

## **Mrs. Ouper's Book List from Toddler story time**

**Kipper's A to Z Adventure** by **Mick Inkpen**. This is not your ordinary alphabet book. This is an adventure with Kipper, the dog, and Arnold, his friend, a pig. As they find things that start with the alphabet letters, they put them in a box. Their friend, zebra, keeps interrupting, wanting to know if it is his turn yet. He is thrilled when he finally has his turn at the end. Kipper is a delightful dog and vocabulary is kept easy in Mr. Inkpen's books. Look for more Kipper titles in the library.

**Barnyard Banter** by **Denise Fleming**. In this toddler friendly book, we meet barnyard animals and the sounds they make. We look for goose in the story and she is partly revealed on several pages but we don't see all of her until the end page. Denise Fleming has quite a few titles in the library and some of her stories we've used in story times include **Time to Sleep** and **Pumpkin Eye**.

**Caterpillar's Wish** by **Mary Murphy**. Caterpillar's friends, butterfly and bee, are all insects that can fly. But she cannot. Then, one day something happens to caterpillar and she becomes a cocoon. When her cocoon opens, she is surprised that she is a beautiful butterfly and can finally fly with her friends. Mary Murphy has several toddler friendly books in the library including another one we've used, **My Puffer Train**.

**Planting a Rainbow** by **Lois Ehlert**. The brilliant colored illustrations make this a picture book for the eye. In the story, bulbs, seeds and bedding plants are planted to make a rainbow of colorful blooms. Each color of the rainbow is presented with a matching page of the colored flowers that match that color. Other Lois Ehlert titles we've used include **Snowballs** and **Growing Vegetable Soup**. Look up others of her bright, colorful books.

**Rabbit's Morning** by **Nancy Tafuri**. Nancy Tafuri's books are very toddler friendly with big beautiful illustrations and very little text. This one is a true picture book as it has no text. The reader gets to make up the story to go with the illustrations as rabbit leaves his lair and sees many other animals that morning. Other Tafuri stories we have used include **This is the Farmer** and **Where Did Bunny Go?**

**Where's Spot?** by **Eric Hill**. Spot is a favorite dog of toddlers and he goes on many adventures-to the park, to school, to the beach, on a sleep-over, at a party, etc. This is the first Spot book with Spot's mother looking for him in such interesting places as the grandfather clock, the piano and under the stairs. Toddlers will laugh as the lift-the flaps reveal that the piano contains a hippo; the grandfather clock contains a snake and under the stairs is a lion. Spot is finally found to the joy of your toddler. Your youngster will be glad to read Spot books.

**Freight Train** by **Donald Crews**. This award winning book is a must for the toddler train fan. A simple book with simple pictures, it introduces the freight train and its parts: blue boxcar, yellow hopper car, orange tank car, red caboose, black tender and engine. Then it is shown moving and going past cities and over trestles until it is gone. It can be used for color recognition or just as an enjoyable read.

**The Very Busy Spider** by **Eric Carle**. This world renowned writer has many titles in our library, unfortunately, since he is enormously popular, they are often checked out! In this tale, a spider is very busy making her web. Various animals stop and ask her to do something with them but she is silent, spinning her web. You can both visually see and feel her web growing on each page turn. At the conclusion, she captures a fly and then as the owl looks for the maker of the web, retreats in the corner of her web for a night's rest. The web's threads are raised so you can feel and see the construction of this work of art.