

## **COMPOSITION THEMES AND CATEGORIZED CONCEPTS**

### **Prevalent Themes and Focus of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Inspiration & Imagination**

Other Fundamental Themes of Regard: love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; promotion of self-esteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics

Each series of books should contain certain characteristics specific to its age appropriateness including:

#### **Year One**

Vision - bright, big, colorful  
Touch - board pages  
Rhyme and rhythm  
Simple - easy to use  
Minimal text - point and say  
Playful sound  
Nurture - attachment - lullaby themes

#### **Year Two**

Continue concepts from year one and build upon them  
Repetition and predictability - generate language  
Motor skills  
"Self-help" activities - things children can do, things familiar in their daily life  
Use of real photo illustration  
Body awareness  
Nursery rhymes  
Colors, letters, numbers

#### **Year Three**

Wordless books - build your own story (reader and child)  
Values and character  
Issues - fear, conflict, love, safety  
Colors, letters, numbers  
Nursery rhymes

#### **Year Four**

More complex stories - hero, complication, resolution  
Diversity of others - faces, environment - OK to be different  
Play, humor, fun  
Nursery rhymes and poetry

#### **Year Five**

School preparation and readiness  
Use rebus (pictures used for words)  
Science - non-fiction Folk tales  
Thank you, appreciation  
Rhymes and poetry