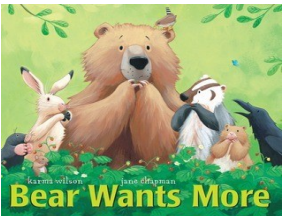
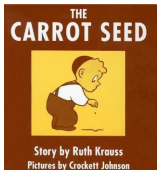


Over In the Meadow by Olive A. Wadsworth & Ezra Jack Keats (1999) **Ages: 1-3 years**
Welcome to a lush meadow bustling with activity, where one turtle digs, two fish swim, three bluebirds sing, and so on to ten fireflies that shine in the night. Keats's collage-style illustrations perfectly complement this classic Appalachian counting rhyme, which is also a popular song for toddlers.

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss (2000) **Ages: 1-4 years**

When a little boy plants a carrot seed, everyone tells him it won't grow. But when you are very young, there are some things that you just know, and the little boy *knows* that one day a carrot will come up. So he waters his seed, and pulls the weeds, and he waits...

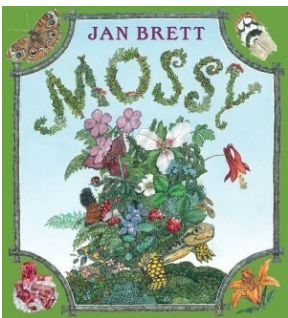
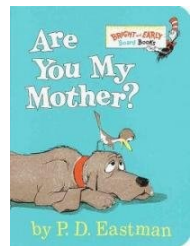


Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson (2003) **Ages: 1-4 years**

"When springtime comes, in his warm winter den a bear wakes up very hungry and *thin!*..." Bear finds some roots to eat, but that's not enough. He wants more! With his friends' help, he finds some berries, clover, and fish to eat, but that's not enough. Bear wants more!

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman (1960) **Ages: 1-4 years**

A baby bird goes in search of his mother in this hilarious Beginner Book edited by Dr. Seuss. When a mother bird's egg starts to jump, she hurries off to make sure she has something for her little one to eat. But as soon as she's gone, out pops the baby bird. He immediately sets off to find his mother, but not knowing what she looks like makes it a challenge. The little hatchling is determined to find his mother, even after meeting a kitten, a hen, a dog, and a Snort.

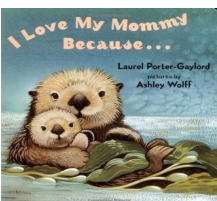
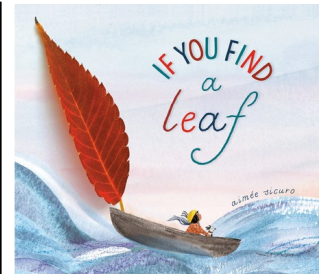


Mossy by Jan Brett (2012) **Ages: 3-7 years**

Who will help Mossy return home to Lilypad Pond? Mossy, an amazing turtle with a gorgeous garden growing on her shell, loses her freedom when Dr. Carolina, a biologist, takes her to live in her Edwardian museum. Visitors flock to see Mossy, but it is Dr. Carolina's niece, Tory, who notices how sad Mossy is living in a viewing pavilion. She misses the outdoors and her friend, Scoot. Dr. Carolina finds a way to keep the spirit of Mossy alive at the museum. She invites Flora and Fauna to paint Mossy's portrait. Then she and Tory take Mossy home, where Scoot is waiting for her.

If You Find a Leaf by Aimée Sicuro (2022) **Ages: 3-7 years**

Every year, gusts of wind blow colorful autumn leaves to the ground. Some leaves make a crunch under foot, and others are so beautiful they deserve to be saved. In this story a young artist draws inspiration from the leaves she collects and every leaf sparks a new idea. She imagines turning a Japanese Zelkova leaf into a boat to sail far away, a Honey Locust leaf into a swing to sway in the gentle breeze, and an American Basswood leaf into a hot air balloon to float high above the trees.



I Love My Mommy Because... by Laurel Porter-Gaylord (2004) **Ages: 0-3 years**

"I love my mommy because she gives me great big hugs." This book begins with a heartwarming scene between a human parent and child, but moves on to loving care in many animal families. "She listens when I talk," says a mewling kitten. "She tucks me in," says a joey kangaroo.



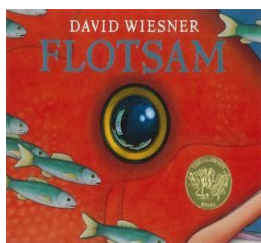


Paletero Man by Lucky Diaz (2020) **Ages: 4-7 years**

Ring! Ring! Ring! Can you hear his call? Paletas for one! Paletas for all! What's the best way to cool off on a hot summer day? Run quick and find Paletero José! Follow along with our narrator as he passes through his busy neighborhood in search of the Paletero Man. But when he finally catches up with him, our narrator's pockets are empty. Oh no! What happened to his dinero? It will take the help of the entire community to get the tasty treat now.

Mayhem at the Museum by Luciano Lozano (2020) **Ages: 4-7 years**

Paintings and sculptures come to life when a young girl visits the Metropolitan Museum of Art with her classmates. What starts as just another tour of the museum becomes a joyful parade as the art, which must not be touched, touches the young museum-goers in surprising ways.



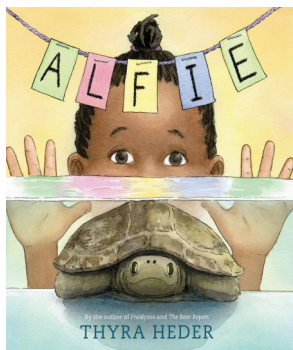
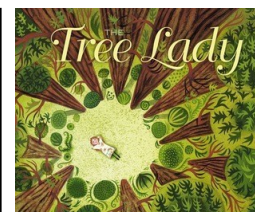
Flotsam by David Wiesner (2006) **Ages: 3-7 years**

A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine flotsam - anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets to share... and to keep.



The Tree Lady by H. Joseph Hopkins (2013) **Ages: 3-8 years**

Kate decided that San Diego needed trees more than anything else. So this trailblazing young woman singlehandedly started a massive movement that transformed the town into the green, garden-filled oasis it is today. Now, more than 100 years after Kate first arrived in San Diego, her gorgeous gardens and parks can be found all over the city.

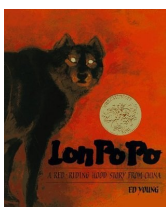
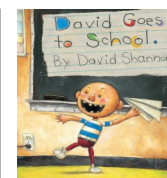


Alfie by Thyra Heder (2017) **Ages: 4-7 years**

Nia loves Alfie, her pet turtle. But he's not very soft, he doesn't do tricks, and he's pretty quiet. Sometimes she forgets he's even there—that is, until the night before her seventh birthday, when... Alfie disappears! Where did he go? And why? Nia can't say... but Alfie can. This is his story, and the narrative switches to Alfie's perspective as the brave turtle goes on the hunt for the perfect gift for Nia's birthday. He explores the house, encountering the family dog, then ventures out onto the fire escape, down into the yard, and through a sandbox until he grows cold and tired. A friendly snail suggests that Alfie take a nap in the pond in the yard.

David Goes to School by David Shannon (2021) **Ages: 3-6 years**

David's teacher has her hands full. From running in the halls to chewing gum in class, David's high-energy antics fill each school day with trouble – and are sure to bring a smile to even the best-behaved reader.



Lon Po Po by Ed Young (1996) **Ages: 3-7 years**

But one day she had to leave to visit their granny, so she warned her children to close the door tight and to latch it. Soon after, to their surprise, there was a knock at the door and a voice saying that it was their granny, their Po Po. What could the children do but let her in? But what a low voice she had, what thorny hands, and what a hairy face!



Someday by Alison McGhee (2007) **Ages: 0-4 years**

A mother's love leads to a mother's dream – every mother's dream – for her child to live life to its fullest. A deceptively simple, powerful ode to the potential of love and the potential in life. A book about teaching kids that no matter how young or old, we always need our mothers.

