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## **SOME FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**

I choose books for speech and language teaching that have one or more of these qualities that not only promote communication skills but also early literacy skills: rhyming; repetitive sentence patterns; just a few words on each page (words highlighted in some way); target language patterns such as past tense verbs or adjectives; target sentence patterns such as questions; vocabulary-builders; target phonological patterns (speech sounds); fun, important content or teaches a character trait.

It's great for parents to have a variety of books in their libraries-including wordless books. Wordless books allow the child to be creative or possibly to remember how they heard the story. Of course, children love books with flaps to open or tactile components to touch!

### Board Books:

- *One With a Bun*, Jonathan Allen
- *But Not The Hippopotamus*, Sandra Boynton
- *What's For Lunch*, Eric Carle
- *Moo, Baa, LaLaLa*, Sandra Boynton
- *I Went Walking*, Sue Williams
- *The Going to Bed Book*, Sandra Boynton
- *Spot's First Words*, Eric Hill
- *Grandpa and Me*, Neil Rinkle

### Picture Books:

- *We Are In A Book!*, Mo Willems
- *Can I Play Too?*, Mo Willems
- *Chica Chica Boom Boom*, Bill Martin, Jr.
- *Don't Let The Pigeon Stay Up Late*, Mo Willems
- *I Promise I'll Find You*, Heather Patricia Ward
- *David Gets in Trouble*, David Shannon
- *The Mitten*, Jan Brett
- *Mouse Mess*, Linnea Riley
- *Have You Seen Duck?*, Janet Holmes and Jonathan Bentley
- *Who Ate It?*, Taro Gomi
- *Ten Little Ladybugs*, Melanie Gerth

- *One More Thing, Dad*, Susan Thompson
- *Tuesday*, David Weisner (mostly wordless)
- *Am I A Frog?*, Kees Moerbeek
- *Playing*, Sarah Prince
- *Do You Want to Be My Friend?*, Eric Carle (wordless)
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, Bill Martin and Eric Carle
- *The Little Island*, Golden MacDonald
- *The Cows Are In the Corn*, James Young
- *Goodnight Moon*, Margaret Wise Brown
- *Time For Bed*, Mem Fox
- *Swimmy*, Leo Lionni
- *Vincent Van Gogh's Cat*, the Second Grade Students of East Washington Academy of Muncie, Indiana (Scholastic)
- *Yo! Yes?* Chris Raschka
- *The Wide-Mouthed Frog*, Keith Faulkner
- *The Greedy Python*, Buckley and Carle
- *Bear's Loose Tooth*, Wilson and Chapman
- *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*, Steve Jenkins
- *Whose Mouse Are You?*, Robert Kraus
- *Just Grandma and Me*, Mercer Mayer

And for when the children are a little bit older (first grade and up, generally):

- *Chicken Sunday*, Patricia Polacco
- *You Are Special*, Max Lucado
- *The Meanest Thing to Say*, Bill Cosby
- *Owl Moon*, Jane Yolen
- *Animalogies*, the Fourth Grade Students of Six to Six Interdistrict Magnet School Bridgeport, Conn. (Scholastic)
- *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones*, Ruth Heller
- *Manana, Iguana*, Ann Whitford Paul

*What a treasure books are!! There are many, many more great books than I can list here.  
Enjoy!!*