

All books are excellent tools for encouraging language development, but predictable and repetitive children's books are great for pre-K children. Even though the words and phrases are repeated, these books still provide new vocabulary, help with comprehension, and can be used to learn a variety of skills.



These books allow children to fill in the words, phrases, and characters' names as the book content becomes more familiar.

A predictable repetitive book allows the child to fill in words and phrases. Doing this can lead to increased participation, turn-taking, and decreased frustration for the child.

How to Use Repetitive Storybooks

1. Pause to allow your child to fill in a portion of a repeated phrase.
2. Encourage the child to repeat a phrase that is heard throughout the story.
3. Provide adequate time for the child to attempt productions.
4. Read a preferred repetitive book multiple times and provide increased opportunities for the child to participate verbally.
5. Read a story with inflection!
6. Provide opportunities for the child to take turns verbalizing.
7. Adapt a book by using additional pictures or objects that correlate to the text.
8. Call attention to the print; point to the written text as you read.
9. Provide a relaxed atmosphere for reading and positively reinforce efforts to communicate.



Here are some suggested repetitive books:

- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* (Eileen Christelow)
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* (Eric Carle)
- *Hickory Dickory Dock*
- *The Grouchy Lady Bug* (Eric Carle)
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* (Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault)
- *Are You My Mother?* (P.D. Eastman)
- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* (Deborah Guarino and Steven Kellogg)
- *Blue Hat, Green Hat* (Sandra Boynton)
- *I Don't Care! Said the Bear* (Colin West)
- *The Gingerbread Man* (Karen Schmidt)
- *Bark George* (Jules Feiffer)
- *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* (Eric Litwin)
- *The Napping House* (Audrey Wood)
- *I Went Walking* (Sue Williams)
- *Silly Sally* (Audrey Woods)
- *We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey through Tanzania* (Laurie Krebs)
- *A Hippy-Hoppy Toad* (Peggy Archer and Anne Wilsdorf)

