Concepts to Go: 
Size, Time, Patterns and Opposites

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Library Books, Songs and Rhymes Mentioned in Presentation

Books With Size

**Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins
This book discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.

**Big and Small, Room for All** by Jo Ellen Bogart
This book explores the size of animate and inanimate objects and their place in the universe.

**Dino Bites!** by Algy Craig Hall
A cumulative story finds a hungry dinosaur munching and crunching and searching for lunch until his appetite leads him to a buzzing noise, a hop and a wriggle before he encounters a big surprise.

**How Big Were Dinosaurs?** by Lita Judge
Dinosaurs and modern life collide in a very young picture book that clearly illustrates how big dinosaurs really were.

**How Long is a Whale?** by Alison Limentani
This book introduces children to the world of numbers, length and underwater wildlife.

**Small, Medium, Large** by Emily Jenkins
Colorful, lively characters will captivate young readers as they discover the wonderful world of relative sizes - an important stepping stone to learning early math skills and measurement.

Additional Verses:
One tiny fish...
One small squid...
One medium jelly fish...
One large turtle...
One giant shark...
One colossal whale...

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One teeny weeny shrimp swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water, swimming in the water.
One teeny weeny shrimp swimming in the water,
  Bubble ... bubble ... bubble ...bubble ... POP!
Books About Time

Big Week for Little Mouse by Eugenie Fernandes
Little Mouse's birthday is coming up and she has one week to get the house ready for her party.

Black Cat, White Cat by Silvia Borando
A black cat who only ever goes out during the day and a white cat who only goes out at night meet in the middle and start a beautiful relationship together.

How Will We Get to the Beach? by Brigitte Luciani
The reader is asked to guess what Roxanne must leave behind (ball, umbrella, book, turtle or baby) as she tries various means of transportation to get to the beach.

One Dog Canoe by Mary Casanova
A girl and her dog set out in their canoe one morning, only to be insistently joined by a series of animals, large and small.

Tree by Britta Teckentrup
A book with peek-through holes that let a child view the changes in a tree throughout the four seasons.

Twelve Hats for Lena: A Book of Months by Karen Katz
Lena Katz creates hats appropriate for each month of the year. Includes instructions for making poster-board hats.

What Time is It, Mr. Crocodile? by Judy Sierra
Mr. Crocodile's plans to catch and eat some pesky monkeys do not work out and he becomes friends with them instead.

Life of a Butterfly (Tune: “Skip to My Lou”)

I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me
I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me
I’m a caterpillar, wiggle with me
What’ll I be my darlin’?

Additional Verses:
A chrysalis, now sleep with me...
A butterfly, come fly with me...

Books Featuring Patterns

Beep, Beep, Vroom, Vroom! by Stuart J. Murphy
As Molly plays with her big brother’s toy cars, readers will see and recognize patterns, an essential first step in learning to reason from the specific to the general.

Bees, Snails & Peacock Tails by Betsy Franco and Steve Jenkins
Explore the hidden shapes in nature.
Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes: Patterns in Nature by Stephen R. Swinburne
A photo-essay featuring patterns that appear in nature, from animal colorings to physical phenomena.

Pattern Bugs by Trudy Harris
Rhyming text and illustrations describe patterns depicted by various insects, including fireflies, moths and caterpillars.

A Pair of Socks by Stuart J. Murphy
This story introduces pattern recognition as a sock searches the house for its lost mate.

Spectacular Spots by Susan Stockdale
Susan Stockdale brings to life a patterned parade of animals, showing young readers some of the many reasons spots are found so often in nature.

Stripes of All Types by Susan Stockdale
This book introduces young readers to the many ways in which animals around the world wear their stripes. An afterword tells a bit more about each animal and where it lives.

Books About Opposites

Big Bear, Small Mouse by Karma Wilson
A big bear and a small mouse discover all of the opposites between their animal friends.

Dot by Patricia Intriago
Pairs of circular shapes convey opposite relationships in the arc of a day.

Marta Big and Small by Jen Arena
In this story that incorporates Spanish words, Marta explores the world of opposites and animals.

Quiet Koala, Noisy Monkey by Liesbet Slegers
This book illustrates opposites such as sleepy and active, quiet and noisy.

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox
A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.

This is Big
This is big, big, big (stretch hands far to sides)
This is small, small, small (cup hands together)
This is short, short, short (hold palms close vertically)
This is tall, tall, tall (hold palms far apart vertically)
This is fast, fast, fast (roll hands quickly)
This is slow, slow, slow (roll hands slowly)
This is yes, yes, yes (nod head)
This is no, no, no (shake head)
Other Songs Mentioned in Presentation

Hello/Goodbye Song
Peanut butter jelly,
Butter and jam.
Let's say hello/goodbye as quiet as we can.
(whisper: hello/goodbye)

Additional Verses:
...loud as we can
...slow as we can
...fast as we can
...high as we can
...low as we can
...nice as we can

Library Resources

Need more book ideas? Find these resources at www.research.fairfaxcounty.gov/early-literacy/preschoolers:

Early Literacy Library Book Bags
Book bag kits with 10-20 books on a variety of school-related themes. Book bags are not available in branches. Customers must put bags on hold.

Fun With Reading
An early literacy publication featuring a book and related activities that will help you read, talk sing, write and play with toddlers and preschoolers.

“I Like Picture Books About....”
A collection of booklists with themes favored by preschoolers.

Ready to Read Newsletter
A bi-monthly publication that offers book suggestions and reading tips.

Ready to Read Resources
Library books, songs, fingerplays and websites on a variety of school-related themes.

Read, Write, Talk, Sing, Play Poster Series
Early literacy posters designed to help caregivers read, talk, sing, write and play with young children.

STEAM Book Poster Series
Early literacy posters designed to show caregivers how to connect books to the concepts of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

What’s New in Picture Books?
A monthly listing of new picture books available at Fairfax County Public Library.