BOOKS TO TRY

MacLear, Kyo and Rashin Kheiriyeh
*Story Boat*
When a little girl and her younger brother are forced along with their family to flee the home they've always known, they must learn to make a new home for themselves.

Moser, Lisa
*Friendship Yarn*
Porcupine and Badger have always been the best of friends, so when Porcupine finds some yarn in the woods, she makes a present for Badger. And when Badger finds yarn, she makes a present for Porcupine. The only problem? It's the same yarn.

Robinson, Christian
*You Matter*
Illustrations and easy-to-read text remind the reader that no matter what happens or how one feels, he or she matters.

Rosenthal, Jason & Paris
*Dear Boy*
This book encourages readers to be confident, curious, adaptable, and willing to speak up.

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LITERACY FOR 4-5 YEAR OLDS

Here are some ideas for what these kiddos really seem to enjoy in books:

ALPHABET
Not only will the child learn their ABC’s, but these books help her to identify objects and specifically objects that start with that letter.

HUMOR
These books have great illustrations of wacky situations. A child can easily look through these books and pick out the things "wrong" and tell you why, "Socks go on feet– not hands!" With these books whether they are looked at just for the pictures or read aloud–conversations are encouraged... "Do you think dinosaurs could really wear underwear?"

ANIMALS
A combination of fiction and non-fiction is best. Children love animals and like seeing them in both settings. By having both available a child can compare how the "real" monkey lives to Curious George.

RECURRING CHARACTERS
The familiarity of these characters is comforting to a child. He knows Max and Ruby. He may not know the story, but he knows who they are and wants to know what will happen this time. "Max is going to make a mess!"

AUTHORS WE LOVE!

David Adler
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Lane Smith
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Barnett, Mac
Just Because
When a child is too full of questions about the world to go to sleep, her patient father offers up increasingly creative responses to his child’s nighttime wonderings.

Howley, Jonty
Big Boys Cry
It’s Levi’s first day at a new school, and he’s scared. He is told “boys don’t cry.” But the big boys in the world outside are telling him something different.

Isadora, Rachel
I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)
A group of children describe many things in their world using their senses in this early nonfiction title.

Lam, Thao
My Dad Looks Like My Cat
A child describes all the ways in which her cat and father are--or are not--alike.

Liu, Chingyen and I-Tsun Chinag
Woodpecker Girl
A little girl was born with cerebral palsy, a condition that rendered her wheelchair bound. One day, her art teacher affixed a paintbrush to her forehead with a headband. From then on, the little girl was able to express herself and freely explore the world through her paintings.