Growing a Reader

Among the Common Core State Standards for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners is a concept called *phonological awareness*. This basically means that children should be able to recognize the letters of the alphabet and the sounds those letters make. They should also understand that words comprise different sounds.

Many of the picture books in our **Concepts** area cover the **ABCs**. This is a great place to start. Further, the picture books in our **Rhymes & Songs** area will help them recognize rhyming sounds. Finally, be sure to check out the following books in our **Easy Reader** section for books specifically aimed at phonological awareness:

- *Sid and Sam* [Easy Read] E Buck
- *The Bug in the Jug Wants a Hug* [Easy Read] E Cleary
- *The Nice Mice in the Rice* [Easy Read] E Cleary
- *Ted and Friends* [Easy Read] E Cox
- *Cat Traps* [Easy Read] E Coxe
- *Frog on a Log* [Easy Read] E Harker
- *Ducks in Muck* [Easy Read] E Haskins
- *Mouse Makes Words* [Easy Read] E Heling
- *That Is Not My Hat* [Easy Read] E Venn
- *Crab Cab* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *Pig Wig* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *Snake Cake* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *Snow Bow* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *Stop Pop* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *Wet Pet* [Easy Read] E Ziefert
- *My First Phonics Book* J 372.465 My