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Everyday Places and Routines	1	Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All About Me • Friends & Family • Back to School • Our Community • Diversity • Recreational Parks/Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Runaway Dinner</i> by Allan Ahlberg • <i>Pancakes for Breakfast</i> by Tomie dePaola • <i>If You Give a Pig a Pancake</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff • <i>Pajama Day</i> by Lynn Plourde • <i>Cars Trucks and Planes</i> by Gladys Rosa-Mendoza & Jeremy Tugeau • <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> by Dr. Seuss • <i>King Bidgood's in the Bathtub</i> by Audrey Wood & Don Wood
Skin Covers Many Things	2	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm • Animals • Aquarium • Human Body • Senses • Trees • Fruits & Vegetables • Circus • Zoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle • <i>Don't Touch It's Hot</i> by David Algrim & Holli Conger • <i>Move Over: Learning to Share Our Space</i> by Janine Amos • <i>The Colors of Us</i> by Karen Katz • <i>Skin Again</i> by Bell Hooks & Chris Raschka • <i>Tickle, Tickle</i> by Helen Oxenbury • <i>The Skin You Live In</i> by Michael Tyler & David Lee Csicsko
Building	3	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Workers & Vehicles • Community Helpers • Construction Site • Tools • Architecture • Shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Three Little Pigs/Los tres creditos</i> by Maria Rius • <i>Noisy Workbench</i> by Mary Anthony & Mike Giles • <i>One Big Building: A Counting Book About Construction</i> by Michael Dahl & Todd Ouren • <i>Construction Zone</i> by Tana Hoban • <i>Tools</i> by Ann Morris • <i>Tools</i> by Taro Miura • <i>That's Not My Truck: It's Too Squashy</i> by Fiona Watt & Rachel Wells
Textures and Fabrics	4	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December Holidays • Arts • Weaving • Opposites (soft/hard; light/dark; smooth/rough, etc.) • Colors • Clothing & Fabrics • Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Texture/La textura</i> by Karen Bryant-Mole • <i>Pancakes, Pancakes!</i> by Eric Carle • <i>What Is Texture?</i> by Stephanie Fitzgerald • <i>Lunch</i> by Denise Fleming • <i>Is It Rough? Is It Smooth? Is It Shiny?</i> by Tana Hoban • <i>Clothing</i> by Robin Nelson • <i>Touching/El tacto</i> by Robin Nelson • <i>It Looked Like Spilt Milk</i> by Charles G. Shaw

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Creations and Innovations	5	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Makes Things Go • Inventions • Creativity • Cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Begin Smart: Push the Button</i> by Begin Smart Books • <i>Swing High Swing Low</i> by Fiona Coward & Giovanni Manna • <i>Go Dog Go!</i> by P.D. Eastman • <i>Baby Love: Toys That Go</i> by DK Publishing • <i>My First Wheel Book of Shapes</i> by Early Start Editors & Robert Salanitro • <i>Rock and Roll</i> by Kees Moerbeek & Carla Dijis • <i>Sophie's Wheels</i> by Debora Pearson & Nora Hillb • <i>Fly, Bounce & Roll</i> by Carol Rockford • <i>Richard Scarry's Cars and Trucks from A to Z</i> by Richard Scarry
Light and Dark	6	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall and Winter Holidays • Sun and Moon • Outer Space • Night and Day • Festivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Begin Smart: Night Night Baby</i> by Begin Smart Books • <i>Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?</i> by Nancy White Carlstrom & Bruce Degen • <i>Star Baby</i> by Margaret O'Hair & Erin Eitter Kono • <i>I Love You, Sun, I Love You, Moon</i> by Karen Pandell • <i>Scaredy Bear Turn on the Light!</i> by Bodel Rikys • <i>The Mole Sisters and the Rainy Day</i> by Roslyn Schwartz
What Happens When . . .	7	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Experiments • Friendships • Bubbles • Working Together • Cooking • Solids and Liquids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle • <i>The Three Bears</i> by Paul Galdone • <i>Pancakes, Pancakes!</i> by Eric Carle • <i>Mama Panya's Pancakes</i> by Mary Chamberlin, Richard Chamberlin, & Julia Cairns • <i>Five Little Monkeys Bake a Birthday Cake</i> by Eileen Christelow & Paige Billin-Frye • <i>Lulu's Lemonade</i> by Barbara Derubertis • <i>From Cow to Ice Cream</i> by Bertram T. Knight • <i>Bread Comes to Life</i> by George Levenson & Shmuel Thaler • <i>Changing Materials: Mixing & Separating</i> by Chris Oxlade • <i>Bartholomew and the Oobleck</i> by Dr. Seuss • <i>Mud!</i> by Mary Lyn Ray & Lauren Stringer • <i>Mouse Paint</i> by Ellen Stoll Walsh

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Eco-Exploring	8	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Insects & Bugs • Recycling • The Environment • Farm • Seasons • Animals • Jungle • Ocean Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planting a Rainbow</i> by Lois Ehlert • <i>Hello World</i> by Michael Foreman • <i>Henry Hikes to Fitchburg</i> by D. B. Johnson • <i>Beyond My Hand</i> by Jorge Elias Lujan & Georgina Quintana • <i>Hush Little Polar Bear</i> by Jeff Mack • <i>Water Play</i> by Leon Read • <i>Eyelike Nature: Sticks</i> by PlayBac • <i>Polar Bear Night</i> by Lauren Thompson & Stephen Savage • <i>The Lorax</i> by Dr. Seuss
Traveling	9	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near and Far • Summer Vacation • Relatives and Family • Carnivals • Transportation • Oceans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Who Is the Beast?</i> by Keith Baker • <i>I'm Like You, You're Like Me</i> by Cindy Gainer • <i>The Foot Book</i> by Dr. Seuss • <i>When I Care About Others</i> by Cornelia Maude Spelman & Kathy Parkinson • <i>I Went Walking</i> by Sue Williams & Julie Vivas • <i>All Aboard!</i> by Bill Mayer • <i>We All Go Traveling By</i> by Sheena Roberts • <i>Traveling Babies</i> by Kathryn Galbraith
Wings and Things That Fly	10	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles • Airplanes, Helicopters • Bugs and Insects • Materials That Fly (feathers, leaves, paper airplanes, etc.) • Transportation • Travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle • <i>Wings on Things</i> by Marc Brown • <i>Flying Lessons</i> by Gilbert Ford • <i>Flying</i> by Donald Crews • <i>We'll All Go Flying</i> by Richard Thompson, Maggee Spicer, & Kim LaFave • <i>Tell Me Why Planes Have Wings</i> by Shirley Willis • <i>Roaring Rockets</i> by Tony Mitton & Ant Parker

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From Home to School	1	Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Home • Our School • Friends & Family • Transportation • Things I Do at Home & School • Inside & Outside • Parts of a House/School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carl Goes to Daycare</i> by Alexandra Day • <i>My First Day of Nursery School</i> by Becky Edwards & Anthony Flintoft • <i>Spot Goes to School</i> by Eric Hill • <i>My School/Mi escuela</i> by Ginger Foglesong Guy • <i>I Love You All Day Long</i> by Francesca Rusackas & Priscilla Burris
Harvest Time	2	Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Does Food Grow? • Moving Food From Place to Place • Preparing Food to Eat • Taste & Texture • Plants & Soil • Trees • Vegetables • Places That Sell Food • Food Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jamberry</i> by Bruce Degen • <i>Supermarket!</i> by Kathleen Krull & Melanie Hope Greenburg • <i>Busy Garden</i> by Rebecca Finn • <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> by Beatrix Potter • <i>Going to a Restaurant</i> by Melinda Beth Radabaugh • <i>Strega Nona's Harvest</i> by Tomie dePaola • <i>Growing Vegetable Soup</i> by Lois Ehlert • <i>My Very First Book of Food</i> by Eric Carle
Sensational Senses	3	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature • Texture • Sights & Sounds • Listening • The Five Senses • Parts of the Body • Temperature • Different Types of Skin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mirror Me!</i> by Julie Aigner-Clark • <i>Toes, Ears, and Nose!: A Lift-the-Flap Book</i> by Marion Dane Bauer & Karen Katz • <i>My First Body Board Book</i> by DK Publishing • <i>Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On</i> by Lois Ehlert • <i>Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes: A First Book All About You</i> by Judy Hindley & Brita Granstrom • <i>The Eye Book</i> by Theo LeSieg & Joe Mathieu • <i>My Five Senses</i> by Alik • <i>It All Makes Sense!</i> by Sam Godwin

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Let's Pretend	4	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storybooks & Storytelling • Dramatic Arts • Fairy Tales • Using My Body • Sounds • Creating & Imitating • Games • All About Me • Nursery Rhymes & Songs • Places to Go • Our Community • Family & Friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noisy Poems</i> by Jill Bennett & Nick Sharratt • <i>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?</i> by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle • <i>Meet the Orchestra</i> by Ann Hayes & Karmen Thompson • <i>Noisy Trucks</i> by Roger Priddy • <i>The Listening Walk</i> by Paul Showers • <i>Fire Truck</i> by Peter Sis • <i>Singing the Dark</i> by Gail Sproule & Sheena Lott
Terrific Tools	5	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building • Community Helpers • Cooking & Eating • Fixing • Special Tools • Cleaning • Painting • Tools Make Doing Things Easier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>My Tool Box</i> by Nancy Parent & Cathe Jacobi • <i>Fix-It</i> by David M. McPhail • <i>Who Uses a Hammer?</i> by Nancy Davis • <i>The Toolbox</i> by Anne Rockwell & Harlow Rockwell • <i>How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms?</i> by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague • <i>Tools</i> by Taro Miura • <i>Tool Book</i> by Gail Gibbons • <i>Garden Tools</i> by Alison Auch • <i>Penguins</i> by Liz Pichon
Trucks and Big Machines	6	Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building • Fixing Things • Trucks & Big Machines Have Different Parts • Trucks Deliver • Trucks Help • Noises • Moving • Wheels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Day at the Market</i> by Sara Anderson • <i>My First Truck Board Book</i> by DK Publishing • <i>A Day with a Mail Carrier</i> by Jan Kottke • <i>Little Trucks with Big Jobs</i> by Robert Maass • <i>Richard Scarry's Cars & Trucks From A to Z</i> by Richard Scarry • <i>Truck Driver Tom</i> by Monica Wellington • <i>Machines at Work</i> by Byron Barton • <i>Tough Trucks</i> by Tony Mitton

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Up in the Sky	7	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun/Moon/Stars • Weather • Things That Fly (airplanes, birds, insects, etc.) • Sounds & Color • Day & Night • Tall Things • Building • Traveling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bear Shadow</i> by Frank Asch • <i>Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me</i> by Eric Carle • <i>Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars</i> by Douglas Florian • <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i> by Kevin Henkes • <i>Shadows and Reflections</i> by Tana Hoban • <i>What Is the Sun?</i> by Reeve Lindbergh & Stephen Lambert • <i>Sally's Great Balloon Adventure</i> by Stephen Huneck • <i>Flying Colors: Butterflies in Your Backyard</i> by Nancy Loewen • <i>Stella Luna</i> by Janell Cannon
In the Grass	8	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Grass • Bugs & Insects • Landscaping • Animals • Types of Grass We Eat • How Grass Grows • Games/Sports • Camping & Picnics • What's Under the Grass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Larry the Lawnmower</i> by Jeanne Archambault • <i>Wild America Habitats: Prairies</i> by Melissa S. Cole • <i>The Encyclopedia of Grass for Livable Landscapes</i> by Rick Darke • <i>In the Tall Tall Grass</i> by Denise Fleming • <i>Mulch the Lawnmower</i> by Scott Nelson • <i>Hello Daisy!</i> by Mandy Ross & Annie Kubler
Digging in the Dirt	9	Spring, Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different Types of Dirt • Mud • Texture • Things We Make with Dirt • Tools • Animals • Rocks & Gemstones • Growing Food • Archaeology/Fossils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shoes</i> by Elizabeth Winthrop & William Joyce • <i>Maisy Takes a Bath</i> by Lucy Cousins • <i>Oh Baby! A Touch-and-Feel Book</i> by Elizabeth Hathon • <i>Where's the Poop?</i> by Julie Markes & Susan Kathleen Hartung • <i>Wash Your Hands</i> by Tony Ross • <i>Mud</i> by Mary Lyn Ray • <i>Yucky Worms</i> by Vivian French
Splish and Splash	10	Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a Splash • Places to Splish & Splash • How Water Moves • Where We Find Water • Water Sounds • Bodies of Water • Animals Who Live In Water • How We Clean Ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bath Time!</i> by Sandra Boynton • <i>Maisy's Pool</i> by Lucy Cousins • <i>Rain or Shine!</i> by Emily Hawkins • <i>Spot Goes Splash</i> by Eric Hill • <i>Puddles</i> by Jonathan London • <i>At the Pool</i> by Mandy Stanley • <i>The Water Hole</i> by Graeme Base • <i>What If There Were No Sea Otters?</i> by Suzanne Buckingham Slade • <i>Animal Babies in Ponds and Rivers</i> by Editors of Kingfisher