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GIFT GUIDE



Here you'll find our team's most loved books, toys, experiences and more. You can shop by age range or by goal area. There's something fun for everyone. We hope this makes gift buying easier.

When you are shopping this year here are some qualities to look for in a toy:

- Toys that can be used in more than one way or are open-ended
- Items that are sturdy and well made
- Items that can be wiped down or hold up in the washing machine!
- Toys that will grow with the kid and they can enjoy for years to come

Some qualities we try to avoid:

- Toys that are overstimulating (batteries required not always a good thing!)
- Cause and effect toys that go on for too long after they have been activated

SHOP BY AGE RANGE

0-6 Months

6-12 Months

12-24 Months

2-4 Years

5-7 Years

7-10 Years

10+ Years

"It's the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives. "
- Fred Rogers

AGE 0-6 MONTHS

TOYS



Tummy Time Floor Mirror

WHY WE LOVE IT:
Little ones are so motivated by their own reflections at this age. This mirror is an awesome toy for encouraging tummy time!

Sensory Rattles

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These are easy to hold and allow baby to use a variety of senses.



Manhattan Toy Winkel Rattle

Oball





Sassy Newborn

Baby Einstein Take Along Tunes



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Sensory Toys

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These toys provide a variety of sensory input for babies. They are often soothing, engaging and comforting for baby. Use these to help make tummy-time more enjoyable!



Taggies Blanket

Inflatable Tummy Time Water Mat





Fisher-Price "Calming Vibes Puppy Soother"

BOOKS

We especially love the *Chunky Lift-a-Flap* series and books written by Sandra Boynton and Eric Carle.







AGE 0-6 MONTHS

BOOKS, CONT.



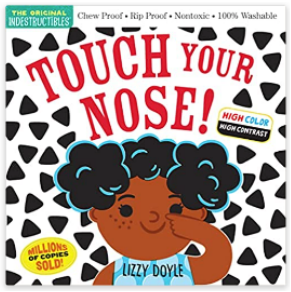
Cloth Books

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These books are meant to be explored, chewed on and loved! They often have teethers and sensory components built in. Most are machine washable.



High Contrast Books

High contrast books catch a little one's eye while their vision is still developing. They also provide a great opportunity for language development.



Indestructibles!

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
They look and feel like paper but truly are indestructible! Nice and light to throw in a bag when out in the community and kids seem to LOVE them!

Make Your Own!

Websites such as **Shutterfly** and **Artifact Uprising** allow you to upload your own photos and create your very own board books. What could be better than photos of baby's most favorite people? It also makes a sweet keepsake.

AND MORE!

Small Talk Baby Podcast with Miss Pam: Your baby doesn't need a ton of things and toys...just lots of time experiencing the world with you! This podcast is a great way to bond with your baby through fingerplays, rhymes, and nursery songs, which also builds their receptive language skills and foundational skills needed for reading. Bonus it's FREE!

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Just the Essentials: Wrap up the diapers, wipes, puffs or toys you already have at home. The memories made are what matter most!

AGE 6-12 MONTHS

TOYS



Stacking Blocks

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These blocks are soft yet durable and big enough for baby to grasp, making them easy for baby to engage with!

Nesting Stacking Cups

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These are great for early fine motor skills and little imaginations. We especially love the ones made of silicone!



Sassy Wonder Wheel

WHY WE LOVE IT:
This toy is durable and portable and is a great incentive to get moving! Parents can activate the wheel to one side of baby's head to encourage them to roll. It's another great way to get baby motivated to sit and engage with something fun. The suction cup allows it to be stuck to the floor, tub, high chair tray or even a door!





Inflatable Crawling Roller



Shape Sorter



Sassy Stacking Circles



Nugget Couch

WHY WE LOVE IT:
This is great for offering a soft supportive surface for a newly mobile little one and continues to be fun as they get older to build forts or as an extra bed for a sleep over!

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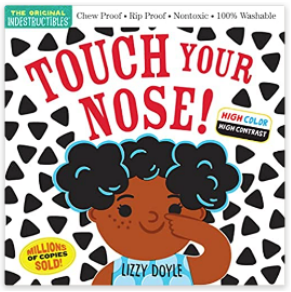
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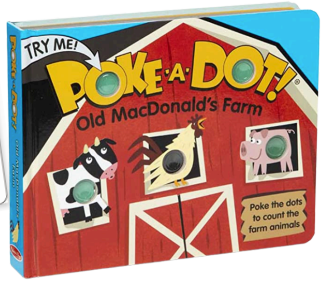


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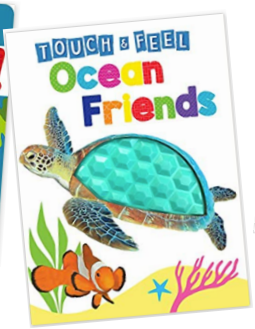
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AGE 12-24 MONTHS

TOYS

Play Silks

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These lend themselves beautifully to open-ended imaginative play. These also grow with your child and will be a favorite for years to come. Check out Sarah's Silks or Etsy for small business options.



Musical Instruments



Baby Dolls



Spike the Hedgehog



Boon Bath Toys



SmartMax Magnet Sets



Animal Figurines

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
These are a great way to spark imaginative play for your child. They're also great for fine motor practice and language development. We love the Learning Resources Jumbo Animals. Recommended for ages 2+





Melissa and Doug Shopping Cart

WHY WE LOVE IT:
Sturdy and well made so is able to provide support for a child just learning to walk. In the clinic, we love to put weights inside to provide a nice heavy work opportunity for kiddos. You almost can't go wrong with any product from Melissa and Doug.

Chunky Puzzles

WHY WE LOVE THEM:
What's not there to love? These are great for visual discrimination and and fine motor practice. They are also engaging and provide just the right amount of challenge.



AGE 12-24 MONTHS

BRANDS WE LOVE

Fisher-Price Little People

WHY WE LOVE THEM:

These toys are a classic and just keep getting better! They are inclusive and help children understand the world they are living in. Great for imaginative play!



Green Toys

WHY WE LOVE THEM:

These toys are made by recycled materials, are dishwasher safe and durable! They make tea sets, gardening tools, vehicles and more.



Fat Brain

WHY WE LOVE THEM:

These are a staple in our clinics. They are great for encouraging kiddos to reach gross motor milestones, fine motor practice and so much more. Our personal favorites are the Dimpl Pops and Spin Again stacking toy and Squigz.



Birch Bunny

WHY WE LOVE THEM: SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

This is a local business that creates small wooden stacking toys and large climbing equipment to support your child's imaginative and creative fort building. These are great for kids ages 1-5 years old.



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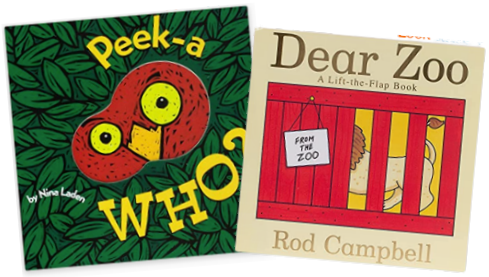
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BOOKS

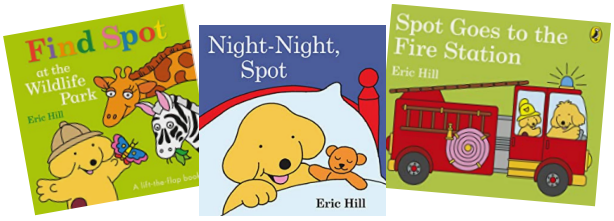
Melissa and Doug Poke-A- Dot Books



Lift the Flap Books



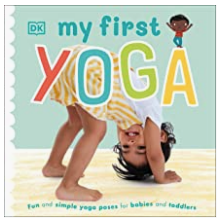
Spot Series by Eric Hill



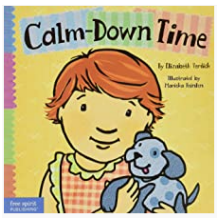
Early Social-Emotional Learning



Making Faces
by Abrams Appleseed



My First Yoga
by DK Books



Calm-Down Time
by Elizabeth Verdick

AND MORE!

Learning Tower: These learning towers are great for helping out in the kitchen, crafting and many can be used as a climber and slide for indoor winter play!

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Real Deal Steal: We love this brand of mugs because they come with silicone straws that don't just fall out! Handles make them easy to bring up and straws are great for early swallow development. Made in Waukesha, WI

AGE 2-4 YEARS

TOYS

Fat Brain Squigz

WHY WE LOVE THEM:

These toys are such a smart design and are motivating to kids from 2 to teenagers! You can stick them together to build structures, stick them to windows/mirrors to motivate a younger kiddo to pull them off for hand strength/balance and use them as darts with the older kids to throw them at a surface to try and get them to stick!



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Melissa and Doug Doorbell House



B. Toys Critter Clinic



Blocks and More Blocks!

Why we love them:

These toys are great for hand-eye coordination, fine motor development and the play possibilities are endless.



Lego Duplo Blocks



Wood unit blocks
Have a talented friend or family member? Try building your own!



City themed blocks

Tonie Box

Why we love it:

These promote independent screen free time. Tonie Box help develop imagination and visualization skills. There is a large variety of stories and songs available which makes it easy to match your child's interests.



AGE 2-4 YEARS

TOYS



Melissa and Doug Cleaning Set and Working Vacuum!

Why we love them:
Kids navigate and make sense of their world by playing and exploring. Kids love to be included in household chores and adult activities. Great for imaginative play!

Get Active!



basketball hoop



Little Tikes Cozy Coupe



sand and water table



balance bike

Stepping Stones or Step-A-Trail

WHY WE LOVE IT:
These are great for creative indoor obstacle courses!





Get Creative!



Wood Train Set



Kinetic Sand



Magna-Tiles



Kwik Sticks Tempera Paint



Dot Markers



Raised Line Coloring-Book by MaxiAids

Games Galore!



Elefun



Pop the Pig



Memory



Hoot Owl Hoot

Lowercase Toys

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Why we love them:
These toys are designed by a speech-language pathologist in Milwaukee, WI. They inspire open-ended play and are great for travel. Check out the felt dolls, interlocking blocks and tangram puzzles.





AGE 2-4 YEARS

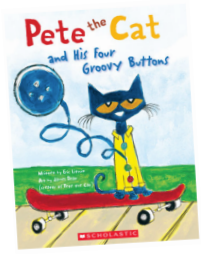
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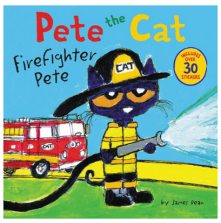
Magnetic "Books"

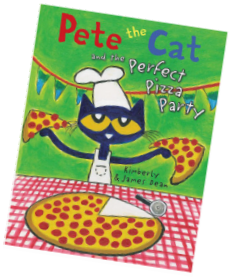


Why we love them:
Although they aren't technically books, they are great for pre-reading and writing skills and promote so rich language development. All the pieces store making them great for travel or long car rides. Includes small pieces so they are best for ages 3+

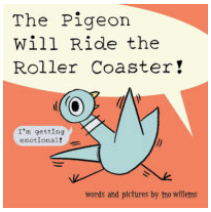
Pete the Cat Stories by: James Dean

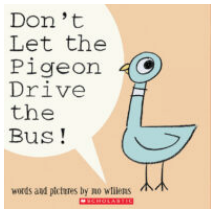






Books by Mo Willems







AND MORE!

Present Not Perfect: Curated sensory kits that are made locally in Madison, WI. Search the website by interest, skill or theme. Kits contain small pieces and playdough so are best for ages 3+

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Slumberkins: Slumberkins is dedicated to helping families raise caring, confident, and resilient children through affirmations, stories and creature characters. They include a wealth of caregiver resources on their website!

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AGE 5-7 YEARS

TOYS

Magna-Tiles

Why we love them:
This a high quality toy that allows for a lot of open ended play! We've seen them used outside if you have a metal garage door- super fun! There are many different add-on sets available, and many play ideas on Pinterest.



More Building Fun



Classic Lego



Wikki Stix



Snap Circuit Sets

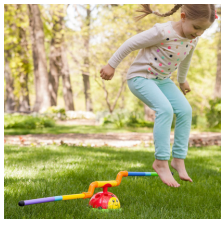


Marble Run

Get Outdoors



Stomp Rockets



Fat Brain Toys 2-1 Musical Jump 'n Toss



Bicycle
**Check out Variety WI for Adaptive Options*

Make- A- Fort Building Kit



Why we love it: The Make-A-Fort kits are made from high quality cardboard allowing them to be colored on and store easily. Fort building is great for kids imagination, gross motor skills and following directions.

Hey Clay

Why we love it: Perfect for the young artist in your life. Each Hey Clay set comes with modeling clay and downloadable app to guide your child's building. Once the clay dries the figures can be used as toys, the fun continues on the app!



AGE 5-7 YEARS

TOYS

Art Kits

Why we love them:
The possibilities are truly endless. Create everything from a barn quilt to a garden stepping stone. You could always create your own art kit by gathering craft supplies and recyclable materials. Fiskars brand is local to Madison and makes many kid-safe supplies. Check out their website for a variety of craft ideas!



Foil Art



Why we love it:
Great activity for kids ages 4-9. It's low mess, high reward and comes in a variety of themes. Our clients and therapists have been loving this craft!

BluTrack



Why we love it:
The flexible track allows kids to make a ramp or road just about anywhere, including the table or couch! Pair with a Hot Wheel Color Reveal car or Play Tape for added fun!

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Games

Why we love them:
Games provide such a natural opportunity to practice social skills, frustration tolerance and critical thinking skills! Check out some of our top picks below.



AGE 5-7 YEARS

BOOKS AND MORE!

Dragon and His Friend Series by Steve Harmon



Magic Tree House Graphic Novels by Jenny Laird



Soup Thermos



Memberships- Consider purchasing a family membership to the YMCA or Prairie Athletic Club.

Classes: Purchase a pack of swimming lessons, karate, art or music classes to gift your child!

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Subscription Boxes: Have fun delivered year-round to your child. There are some really great subscription kits out there that will amp up the creativity and learning! Boxes to check out include...

1. Little Passports (STEM)
2. KiwiCo. (Science)
3. Literati Book Subscription
4. KidPik (Kids Styling Box)
5. Pipsticks (Stickers)
6. KidStir (Cooking)
7. Brick Loot (Lego)
8. Baketivity (Baking)
9. Rockets of Awesome
10. Sensory TheraPlay

AGE 7-10 YEARS

TOYS

Classic Lego

Why we love them:
For kids who are into Legos it seems you can never have enough. They allow for open ended play/imagination, fine motor strength/coordination and they are virtually indestructible!



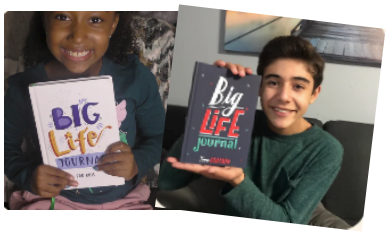
Marble Run



Snap Circuts



Big Life Journal



Osmo

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Games Galore



What's In Ned's Head



Why we love it: Our clients love this game! Our OTs love it because it helps work on tactile discrimination (the ability to tell things apart just through the use of touch.) This is a very functional skill if you've ever dug in a purse or bag for an item without being able to see what you are trying to reach!

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8. Sensory TheraPlay

AGE 10+ YEARS

Ninja Obstacle Course

Why we love it:
We love this trend that started a few years ago! If you have two sturdy trees, you can easily assemble. So great for coordination and strength!



Inflatable Lounger



Why we love it:
We know our teens love to hang :) These are awesome because they travel well and they provide our sensory-seekers some awesome sustained deep pressure tactile input!

Fairy Lights

Why we love them:
These string lights will help set the ultimate zen vibes in their room to create a place they can come rest and reset at the end of a day.

Rechargeable Head Lanterns

Why we love them:
These are so fun to get for the whole family and play hide and seek in the dark! Also great for camping or night games outside!



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Games Galore



Essential Oil Diffuser





Big Life Journal

Fidgets





Lego sets

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