



Toy/Gift Recommendations for Children

There are countless toys available!

This is just a short list of toys and activities I have loved for the kiddos I work with.

Specifically created for kids under the age of 5 and/or language delayed

- *Books*
- *Blocks*
- *Puzzles*
- *Doll sets*
- *Vehicles*
- *Animals and Farms*
- *Light up toys*
- *Noise Makers*
- *Play-doh*
- *Coloring books*
- *Bubbles*
- *Balls*

Reminders		
<p><u>Be thoughtful of developmental level</u></p> <p>Look for toys that are developmentally appropriate for your child. Think about the skills your child can do plus the skills they are beginning to develop to find fun and engaging toys for them.</p>	<p><u>Toys get lost</u></p> <p>Sorting bins and organizing plans can help toys last longer. Ziplock bags and shoe boxes are great for keeping sets of toys together. Also use play time to learn cleaning up and transitioning skills.</p>	<p><u>It takes time to learn a new skill</u></p> <p>Like everything new, your child may need help learning how to play with the toy. Don't give up if they don't like it the first day. Show your little one how they can play and interact with the new toys. Also a great time for bonding and language exposure!</p>

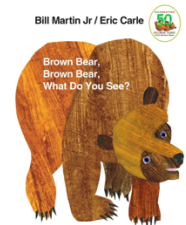
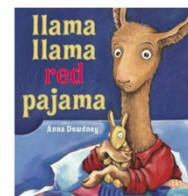
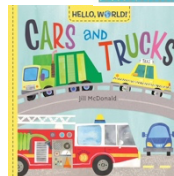
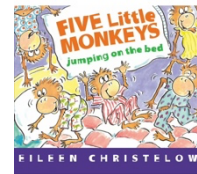
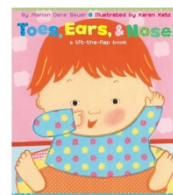
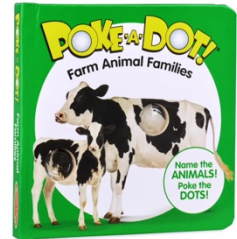
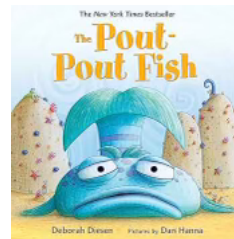
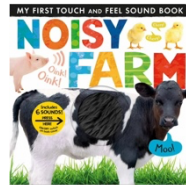


Blocks



Books

- Great for all ages and skill levels!
- Board books are more durable
- Touch and feel books are more interactive
- Talking books are more engaging for independent time





Talking Toys

- Great for cause and effect
- Vocabulary word exposure
- Sounds and lights keep attention
- Examples: Microphones, Talking Cactus, Stuffed Animals with Buttons, Pretend phones



Pretend Play

Themes

- Kitchen/Food
- Doctor's kit
- Store supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Farm/animal set





Puzzles

So many skills can be addressed through puzzles such as:

- Fine motor skills
- Sequencing
- Problem Solving
- Opportunities to ask for help
- Matching
- Requesting

Puzzles can look different for each age and developmental level



Things with Wheels

