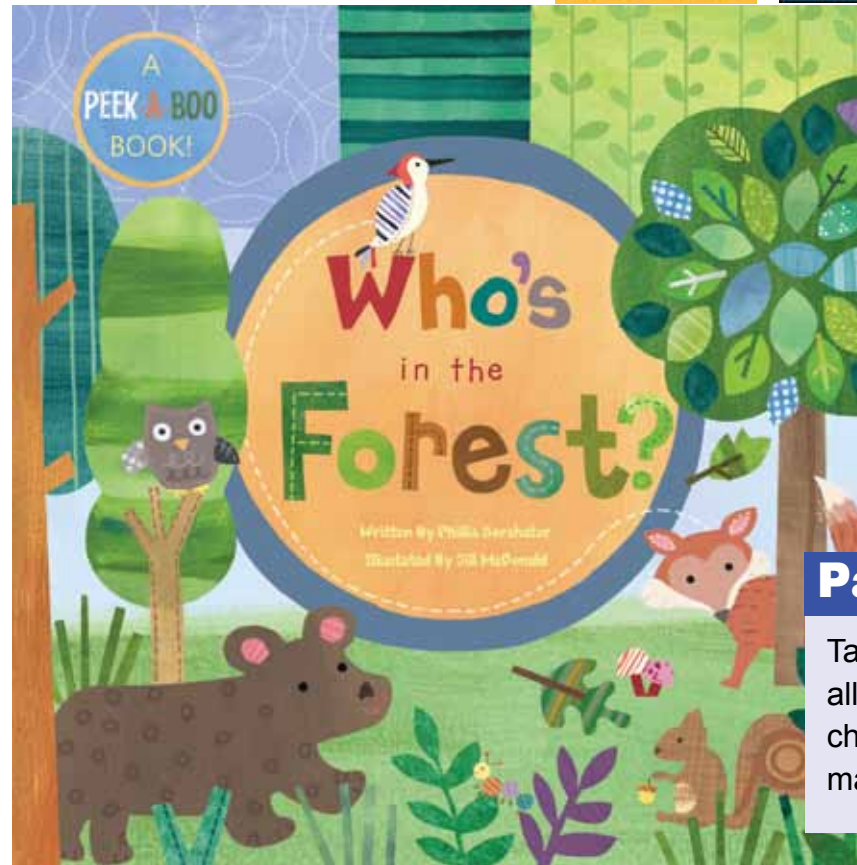


August 2012 18 months

Beginning Concepts about Print

Children gain awareness of concepts about print when caregivers share books through read-alouds. At 18 months of age, children can recognize specific books by their covers and are beginning to understand that books are handled in a specific way. Through shared reading experiences young children become acquainted with important literacy conventions (a book is held upright, or reading text goes from left to right in many languages). For example, when an adult places a child in his/her lap and then holds, opens, and reads a book in front of that child, concepts about print are modeled. Using oversized board books with sturdy, chunky pages will further encourage the toddler to independently turn the pages as you read. Be sure to choose books with engaging themes, such as animals or babies. These topics will help busy bodies attend for longer periods of time and will build greater enthusiasm for reading.

Past 18-month Raising Readers books



Other books to share with this age group

- My First Animal Book* by DK Publishing
- Animals (Touch and Feel)* by DK Publishing
- Moo Baa La La La* by Sandra Boynton

Parent Tip

Take the child's lead: allow your child to choose the reading material frequently.

RAISING READERS THROUGH THE YEAR



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Children begin to acquire knowledge about oral and written language long before formal instruction begins. Children who have had many meaningful experiences with print, such as being read to often, are more “ready” for school literacy programs than those who have not had such exposures.

—D. Strickland, 2010