What's New in Children’s Picture Books?
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Reading Tip: The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is designed to help caregivers prepare children for one of life’s big milestones: kindergarten. For more information go to: research.fairfaxcounty.gov/early-literacy/1000books. Sign children up at your local library branch.

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

Daydreaming by Mark Tatulli
A young boy’s normal day at school, is disrupted by his overactive imagination.
Themes: Dreams, Imagination

Don’t go to School by Maire Zepf
Benno is really excited for his first day of school, but Mommy wants him to stay at home with her.
Theme: First Day of School

Goldfish on Vacation by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Three goldfish live in a small bowl, in an apartment building, in the middle of a big city, until one summer they get to go on vacation—in a fountain, with the neighborhood goldfish.
Theme: Vacations

Have a Look, Says Book by Richard Jackson
Through illustrations and simple, rhyming text, a book invites its reader to explore fluffy, furry or squishy objects and creatures, both real and imaginary that are found within its pages.
Themes: Books and Reading, Touch

Lola Knows a Lot by Jenna McCarthy
Lola, worried about beginning school, lists all her areas of expertise and realizes that she is ready to learn more.
Themes: Learning, First Day of School

Pignic by Matt Phelan
A pig experiences adversity but in the end enjoys a perfect summer day. Themes: Play, Summer

Rufus Goes to Sea by Kim T. Griswell
When school lets out for the summer a determined pig who loves to read, decides to become a pirate.
Themes: Pirates, Books and Reading

Summer Walk by Virginia Brimhall Snow
Ramble through the woods, as you join Grammy and her favorite grandkids on a summer walk. Illustrations and rhymes will guide readers as they learn to identify twenty-six different insects.
Themes: Insects, Summer, Grandmothers

I Just Want to Say Good Night by Rachel Isadora
In a village on the African plains, a little girl stalls bedtime by saying good night to various animals and objects.
Theme: Bedtime

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read by Curtis Manley
An enthusiastic reader teaches his two cats to appreciate books, though it takes extra effort to interest one of them in the endeavor.
Themes: Books and Reading, Cats

This document lists books published in the last several years. Find these titles and many other stories at your neighborhood library branch.