

## Did you know...



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

Nonfiction books for preschoolers should have a lot of photos or real-life drawings to help children see what they are reading about. Look for books with “bite-size” pieces of information. If there are a lot of words on each page, you don’t have to read every one. Read the main points on each page and then ask questions to see what your child is interested in or understands.

Don’t shy away from some of the higher level words that are often in nonfiction books. Your child needs to hear lots of different kinds of words in order to learn to read later on.

## Here’s how...

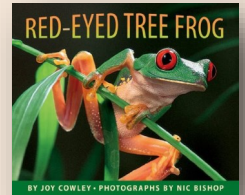


- ✦ Make time for your child to be out in the natural world. Take walks through the woods, splash in a creek, or go to a park. Children this age love to explore, so get outside and enjoy some time in nature.
- ✦ Go to your local library and check out books about the things your child is interested in. Whether it is dinosaurs or bugs or bunnies, libraries can provide books that are just right for your child.
- ✦ Ask your child questions about a book by having them look at the pictures. Pictures provide a lot of clues about the information in the book.

## Read

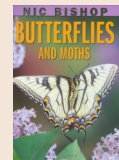
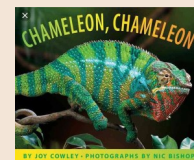


### ***Red-Eyed Tree Frog,*** **by Joy Cowley,** **photographs by** **Nic Bishop**



This rainforest frog spends the night looking for food, while also trying not to become dinner for some other animal. Cowley’s simple text combined with Bishop’s up-close stunning photos will make this a favorite book for curious children.

More books from the author and/or photographer:



## Choosing Books



### **Other great information books for preschool children:**

*Best Foot Forward*, by Ingo Arndt

*Dig Dig Digging*, by Margaret Mayo

*Dinosaur More! A First Book of Dinosaur Facts*, by Henrietta Stickland

*Hey, Water!* by Antoinette Portis

*Over and Under the Pond*, by Kate Messner

*Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant*, by April Pulley Sayre

*UnderGROUND*, by Denise Fleming

*What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins

## Talk



Children’s picture books contain more “rare” words than what is heard on television throughout the day. As you read with your child each day, talk about some of the rare words you run across, rather than finding simpler words to replace them. If you’re not sure what the word means, look it up together or ask someone else. This is good modeling for your child for when they find a word they don’t know.

## Write



Provide your child with things they can use to explore and describe objects around the house, then draw and write about them. Example: Use a magnifying glass to study coins, beans, leaves, etc. Help your child find words to describe how those things look close up. Then help them draw those things in a journal or notebook. Or use binoculars to study a bird from far away.

## Play



### Action Rhyme

*Use felt frogs, blocks, or small toys to act out this rhyme.*

One little froggy goes HOP!

Along comes another and they just can’t stop,  
So two little froggies go HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can’t stop,  
So three little froggies go HOP HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can’t stop,  
So four little froggies go HOP HOP HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can’t stop,  
So five little froggies go HOP HOP HOP HOP HOP!

**DROP!**



## Sing



### Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs,  
Sitting on a speckled log,  
Eating the most delicious bugs, yum, yum!

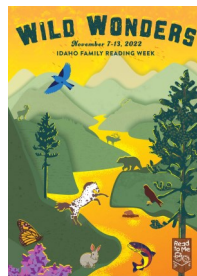
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool.  
Now, there are four green speckled frogs,  
glub, glub!

*(Repeat verses with one frog jumping off the log in each verse, until you get to zero)*



To hear this song go to  
<http://tinyurl.com/qh7b2pp>

## At your library...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. Libraries across the state are planning fun events that celebrate family reading and exploring Idaho’s “Wild Wonders.”

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 7-13, 2022.