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.

New Book Recommendations for Preschool Children (Ages 3–5)

The Bear and the Piano
by David Litchfield
A bear finds a piano in the woods, learns to play it and travels to the big city to become rich and famous, but ultimately discovers that his old friends back home are still the best audience of all.
Theme: Music

Click, Clack, Surprise!
by Doreen Cronin
Little Duck celebrates his first birthday with the other animals on the farm by copying their examples, from shearing off all his feathers to taking a mudbath, before enjoying Farmer Brown’s yummy frosted maple cake.
Theme: Birthdays

Flight School
by Lita Judge
Little Penguin, who has the “soul of an eagle,” enrolls in flight school.
Themes: Flight, Penguin, Birds

A Good Day for a Hat
by T. Nat Fuller
Although the world beyond his front door continually changes, this hat-loving bear has the hats ready to face it.
Theme: Hats

Grumpy Pants
by Claire Messer
Penguin is having a grumpy day, no matter what he does, he just can’t shake it. Sometimes the only thing left to do is wash the grumpy day away and start over.
Themes: Moods, Baths, Bedtime

Mine!
by Jeff Mack
Two mice argue with increasing heat over their mutual border, until someone bigger intervenes.
Themes: Sharing, Quarreling

Rappy the Raptor
by Dan Gutman
Rappy the Raptor tells the story of how he became a rapping velociraptor, all in rhyme.
Themes: Dinosaurs, Rap Music, Medical Care

Spot a Lot Vehicle Adventure
by Steve Smallman
A boy delivers a package by taking many different vehicles to reach his destination. Spot and count different things on each page.
Themes: Picture Puzzles, Counting

There’s a Giraffe in My Soup
by Ross Burach
Each time a waiter returns with a new bowl of soup to satisfy a customer’s complaint, a different animal appears in the soup.
Themes: Animals, Restaurants

Two Mice
by Sergio Ruzzier
Illustrations and minimal text follow two mice as they set off on an adventure that includes a shipwreck, kidnapping by a bird of prey, a narrow escape and a moonlit stroll home.
Theme: Adventure and Adventurers

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