Which Came First: Easter or the Egg?

The custom of decorating eggs actually predates Easter by hundreds of years. Egyptians placed them in tombs as symbols of birth and resurrection. Later, in the second century A.D., the Romans gave them as gifts. The wealthy would adorn them with gold leaf; peasants boiled them in dyes made from flowers, leaves, and insects. During the early 1880’s, the Germans even used them as birth certificates. Tinted eggs were etched with a design that included a person’s name and birth.
SPRING BOOKS
• Rain, Rain, Everywhere, by Christine Leeson
• The Rain Came Down, by David Shannon
• Splish Splash Spring, by Jan Carr
• Rain, Rain, Rain Forest, by Brenda Guiberson
• Mud, by Wendy Cheyette
• Watch Me Grow Butterfly, DK books
• Come on Rain, by Karen Hesse
• Down Comes the Rain, by Franklyn Branley
• Wake Up, It’s Spring! by Lisa Campbell Ernst

GARDENS AND SEEDS
• Grow Flower Grow, by Lisa Bruce
• Johnny Appleseed, by Madeline Olsen
• Seeds and More Seeds, by Millicent Selsam
• Miss Rumphuis, by Barbara Cooney
• The Carrot Seed, by Ruth Krauss
• A Seed is a Promise, by Claire Merrill
• Inch by Inch, by David Mallett
• Jack and the Beanstalk, by Troll Associates
• The Surprise Garden, by Vera Rosenberry
• Planting a Rainbow, by Lois Ehlert
• This is the Sunflower, by Lola M. Schaefer
• The Empty Pot, by Demi
• The Reason For a Flower, by Ruth Heller

MOTHERS DAY
• All The Places to Love, by Patricia MacLauchlan
• Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
• Bedtime for Frances, by Russell Hoban
• Before you Were Born, retold by Howard Schwartz
• Bunny My Honey, by Anita Jeram
• Goodnight, My Duckling, by Nancy Tafuri
• Guess How Much I Love You, by Sam McBratney
• How Many Kisses do You want Tonight? by Vasha Bajaj
• I Promise I’ll Find You, by Heather Patricia Ward
• I Love You, Too! by Eve Bunting
• I Love You Through and Through, by Bernadette Rossetti-Shustak
• I’ll Always Love You, by Pacony Lewis
• I’ll Always Love You, by Hans Wilhelm
• Love Me, Love You, by Susan O’Keefe
• Mama, If You Had a Wish, by Jeanne Modesitt
• Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse
• My Love For You, by Susan L. Roth
• My Beautiful Child, by Lisa Desimini
• Oh My Baby, Little One, by Kathi Appelt
• Tell Me Something Happy Before I go to Sleep, by Joyce Dunbar
• The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings, by Carolyn Bailey
• The Runaway Bunny, by Margaret Wise Brown
• Wished for You, by Tobi Tobias
• You Are Special, Little One, by Nancy Tafuri
• All by Myself, by Ivan Bates
• Am I Beautiful? by Else Holmelund Minarik
• I Love You, Little One, by Nancy Tafuri
• When Mama Comes Home Tonight, by Eileen Spinelli
• Hug, by Jez Alborough

• Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri
• The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn
• I Love You a Rebus Poem, by Jean Marzollo
• What Mommys Do Best, by Laura Numeroff
• Good Job, Little Bear, by Martin Waddell
• Will You Still Love Me? by Jean Baptiste Baronian
• You Are My Sunshine, by Steve Metzger
• I Love You Because You’re You, by Liza Baker
• Tell Me A Story, Mama, by Angela Johnson
• What Moms Cant’ Do, by Douglas Wood
• I Like It When… by Mary Murphy
• Wake-Up Kisses, by Pamela Duncan Edwards
• Good Night, Baby Bear, by Frank Asch
• Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too? by Eric Carle
• A Chair For My Mother, by Vera B. Williams
• Is Your Mama A Llama? by Deborah Guarino
• Where’s My Mommy? by Joe Brown
• We’re Making Breakfast For Mother, by Shirley Neitzel