

STEM-themed books for babies and toddlers

It's never too early to expose children to STEM topics, especially as they are learning how their hands work. Those hands might one day create software code, build a robot or create a circuit. Until then, the list of books below will help expose them to the fascinating worlds of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

- “Baby Loves Structural Engineering!” by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan



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- “Big Ideas for Little Environmentalists: Restoration with Wangari Maathai” by Maureen McQuerry, illustrated by Robin Rosenthal

Trees are an essential part of the earth's ecosystem. Wangari Maathai saw how Kenya's tree loss affected the environment, animals and people and worked hard to restore her country's tree population. Little children will love this story of one person making a difference through hard work and perseverance. What a great moral to a tragic situation.

- “Robots, Robots, Everywhere!” by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Bob Staake

This Book will satisfy your child's fascination with robots. This book shows babies and toddlers how robots and machines are becoming a part of everyday life. Fun illustrations and rhymes make this a fun read-aloud opportunity for the family.

- “Bathtime Mathtime” by Danica McKellar, illustrated by Alicia Padrón

Former television star and now mathematician Danica McKellar thinks it's never too early to understand math. Bath time becomes a fun learning activity for counting and numbers. Dirty toes, rubber ducks and bubbles are a great way to give your kids a friendly and accessible introduction to all that math has to offer.

- “High Chair Chemistry” by Jill Esbaum and WonderLab Group

Babies and toddlers are naturally curious explorers, so why not nurture their love of learning with an interactive story time? Combining science and play, your toddler will get exposure to basic chemistry concepts with this fun book in the “Big Science for Tiny Tots” series. The tongue-in-cheek humor of the dialogue will entertain caregivers, while messy baby photos will keep your babies and toddlers' attention. Also check out “Bath Time Physics” for that post-meal clean up.

Happy reading with your baby or toddler — who knows, you might learn something too!

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