



Books For Shared Reading with Early Emergent Students

Below is a range of books that I have found successful in engaging early emergent students in shared reading – it isn't a definitive list, of course, as new books are released all the time and there are no doubt some books already published which are not on this list.

It is also worth remembering that each student is highly individual – and will have individual tastes! Additionally, customised books written about the student, for the student have been very successful in a range of classrooms and I highly recommend writing some of these and including them in your classroom resources.

For commercially published books, please see the list of suggestions below:

Book title	Author/Illustrator
Aliens love Underpants (and usually students who like one of these, like all of the books in this series)	Claire Freedman & Ben Cort
Animal Noises	Carlie O'Brien
Blue Hat, Green Hat	Sandra Boynton
Brown bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?	Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy (and usually students who like one of these, like all of the books in this series)	Lynley Dodd
Hattie and the Fox	Mem Fox & Patricia Mullins
From Head to Toe	Eric Carle
I went walking	Sue Machin & Julie Vivas



Let's Go Visiting	Sue Williams & Julie Vivas
Monkey and Me	Emily Gravett
My cat likes to hide in boxes	Eve Sutton
Old MacDonald had a farm	Kate Toms
Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons	Eric Litwin & James Dean (and usually students who like one of these, like all of the books in this series)
Piranhas don't like bananas	Aaron Blabey
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
Ten in the Bed	Penny Dale
The Wonky Donkey	Craig Smith and Katz Cowley
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury
Where is the green sheep	Mem Fox & Judy Horacek
Whose Nose (and usually students who like one of these, like all of the books in this series)	Jeanette Rowe
Most books based on children's songs e.g. Five Little Ducks that you can sing	Various
Tar Heel Reader books on their topics of interest e.g. trains	Various