Books for Toddlers:

A B C Pasta by Juana Medina, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Medina)
Before & After by Jean Jullien, © 2017. (BOARD, Jullien)
On Market Street by Arnold Lobel, © 1981. (CONCEPTS, Lobel)
On Top of Spaghetti by Paul Brett Johnson, © 2006. (RHYMES, Johnson)

Books for Preschoolers:

Cora Cooks Pancit by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore, © 2009. (STORIES/MITCHELL, Lazo Gilmore)
Mei-Mei’s Lucky Birthday Noodles by Shan-Shan Chen, © 2014. (MPL copies on order)
Spaghetti Eddie by Ryan SanAngelo, © 2002. (CPC, SanAngelo)
Strega Nona by Tomie de Paola, © 1975. (FOLK, De Paola)

School-Age Extension:

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett, ©1978. (FAVORITES, Barrett)
What the World Eats by Peter Menzel, © 2005. (+641.300222 Menzel)
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Fingerplays & Songs:

If You Love Spaghetti
If you love spaghetti, smack your lips.
If you love lasagna, shake your hips.
If you love baked ziti, tap your toes.
If you love macaroni, touch your nose.
If you love ravioli, wiggle around.
If you love rotini, touch the ground.
If you love tortellini, jump up high.
If you love rigatoni, touch the sky.
If you love penne, stand up tall.
Now shout the food that you love best of all!
(Adapted from original, found at:
www.addisonlibrary.org/sites/default/files/Food.pdf)

(From: The Random House Book of Poetry for Children, by Jack Prelutsky and Arnold Lobel)

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
You’re wonderful stuff,
I love you spaghetti,
I can’t get enough.
You’re covered with sauce
And you’re sprinkled with cheese,
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
Oh, give me some please.
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
Piled high in a mound,
You wiggle, you wriggle,
You squiggle around.
There’s slurpy spaghetti
All over my plate,
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
I think you are great.

Oodles of Noodles
I love noodles. Give me oodles.
Make a mound up to the sun.
Noodles are my favorite foodles.
I eat noodles by the ton.

- Lucia and James L. Hymes, Jr.
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I love you a lot,
You’re slishy, you’re sloshy,
Delicious and hot.
I gobble you down
Oh, I can’t get enough,
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!
You’re wonderful stuff.

- Jack Prelutsky
(From: Sunflakes: Poems for Children, by Lillian Moore and Jan Ormerod)

Noodles in My Soup
(Tune: “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)
There are noodles, noodles,
Noodles in my soup.
There are noodles, noodles,
Noodles in my soup.
There are oodles, oodles, oodles
of the most delicious noodles.
There are noodles, noodles,
Noodles in my soup.
(Slurp, Slurp!)
*You can sing about the noodles in your spaghetti and macaroni, too!* 
(From:
http://forums.atozteacherstuff.com/inde

Spaghetti

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Heaped in a mound;
Spaghetti, spaghetti,
Winds, winds around.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Slips, dips, and trips;
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Slithers and drips.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Slurps, sloops, and droops;
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Comes in groups.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Twists, turns, and bends;
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,
Never ever ends!

(From:
http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems63.html)
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**Big Book:** The World in a Supermarket, More Spaghetti, I Say!, Today Is Monday

**Flannel Boards:** Aikendrum, On Top of Spaghetti, Oodles of Noodles

**Prop Stories:** Tony Baroni Loves Macaroni

**Movies:** Strega Nonna (VHS, 9 minutes), Spoon (DVD, 8 minutes)

**Stamps:** upper case /P/, Pasta

**Craft Ideas:**
Freddie Spaghetti (see attached sheet)
Create a plate of spaghetti, using a paper plate, yarn, cut or torn paper, crayons, etc.

**Play Literacy:**
Share the images of different kinds of pasta with the children. Spend time on the pronunciation of each kind. (farfalle = far-FALL-lay, macaroni = mac-uh-ROW-nee, fusilli = foo-ZEE-lee, penne = PEH-neh, tortellini = tore-tuh-LEE-nee)

**Early Learning Tip:** There are many different types of pasta, each with a unique name. Using the noodle’s specific name (ravioli, soba, farfalle) increases your child’s vocabulary!