**What's New in Children's Picture Books?**  
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**Reading Tip:** Research shows that children who have larger vocabularies are better readers. Knowing many words helps children recognize written words and understand what they read.

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### New Book Recommendations for Babies and Toddlers (Birth–3)

**Good Night! Good Night!** by Carin Berger  
Three little bunnies do not want to go to bed, and they use every excuse they can think of to stay up just a little longer. **Theme:** Bedtime

**I’ll Wait, Mr. Panda** by Steve Antony  
Mr. Panda is making something, and all of his animal friends are interested—but only Penguin is willing to wait to see what it is. **Theme:** Patience

**Listen to Our World** by Bill Martin Jr.  
Youngsters awaken in the morning with the belief that they are the greatest little ones in the world, whether they are children in their mothers' arms, eagles soaring above mountains or other animals in their domains. **Themes:** Animals, Habitats

**Little Penguins** by Cynthia Rylant  
During the first snowy day of winter, five little penguins bundle up and venture outside to play. **Themes:** Winter, Penguins

**The Monkey and the Bee** by C.P Bloom  
The monkey has finally gotten his banana. A bumble bee wants a bite. The monkey tries to swat away the bee, but in the process finds himself with a bigger problem on his hands. **Theme:** Friends

**My Thumb** by Karen Hesse  
Follows the antics of a happy little girl who explains how sucking her thumb is comforting and that her parents do not need to worry about it. **Theme:** Thumb Sucking

**The Tree** by Neal Layton  
A little fable about how cutting down one tree can negatively affect the different forms of life that use the tree for their needs and protection. **Themes:** Fables, Forest

**Walking in a Winter Wonderland** by Felix Bernard  
This picture book celebrates winter, using the lyrics of the song “Winter Wonderland.” **Themes:** Winter, Play, Song

**Welcome to My House: A Collection of First Words** by Gaia Stella  
Explores items in a house, providing depictions and labels for such items as a bedside lamp, rocking horse, toothbrush and dish towel. **Theme:** Household Items

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