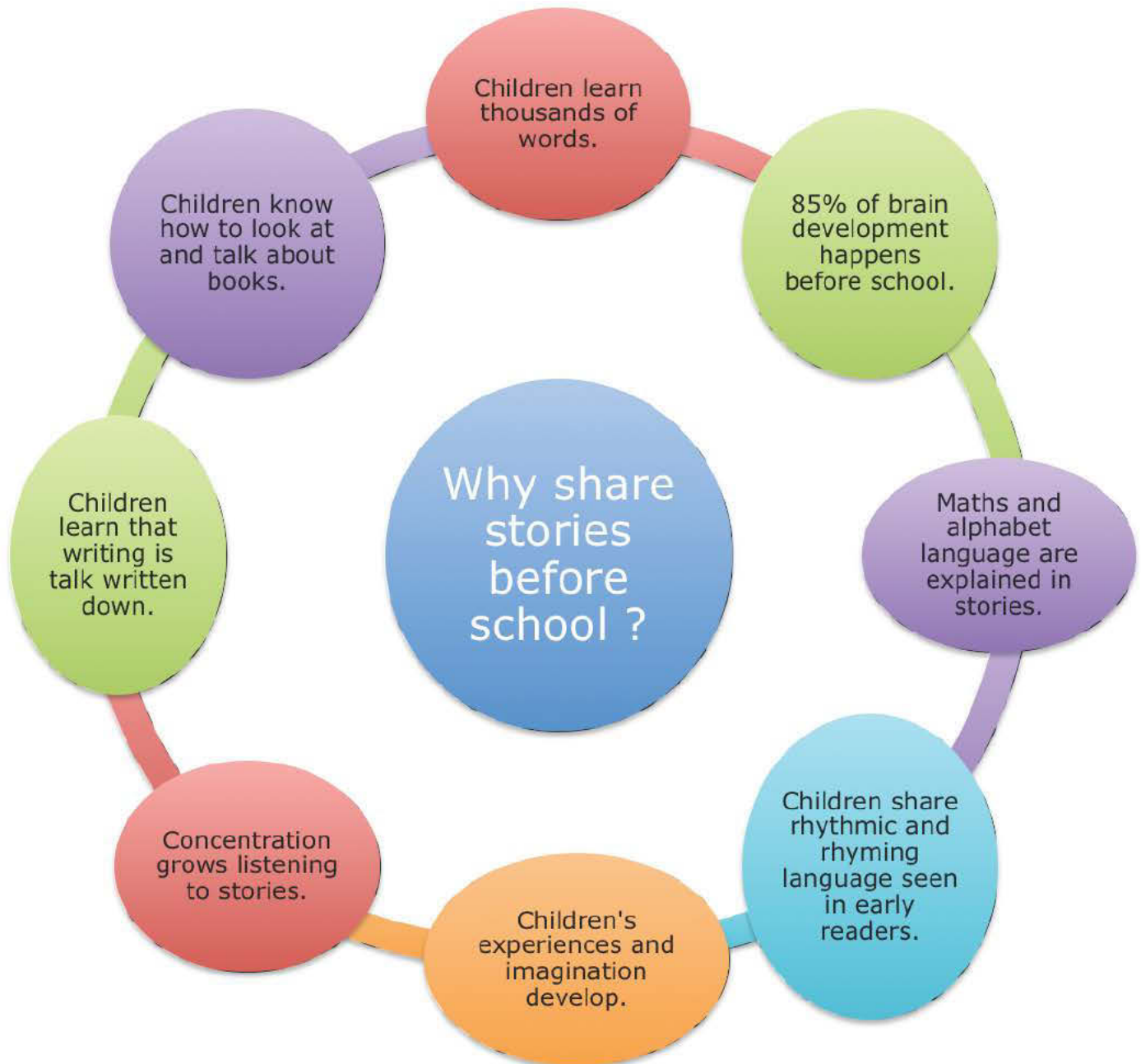
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Talk to your child's early educator, librarian or community worker about more good books.

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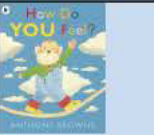

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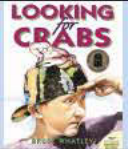
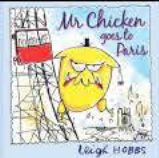
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1.		A is for Aunty by Elaine Russell, ABC books, Harper Collins. 	This alphabet book with an Aboriginal theme tells us about growing up on a mission in Northern New South Wales having fun, billycart racing, and yabby fishing.
2.		All the World, by Liz Garton. Illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books/Simon and Schuster.	A rhyming book where we follow family and friends through their day ...the beach, the farmers market, then to bed.
3.		Amelia Ellicots Garden, Liliana Stafford. Illustrated by Stephen Michael King. Scholastic.	Amelia, an older lady, and her cat Mustafah are lonely. How do their garden and chickens help them become friends with their neighbours, who have come to Australia from all over the world?
4.		Amy and Louis by Libby Gleeson. Illustrated by Freya Blackwood. Scholastic. 	Amy and Louis are best friends who live next door to each other. How can they stay friends when Amy moves away?
5.		Bark George by Jules Feiffer. Harper Collins.	What's to be done? When George's mother tells him to bark, the puppy meows, then quacks, oinks, and finally moos!
6.		Bear and Chook by Lisa Shanahan. Illustrated by Emma Quay. Hachette Children's Books Australia. 	Bear and Chook are best friends. One sunny day by the pond, Chook lets himself get drawn into Bear's wild ideas ... with disastrous results!
7.		Bears in the Night by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Random House Books for Young Readers.	The cheeky little bears have to find their way out of the house and around lots of obstacles to see what is waiting in the forest!
8.		Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr. Henry Holt & Co/Macmillan.	Well-loved rhyming story of Brown Bear and other animals. 25 years of being read to children in 2014.
9.		Caterpillar and Butterfly by Ambelin Kwaymullina. Fremantle Press. 	A beautifully illustrated Aboriginal story about caterpillar overcoming her fear and becoming a butterfly.
10.		Can I Cuddle the Moon? by Kerry Brown. Illus. Lisa Stewart. Scholastic. 	Mother owl is listening to baby owl at bedtime. He wants to cuddle the sun, the stars and what else?

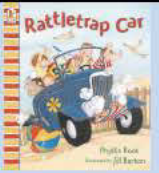

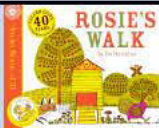

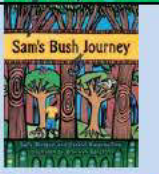

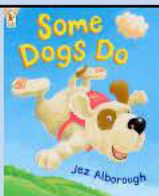
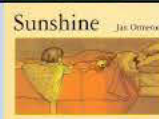
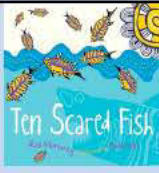
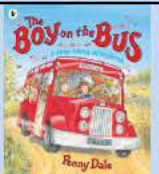
11		Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type, by Doreen Cronin. Illustrated Betsy Lewin. Simon and Schuster.	Farmer Brown has a problem, his cows type and the cows and chickens are asking for electric blankets. What will he do?
12		Corduroy by Don Freeman. Viking Juvenile. (Puffin Australia.)	Corduroy bear is in the toyshop is waiting for someone to buy him and be his friend. One night he goes looking....(This cover is for a board book but it is also available in paperback for 4 years and older.)
13		Dig, Dig, Digging, Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe. Hachette Children's Books, Australia.	Look for diggers, tractors, rubbish trucks, fire engines, and cranes in this rhyming book for younger children. Currently available as a board book.
14		Dog In, Cat Out by Gillian Rubenstein. Illustrated Ann James. Scholastic.	A clock on the pages shows the family, dog and cat going through their day. Almost wordless except for "in" and "out"!
15		Don't Forget the Bacon by Pat Hutchins. Random House Australia.	A little boy and his dog go to the shops with a list of things to buy. That can't be too hard, can it?
16		Duck in the truck by Jez Alborough. Harper Collins.	This is the tale of a duck in a truck - a truck that was stuck in some yucky brown muck. How do they fix the problem? Part of a series.
17		Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. Penguin Australia.	A poem on each page gives the clue to what is hiding in the picture opposite, (Nursery rhyme characters.)
18		Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles. Illustrated by Rod Clement. Harper Collins	Edward the Emu was sick of the zoo, there was nowhere to go, there was nothing to do, and compared to the seals that lived right next door, well, being an emu was frankly a bore!
19		Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor. Illustrated Robyn Preiss Glasser. HarperCollins.	Meet Nancy, from the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes; Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy.(Part of a series.)
20		Fearless by Colin Thompson. Illus. by Sarah Davis. Harper Collins.	When the Claybourne-Willments, got Fearless as a little puppy, it seemed a good name for him. Except Fearless wasn't. How does Fearless finally live up to his name? By accident, of course.


21		(The) Foggy Foggy Forest by Nick Sharratt. Walker Books.	Who's lurking in the foggy forest? Look through the trees and guess the shapes to find out!
22		Giraffes can't Dance by Giles Andreae. Illustrated Guy Parker- Rees. Hachette Children's Books.	Gerald would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?
23		Good Dog Carl (series) by Alexandra Day. Aladdin Paperbacks USA.	A very funny, almost wordless book. Carl is relied on by his family to help them in lots of ways, especially looking after the baby!
24		Good night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann. Hardie Grant.	A wordless book. The zookeeper is putting all the animals to bed when gorilla steals his keys and lets the other animals out. What will happen?
25		Good Night Me, by Andrew Daddo. Illus. Emma Quay. Hachette Children's Books, Australia.	The baby orangutan goes to sleep each night saying good night to each part of himself.
26		Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella by Pamela Allen. Puffin/Penguin Australia.	The sun is shining and the sea is singing. Grandpa and Thomas go to the beach. But all of a sudden, the sun goes, the wind blows and the green umbrella flies bowling and bobbing away.
27		Grandpa and Thomas by Pamela Allen. Puffin/Penguin Australia.	Pamela Allen shows the special relationship between grandchild and grandfather in another day at the beach.
28		Greetings from Sandy Beach by Bob Graham. Hachette.	A family shares a camping holiday at the beach with schoolkids and the Disciples of Death motorbike gang!
29		Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss (see Dr Seuss series)	"Sam I am" wants everyone to try green eggs and ham. Would you try it? Random House Books for Young Readers, Harper Collins USA.
30		Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney. Illus Anita Jeram. Walker books.	The story of Little and Big Nutbrown Hares' efforts to show their love for each other.

31		Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd. ONLINE	Hairy Maclary sets off for his adventures with his furry friends like "Muffin Mclay like a bundle of hay, and Bottomley Potts covered in spots." Available in print and online. Read along with Mrs Mac- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWe3HGns4mc Find other stories on YouTube and other sites.
32		Handa's Hen by Eileen Brown. Walker Books.	Handa and Akeyo look for Grandma's special black hen in a counting story, using animals.
33		Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. Walker Books.	A vibrant and colourful African story featuring Handa, who puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend, Akeyo. As she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various animals steal her fruit.
34		Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs series. Ian Whybrow. Illus. Adrian Reynolds. Puffin USA.	Harry is a little boy with a BIG imagination, and he takes his dinosaurs with him everywhere he goes. In the first story, one day he leaves them on the train! Also available through Scholastic Australia/Koala books.
35		Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion. Illus Margaret Bloy Graham. Random house Australia. (print)	Harry is a white dog with black spots. One day he goes out to play and turns into a black dog with white spots. His family do not know who he is! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j0OY3236jw http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_qd4MZL4rQ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdqyAnNGxqo
36		Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox. Illus Patricia Mullins. Scholastic.	Hattie, a large black hen, tries to warn the other animals on the farm that there is something or someone lurking behind the trees.
37		Home made books-photo albums, class book, scrapbooks. Home/class made.	Children love looking at photos of themselves, their family and what they do each day. Recipe books with pictures and scrapbooks with themes (e.g. big, small, long, short, red, green, food, clothes, up, down, in, out) all help grow language.
38		How Do You feel? Anthony Browne. Walker Books.	How do you feel? Sometimes you feel happy, sometimes sad. Sometimes you even feel surprised.
39		How the Birds got their Colours, Mary Albert and Pamela Lofts. Scholastic.	This book is based on a story told by Mary Albert, of the Bardi people, to Aboriginal children living in Broome, Western Australia.
40		Isabella's Garden, Glenda Millard. Illus. Rebecca Cool. Walker Books.	Following the rhyming pattern of "The House That Jack Built", Isabella's Garden tells the story of growth and seasonal change, beginning and ending with the seeds that slept in the soil.




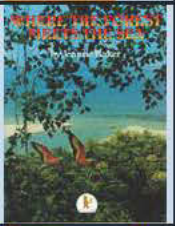

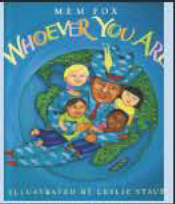

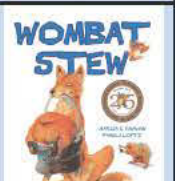


41		It's a Miroocool!' by Christine Harris. Illustrated Ann James. Little Hare Books. 	Audrey lives in the outback, so when she loses her first tooth, she's worried the tooth fairy will never find her! How will she let the tooth fairy know where she lives... and what will the tooth fairy leave her?
42		John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat by Jenny Wagner, Illus. Ron Brooks. Penguin. 	Rose lived with her dog, John Brown. 'Just the two of us,' said Rose, until the mysterious midnight cat came along, and things began to change. If unavailable try: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8rOvHJf98I
43		Josephine Wants To Dance by Jackie French. Illustrated Bruce Whatley Harper Collins. 	A story about the importance of believing in yourself. Josephine loves to dance. The emus show her how to point her toes. The eagles teach her how to soar to the music of the wind. Then the ballet comes to the sleepy town of Shaggy Gully and Josephine learns that there's a new way to dance. Jackie French is the Australian Children's Laureate 2014.
44		Looking for Crabs by Bruce Whatley. Harper Collins. 	When you are on holidays and it's too cold to swim, what can you do? You can look for crabs! But search carefully, they are very hard to find.
45		Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. Harper Collins.	One day a penguin arrives on a boy's doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him home. They set out in his rowboat on a journey to the South Pole.
46		Marmaduke Duck and the Marmalade Jam by Juliette MacIver. Illustrated Sarah Davis Scholastic New Zealand.	Marmaduke Duck's friends on the farm all want to eat his marmalade jam. How can the farmer help save the day? A fun rhyming book. Also try Marmaduke Duck and Bernadette Bear.
47		Mr. Chicken goes to Paris by Leigh Hobbs. Allen and Unwin. 	We go abroad with Mr. Chicken, who tours the magnifique sights of Paris, unaware that his enormous top-hatted self is the most astonishing spectacle of all.
48		My Granny Went to Market by Stella Blackstone. Illus. Christopher Corr. Barefoot books UK.	Granny goes around the world on her magic carpet- a counting book.
49		Nursery Rhyme collection. (Any or make your own)	Nursery rhymes are important to help children hear sounds in words that will help later with reading at school. Ask your child's teacher or librarian to show you some.
50		One Dragon's Dream by Peter Pavey. Walker books Australia. 	A fantasy story, as a clever and unique counting book, full of hidden surprises. Each picture poses a challenge to find the matching objects

51		One Mole Digging A Hole, by Julia Donaldson. Illus Nick Sharratt. Macmillan.	A rhyming counting book from 1-10 finding all the animals doing the gardening. How cool do they look in their sunglasses!
52		Online Aboriginal story - The blue Wren 	Hear the Aboriginal story of the Blue Wren from an Aboriginal elder with pictures of all the birds. http://trevorcairney.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/appreciating-aboriginal-dreamtime.html
53		Pants by Giles Andreae. Illustrated Nick Sharratt. Picture Corgi/Random House UK.	A short book that children will find very funny about all different sorts of animal's and people's pants.
54		Pearl Barley and Charley Parsley by Aaron Blabey. Penguin/Puffin Children's Books.	Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are the best of friends. But they are different in almost every way . . . A tale about self-belief, courage - and above all - the power of friendship. 
55		Peepo by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. Penguin/Puffin Children's Books.	A series of holes peeping through to the next page leads the child on to the next stage in the day, giving a hint of what is to come.
56		Peggy by Anna Walker. Scholastic. 	Peggy lives in a small house in a quiet street. One blustery day a big gust of wind sweeps down and scoops up leaves, twigs and . . . Peggy! The wind blows Peggy into the city, where she discovers strange new things, but how will she find her way back home?
57		Pigs by Sheri Doyle. Photos Fran Ortiz. Capstone Press USA.	A non-fiction picture book with photographs- all about cute pigs! (Part of a farm animals series). (Sourced from Beecroft Children's Bookshop, distributed in Australia by Educational Concepts)
58		Possum and Wattle My Big Book of Australian Words by Sally Morgan. Illus. by Bronwyn Bancroft.	Wonderful Aboriginal illustrations take us through the Alphabet and include many special Australian words. 
59		Possum Magic by Mem Fox. Illus Julie Vivas. Omnibus/ Scholastic. 	Grandma Poss had magic that made Hush invisible. They find a way to make Hush visible again- go around Australia!
60		Press Here, Herve Tullet. Allen and Unwin.	Touch the dots and see what will happen, and then read all over again. Are the dots moving in the book?







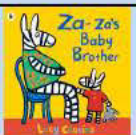
61		Rattletrap Car, Phyllis Root. Illustrated Jill Barton. Walker books.	Poppa, Junie, Jake and the baby want to go for a swim. Their old car keeps stopping on the way and they have many funny ways to fix it with things they have brought for the day.
62		Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. Illustrated Axel Scheffler. Macmillan Children's Books.	The witch and her cat need help from the other animals who all want to get on the broom. But is there enough room?
63		Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. Random House Australia.	Rosie the hen goes for a walk but the fox is following her- an almost wordless book with lots of room for imagination.
64		Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz. Hachette Children's Books.	Come into the jungle for a noisy rhyming romp packed with favourite animals, from tigers to chimpanzees, brought to life with fun, vibrant artwork.
65		Sam's Bush Journey by Sally Morgan & Ezekiel Kwaymullina. Little Hare.	Sam doesn't like the outdoors and would be happy if it all disappeared. But when he goes to stay with his grandmother he learns that the outdoors has many things to see and find.
66		Slinky Malinki (from Hairy Maclary series) Lynley Dodd. Puffin/Penguin Books.	Slinky Malinki is a very bad cat who will steal anything, from a clothes peg, or a slipper, to a string of sausages or a clock. A story told in witty and imaginative rhyme.
67		Some Dogs Do, by Jez Alborough. Walker Books.	On the way to school one day, Sid is so full of happiness that he starts to fly. But no one believes him. "Dogs don't fly," they say. Poor Sid is miserable, until his Dad lets him in on an amazing secret: some dogs do!
68		Sunshine by Jan Ormerod. Walker Books.	It's morning, and the first rays of sunlight shine into a little girl's bedroom and wake her up. She gets out of bed and gets ready to start her day. A wordless book.
69		Ten Scared Fish by Ros Moriarty and Balarinji. Allen and Unwin.	Ten Scared Fish is an animal counting book with a difference. Following the river to the sea, the reader meets and counts the animals until finally ten little fish meet a big scary shark!
70		The Boy on the Bus by Penny Dale. Walker Books.	The boy on the bus drives round and round, round and round, but who wants to ride on his bus? Ducks. Pigs. A horse. Who else? A host of more noisy animal passengers! So jump on board the bus and get ready to join in and sing-along with this energetic nursery song. Ding-ding! Off we go!

71		The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss, Random House Books For Young Readers. USA.	The Cat in the Hat causes all sorts of mischief when Mum goes out. We love him and "Thing one "and "Thing two".
72		The Firefighters, by Sue Whiting. Illustrated Donna Rawlins. Walker Books.	Children and their teacher have fun pretending to do all the things firefighters do at their early childhood centre.
73		The Gruffalo/ The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson, Illus Axel Scheffler. Puffin Books.	Be careful walking in the forest- you might meet a Gruffalo!
74		The Pros & Cons of Being a Frog' by Sue DeGennaro. Scholastic.	Frogboy and Camille are best friends but they are very different. Camille speaks in numbers and Frogboy likes to dress up. With Camille's help he finds that dressing up as a frog is perfect for him, but when he tries to convince his friend to be a frog too, his plan goes terribly wrong.
75		The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. North-South Books.	The rainbow fish has beautiful shiny scales and the other fish ask him for his scales. Will he want to share them? The first book in a series.
76		The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen, Illustrated by Freya Blackwood. Omnibus/Scholastic.	A story about starting school, new experiences and making new friends.
77		The Three Little Pigs and other traditional tales. Multiple publishers.	Try: The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Enormous Turnip, Cinderella, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Hansel and Gretel, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Also look for traditional tales from different countries. (See Global books or online)
78		The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Penguin U.K./Picture Puffin.	The imaginative illustration and clever cut-out detail show the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.
79		The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland. Scholastic.	When four friends encounter a cranky Bear, Moose, Lion and Zebra all think they know how to cheer him up. But it is plain, boring Sheep who has the answer.
80		The Waterhole by Graeme Base. Penguin Australia.	A counting book, puzzle book, storybook and art book – a journey of discovery, from the plains of Africa and the Jungles of the Amazon to the woodlands of North America and the deserts of outback Australia.

81		(The) Whole World by Christopher Corr (and Fred Penner for CD) Barefoot books UK.	Based on the traditional song "We've got the whole world in our hands". Go around our world and see the mountains and valleys, lakes and rivers, birds of the air and more.
82		The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith. Scholastic New Zealand.	The scallywag Wonky Donkey has lots of words to describe his wonderful self !!
83		The Wrong Book by Nick Bland. Scholastic.	Nicholas Ickle is trying to tell a story, but he keeps getting interrupted by characters from other stories. A pirate, a queen, even some monsters! To get a chance to tell his story, he has to convince the others that they are in the wrong book.
84		Too Many Elephants In This House , by Ursula Dubosarsky. Illus by Andrew Joyner. Penguin/Puffin.	In Eric's house there were too many elephants – in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom! The elephants take up a lot of space, but Eric loves every one of them. So when his Mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever answer to a very BIG problem. Simultaneous Storytime book 2014.
85		Time for Bed by Mem Fox. Illus Jane Dyer. Scholastic /Omnibus USA	A gentle bedtime story where different animals are put to bed by their parents.
86		Too Loud Lily by Sophie Laguna, Illustrated Kerry Argent. Omnibus/Scholastic.	Lily finds just where she can be loud and proud of it. It's in the school play!
87		Walking Through the Jungle by Julie Lacome. Walker Books.	What do you see walking through the jungle? Wild animals all making different, scary, noises.
88		We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. Walker Books.	Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest. (25 years old in 2014!)
89		Wendy by Gus Gordon. Penguin Australia.	Wendy doesn't want to be just any old chicken. She wants "Adventure". She wants "Excitement". She wants "TO BE A STAR"! And then a travelling circus comes to town . . .
90		What animals Really Like , Fiona Robinson. Abrams Books For Young Readers UK.	These animals in the show do not do what you would expect...the cows do not moo, they dig! The lions arrange flowers- what do the other animals do best?

91		'When I'm Feeling' series of books by Trace Moroney. Five Mile Press.	Excellent series of books that help children understand and talk about how they feel with different emotions.
92		Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. Random House Children's Books.	Max sails away across the sea to meet the Wild Things. They roar their terrible roars but when he gets back to his bedroom his dinner is still hot.
93		Where's my Teddy? Jez Alborough Walker Books.	Little Eddy loses his toy bear and has to go looking for him in the dark, horrible woods - where he is in for a gigantic surprise.
94		Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker. Walker Books.	A young boy and his father visit the rainforest in their boat "the time machine". The boy pretends he can see the forest as it used to be with animals and aboriginal children. How will it change in the future? Wonderful illustrations.
95		Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen. Penguin Books Australia.	One warm sunny morning, a donkey, a cow, a pig, a sheep, and a tiny little mouse, decide to go for a row in a boat. How many can fit in?
96		Whoever you are by Mem Fox. Illus. Leslie Staub. Hodder/Hachette Children's Books, Australia.	Every day all over Australia, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. And their lives may be quite different. But inside, they are just like you.
97		With Nan by Tania Cox. Illustrated by Karen Blair. Windy Hollow Books.	A leaf that flies...A rock that hops... These are some of the wonderful things that Simon sees on his walk with Nan. Simon takes a walk through the bush with his Nan and along the way finds out that things are not always what they seem.
98		Wombat Stew by Marcia K Vaughan. Illustrated by Pamela Lofts. Scholastic.	A rhyming story of very clever dingo, who decided to make wombat stew! What, or who, is he going to put in there?
99		http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/tikkabilla/stories/tikkabilla-rupeetree/ ONLY ONLINE	Online stories from different countries, with a choice of seeing words. Example here: The Rupee Tree.
100		Yummy 8 Favourite fairy tales by Lucy Cousins. Candlewick Press.	Retold in this book: Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Enormous Turnip, Henny Penny, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, The Little Red Hen, The Three Little Pigs and The Musicians of Bremen.

	Other favourites worth reading	The library may hold only 1 or none, but should be available online-see links, or support your local bookshop.
	Local Aboriginal Elder. Early Words website 	Listen to stories told to her grandchildren by a local Aboriginal elder. Online YouTube. www.earlywords.info
	Bilby Secrets' by Edel Wignell & illustrated by Mark Jackson. Walker Books. 	A beautiful narrative non-fiction book, which follows the life of a bilby, an Australian marsupial. The story depicts a young bilby's birth, habitat, behaviour and diet.
	Dinner Time by Jan Pienkowski. Piggy Toes Press.	A pop up book with different animal faces and a scary ending. An old favourite!
	Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. Harper Collins.	In a great green room, tucked away in bed, is a little bunny. "Goodnight room, goodnight moon." And to all the familiar things in the softly lit room, to the picture of the three little bears sitting in chairs, to the clocks and his socks, to the mittens and the kittens, to everything, one by one, he says goodnight.
	K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker Rees. Orchard books.	Rhyming alphabet book with bright pictures of different objects, animals and feelings. Play "I Spy" at the end.
	Mister Magnolia by Quentin Blake. Random House UK.	A rhyming book about the fantastic Mr. Magnolia. Sadly he has only one boot! One day, a strange parcel arrives, and at last Mr. Magnolia can splash in the puddles with everyone else!
	Mother, Mother, I Want Another by Maria Polushkin Robbins. Dragonfly Books.	Baby mouse wants another kiss goodnight, but mother mouse thinks he wants another mother! She tries to find lots of animal mothers to help him.
	My Dad by Anthony Browne. Corgi Children's through Random House Australia.	My dad can wrestle with giants, eat like a horse, swim like a fish . . . can yours?
	One Hungry Spider by Jeannie Baker. Scholastic. 	A counting book with a day in the life of a hungry spider. What does the spider see?

	Someone special, just like you by Tricia Brown, photographs Fran Ortiz. Henry Holt and Company, New York.	Black and white photographs show children with additional needs doing everyday things they like "just like you". A story to show we all have similar feelings and enjoy many of the same activities. (Source: Global books Sydney.)
	Somewhere in Australia by Marcello Pennacchio, Illus Danny Snell. Scholastic Australia.	Find, count, and hear the calls of all the Australian animals in their homes - the outback, rainforest, river and scorching sun- based on the rhyme of "over in the meadow". 
	The Lion & Mouse by Jerry Pinkey. Walker books.	A stunning, beautifully illustrated wordless version of one of Aesop's best-loved fables, where the little mouse rescues the lion.
	The Trouble with Dad by Babette Cole Egmont Children's Books.	A funny story where Dad becomes an inventor and lots of things go wrong with the robots he makes.
	The Mitten by Alvin Tresselt, illus Yaroslava. Harper Collins.	An old Ukrainian folk tale. A little boy drops his mitten in the cold snow. Some animals find a new home in the mitten. How many fit in?
	The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise. Harper Collins.	Baby Bunny tells Mother Bunny he will run away but Mother Bunny shows him how she will always love him and find him.
	Za Za's baby brother, Lucy Cousins. Walker books.	Za-za doesn't like having a new baby brother. His Mum is always tired and everyone spends all their time coo-ing and cuddling the baby. What about Za-za? No one has any time for him!
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