

Did you know...



Children are very curious about the world around them. They want to know how things work, about the weather, facts about animals, etc. Nonfiction, or information books, help children learn about the things that interest them.

Information books should have a lot of photos or drawings to help children connect with what they are reading about. If there are a lot of words on each page, it isn't necessary to read every word. Read the main points on each page and then ask questions to see what your child is interested in.

There are good Internet videos you can watch with your child to learn more about the things he is interested in. These are some ideas for sites to look at:

- www.pbs.org/teachers/classroom/prek/science-tech/resources/
- www.sciencekids.co.nz/videos.html
- <http://daybydayid.org/>

Here's how...

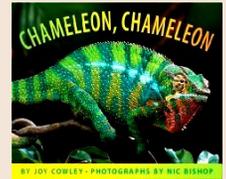


- ⊛ Talk about the things that capture your child's attention and ask lots of questions about them. This will model that asking questions is one way of learning new information.
- ⊛ Set a good example: read on your own and talk about what you are reading.
- ⊛ Show your child on a map where the story or book they are reading takes place. Example—The chameleons in this book are from Madagascar.

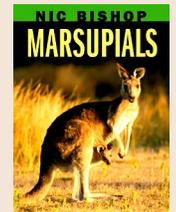
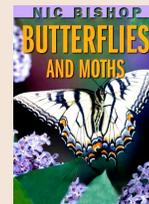
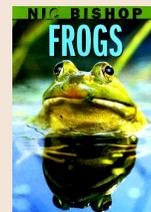
Read



Chameleon! by Joy Cowley, photographs by Nic Bishop



The photos in this book will capture your child's attention as it explores the life of a chameleon. Nic Bishop is an award winning photographer who specializes in children's books. The simple text gives information about chameleons, with more explanation about their lives in the back of the book.



Choose Books



More information books...

Dogs (Usborne Beginners), by Emma Helbrough



National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the Ocean, by Catherine Hughes



Jump Into Science: Rocks and Minerals, by Steve Tomecek

How a Seed Grows, by Helene Jordan

The Moon Book, by Gail Gibbons

The Kid's Book of Simple, Everyday Science, by Kelly Doudna

Talk



Why Kids Need Nonfiction

- Information books and magazines can play an important part in motivating children to read.
- There are some great, high-quality information books available for children of all ages.
- Many kids enjoy information books as much as story books.
- Nonfiction can be a way for parents to share their interests with their children.
- Information books expose children to special vocabulary and concepts, which helps build language.
- Reading nonfiction now can help children prepare for reading these types of books later in life.

Write



Chameleons change colors according to how they feel. Talk with your child about how other animals and people show what they are feeling. Write down what they say and ask them to draw pictures that show that feeling.

Sing



The Spider in the Web

Sung to the tune: "Farmer in the Dell"

The spider in the web,
The spider in the web,
Spin, spin, oh watch him spin,
The spider in the web.
The spider eats a ____ (bug name)
The spider eats a _____.
Spin, spin, oh watch her spin,
The spider in the web.

Hear this tune at: www.kidsongs.com/lyrics/the-farmer-in-the-dell.html

Play



Color Rhyme

If your clothes have any **blue**,
Put your finger on your shoe.

If your clothes have any **red**,
Put your hands up on your head.

If your clothes have any **green**,
Wave your hand so you'll be seen.

If your clothes have any **yellow**,
Smile like a happy fellow.

If your clothes have any **brown**,
Turn your smile into a frown.

If your clothes have any **black**,
Put your hands behind your back.

If your clothes have any **white**,
Clap your hands with all your might!

-Jean Warren, Preschool Express

At your library...



Libraries are helping young children develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills. Contact your library to learn more about STEM programs, and be sure to visit www.stemgame.lili.org for a fun online game to play with your child!

