Reading Tip: Use specific names for things when talking with children, like cat and kitten. This helps children learn new words and understand differences between similar things. This is one way to increase their vocabulary.

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

**Animal Talk** by Cynthia Weill
Mexican Folk Art depicted animals and their sounds in English and Spanish. **Themes:** Folk Art-Mexico, Animal Sounds

**Baby Cakes** by Theo Heras
Put on an apron, gather ingredients and measure the flour. Wash sticky fingers, and let mommy put the cakes in the oven. Waiting is the hardest part, but time flies for these playmates whose patience is rewarded with more than just baby cakes. **Themes:** Cooking, Baking

**How are you? Como Estas?** by Angela Dominguez
Two baby giraffes meet a baby ostrich and must guess how their potential new friend is feeling. **Themes:** Languages, Feelings

**I Love Mom With The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
The very hungry caterpillar shows its love for Mom. **Theme:** Mothers

**I Sleep in a Big Bed** by Maria Van Lieshout
A child who used to sleep in a crib celebrates graduating to sleep in a big kids' bed—even though waking up there in the middle of the night can be a little scary. **Themes:** Bedtime, Growth

**Me and the Wild Animals** by Liesbet Slegers
A child describes a variety of wild animals, including those that live in the ocean and the forest. **Theme:** Animals

**Old MacDonald Had a Boat** by Steve Goetz
In this take on the classic folk song, farmer MacDonald and his wife gather their tools and with the helpful farm animals they build—a boat. **Themes:** Songs, Boats

**Thank You Bees** by Toni Yuly
The honey that sweetens our bread comes from bees (thank you, bees). This picture book gives even the youngest readers a subtle sense of how everyday things are related. **Themes:** Gratitude, Nature

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