



Welcome to KDL's early literacy newsletter!

For fun early literacy activities that help kids get ready to read, check out our [website](#).

Get started reading and learning together with our simple and easy [1KB4K program](#).

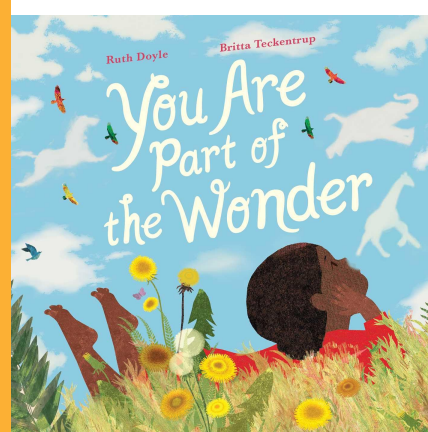
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Participate in the [Summer Wonder Challenge for Little Readers](#) to earn a free book, now through August 9.

Explore the five ways to help make a CHILD GROW SMARTER

LOVE

MAXIMIZE LOVE
MANAGE STRESS



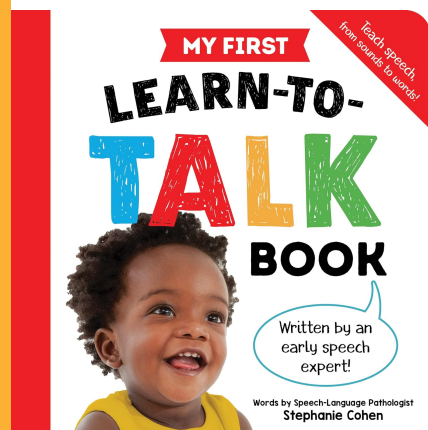
Celebrate mindfulness and nature by reading Ruth Doyle's rhyming picture book [You Are Part of the Wonder](#). Each page contains vibrant illustrations by Britta Teckentrup of children playing outdoors in various weather and settings. Spend some time outside exploring your community. What activities does your child like the most? Does nature play a role in your adventures?

For more books on mindfulness and nature check out [Hope Is a Rainbow](#) by Hoda Kotb and Chloe Dominique, [There's No Place Like Hope](#) by Janet Lawler and Tamisha Anthony and [Finding Grateful](#) by Dianne White and Faith Pray.



TALK

SING AND POINT



Learn about sounds made in everyday life in [My First Learn-to-Talk Book](#) written by Stephanie Cohen, an early childhood speech expert. This book encourages language development for your little one through rhyming, repetition and simple sounds. The real-life photographs illustrate shared experiences of young children and model typical mouth positions for each exclamation.

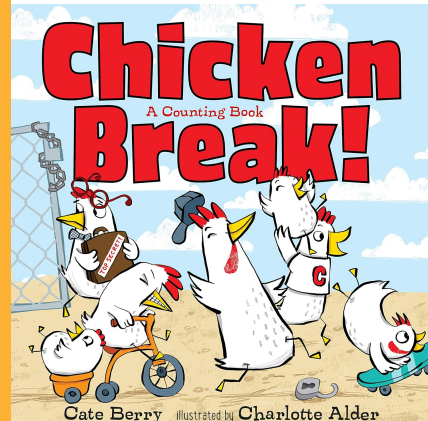
Try inviting the child in your life to repeat the simple exclamations. For older children, encourage them to finish the rhymes on each page. Read the tips and tricks at the back of the book for more ideas on how to help develop children's language skills.

For more language focused books check out the bilingual English/Spanish board book [Baby Talk](#) by Stella Blackstone and Maria Perez, [Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?](#) by Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle and [Words](#) by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake.



COUNT

GROUP AND COMPARE



For a humorous romp through numbers, check out [Chicken Break: A Counting Book](#) by Cate Berry and Charlotte Alder. Funny illustrations and an easy-to-read rhyming text invite the reader to count chickens from one standing guard to ten chickens waiting to make a break. Once the chickens have made their escape, they make their way back to the coop and take a different kind of break. The story is silly, and it's easy to imagine what the chickens might do when they sneak out for the day.

For more fun counting books, try [Apple Pie Picnic](#) by Alicia Durán and Brian Fitzgerald, [Richard Scarry's Cars and Trucks From 1 to 10](#) by Richard Scarry and [Hen in the Bed](#) by Katrina Charman and Guilherme Karsten.



PLAY

EXPLORE THROUGH
MOVEMENT AND PLAY



This baby and that baby look out their windows at the same time and happen to see each other! This baby waves, that baby claps her hands. Are you ready to play, read, sing and nap? [This Baby, That Baby](#) by Cari Best and Rashin Kheiriyeh is a bouncy, playful story following two babies in neighboring buildings across the street. Some things are the same and some are different, but both babies love to play!

For more bouncy play starring babies, check out [Baby Be](#) by Alison McGhee and Sean Qualls, [Baby Builders](#) by Elissa Haden Guest and Hiroe Nakata, or [B is for Baby](#) by Atinuke and Angela Brooksbank.



READ

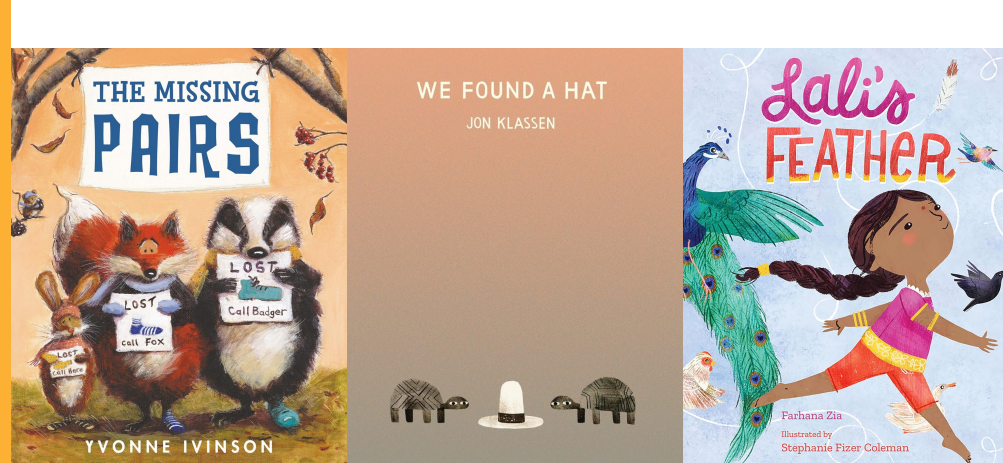
AND DISCUSS STORIES



[Finding Things](#) by Kevin Henkes and Laura Dronzek is the perfect book to read for a lazy summer day. The story starts with the word "if," one little word asking the reader to wonder and imagine what would happen "If you found a little ball on the grass..." As you read the story with the child in your life, pause over each "If" statement and wonder where each object came from and what you would do with it.

After finishing the book, talk together about items you found. Where did you find them? What did you think about them? Have you ever lost something? How did you feel? With older children, try drawing or writing about your lost and found objects.

For more books about finding and losing, try [The Missing Pairs](#) by Yvonne Ivinson, [We Found a Hat](#) by Jon Klassen and [Lali's Feather](#) by Farhana Zia and Stephanie Fizer Coleman.



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