

Here are some ideas for themes to use for family literacy bags.

You may also choose to feature a favorite children's author or expand on your program's current theme.

Children's Interests

Animals

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Wild Animal Baby by National Wildlife Federation

Food

Where Does Food Come From? by Shelley Rotner
Everyone Eats Bread by Janet Reed

Family

Mama, Do You Love Me?/Me Quieres, Mama?
by Barbara Joosse
Because I Love You So Much by Guido van Genechten

Feelings

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss
How Are You Peeling? by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

Skills Focused

Rhyming

Wild about Books by Judy Sierra
Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley

Pre-writing

Bunny Cakes by Rosemarie Wells
The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters by Janet Ahlberg and Allan Ahlberg

Letter recognition

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming

Retelling stories

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Mrs. McNosh Hangs up Her Wash by Sarah Weeks

Family Experiences

New sibling

What Baby Needs by William Sears
The Berenstain Bears' New Baby by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Doctor visits

Going to the Doctor by Stephen Cartwright
Splat the Cat Goes to the Doctor by Rob Scotton

Moving

A Kiss Goodbye by Audrey Penn
Henry and Mudge and Annie's Good Move by Cynthia Rylant

Death and grief

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia
Goodbye Mousie by Robert Harris
I Miss You by Pat Thomas

Starting kindergarten

First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Differences

I Accept You as You Are! by David Parker
It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr

Positive behavior guidance

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss
How Are You Peeling? by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers



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