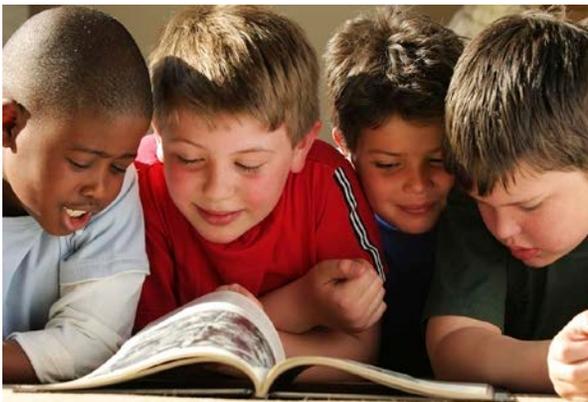


# Reading Suggestions...



Titles included are organized by the following genre...

Poetry

Picture Books

Fiction, Read Aloud and Advanced Fiction

Fairy Tales + Folk Tales + Fantasies

Non-Fiction

Biography

Books titles are organized by the following grade levels for students...

**Kindergarten/First Grades**

**Second/Third Grades**

**Fourth/Fifth Grades**



## KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE

Most preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, would like these books too.

### POETRY

Sing a Song of Popcorn, Beatrice Schenk De Regniers  
A delightful collection of poems, with illustrations by various well-known illustrators.

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young, Jack Prelutsky  
Over 200 poems to suit every mood with illustrations by Marc Brown.

Chicken Soup With Rice, Maurice Sendak  
A new classic with a poem for every month of the year.

Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers, Maryann Hoberman  
Humorous poems describe every kind of family member.

### PICTURE BOOKS

So Many Cats, Beatrice Schenk De Regniers  
Counting verses which explain how a family ended up with a dozen cats.

Good Dog Carl, Alexander Day  
The first in a series of wordless picture books that illustrate the adventures of Carl and his infant owner.

The Napping House, Audrey Wood  
A cumulative tale that tells how a wakeful flea creates a commotion with just one bite.

Matzah That Pappa Brought Home, Fran Manushkin  
A cumulative rhyme that describes traditions connected to a family's celebration of the Passover Seder.

Go Away Big Green Monster, Ed Emberly  
Cut-out pictures which reveal bits of a monster; designed to help children overcome fear.

The Mitten, Jan Brett  
Several animals sleep snugly in a boy's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. Borders tell an interesting parallel story.

The Snowy Day, Ezra Jack Keats  
The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

The Very Busy Spider, Eric Carle  
A pattern book about a spider who keeps on working in order to provide herself with a home and food.

The Relatives Came, Cynthia Rylant  
The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

Show and Tell, Robert Munsch  
Ben causes quite a commotion when he takes his new baby sister to school for show and tell.

Willy's Silly Grandma, Cynthia DeFelica  
A grandmother shares her superstitions with her skeptical grandson.

Tuesday, David Wiesner  
Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore nearby houses while the inhabitants sleep.

## FICTION and READ ALOUD

### Ira Sleeps Over, Bernard Waber

Ira struggles with the thought of spending the night at a friend's house without his teddy bear.

### Arthur's TV Trouble, Marc Brown

Arthur is unhappy about going on vacation with his family, but they all make the best of a bad situation.

### The Missing Tooth, Joanna Cole

Two best friends are almost identical, even where they have teeth missing.

### Big Sarah's Little Boots, Paulette Bourgeois

A little girl doesn't understand why her favorite rain boots are suddenly too small.

### Little Bear, Else Minarik

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and a birthday party.

### When Will I Read?, Miriam Cohen

Impatient to begin reading, a first grader doesn't realize that there is more to reading than books.

### Bear Shadow, Frank Asch

One book in a series of stories that feature a little bear. Bear tries everything he can think of to get rid of his shadow.

## FOLKTALES and FAIRYTALES

### Soap! Soap! Don't Forget the Soap!, Tom Birdseye

An Appalachian folktale - a forgetful boy gets himself in trouble when he repeats what each person he meets says to him.

### The Bunyans, Audrey Wood

The actions of Paul Bunyan and his family result in the formation of some of America's natural monuments.

### Seven Chinese Brothers, Margaret Mahy

The special talents of seven brothers help defeat the evil emperor.

### Tops & Bottoms, Janet Stevens

Hare turns his bad luck around by tricking a rich and lazy bear.

### Jamie O' Rourke and the Big Potato, Tomie dePaola

The laziest man in all of Ireland catches a leprechaun who offers a potato seed instead of a pot of gold for his freedom.

### Too Much Noise, Ann McGovern

The farmer learns to appreciate the normal noises of his daily life.

### Biggest Frog in Australia, Susan Roth

When a thirsty frog drinks up all the water in Australia, the other animals must think of a way to make him give it up.

### I Was So Mad, Mercer Mayer

Little Critter deals with being told "no".

## NON-FICTION

Dinosaur Days, Joyce Milton

Brief and simple descriptions of various kinds of dinosaurs.

How Do You Know It's Summer?, Allan Fowler

A rookie read-about science book that describes summer.

My First Kwanza Book, Deborah M. Newton Chocolate

Introduces young children to the joyous celebration of the original African-American holiday.

Weather, Gallimard Junesse

A First Discovery book about weather.

At Home, K. Carter

From the Discovery Library of Safety, this book covers all kinds of emergency situations in the home and offers important advice.

## BIOGRAPHY

Flight, Robert Burleigh

Lindbergh's solo and non-stop flight from New York to Paris.

Happy Birthday Martin Luther King, Jean Marzollo

An introduction to a great civil rights leader.

Abe Lincoln's Hat, Martha Brenner

An easy-to-read book about Abe Lincoln's life.

Follow the Dream, the Story of Christopher Columbus, Peter Sis

A short, beautifully illustrated account of Christopher Columbus' life up until 1492.

George Washington, First President of the United States, Carol Greene

A biography of the 1<sup>st</sup> president of the United States.

## SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

### POETRY

The Way I Feel...Sometimes, Beatrice Schenk De Regniers

Short poems about all kinds of feelings.

Best Friends: Poems, Lee Bennett Hopkins

Short poems about aspects of friendships between young people.

Kids Pick the Funniest Poems, Bruce Lansky

Funny poems chosen by children.

Insectlopedia, Douglas Florian

Learn about 21 insects through playful language and hilarious illustrations.

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices, Paul Fleischman

Fourteen poems about the insect world to be read by 2 voices.

Could We Be Friends?: Poems for Pals, Bobbi Katz

Poems describing different kinds of friendships.

For the Love of the Game: Michael Jordan and Me, Eloise Greenfield

Two children recognize the importance of the game and their similarity to Michael Jordan in this collection of poetry.

### PICTURE BOOKS

Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown

A falling bulletin board flattens Stanley so he is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.

Stories About Rosie, Cynthia Voigt

An account of the daily life of a dog named Rosie who thinks it's her duty to be happy.

Whitefish Will Rides Again, Arthur Yorinks

Will is such a good sheriff that all crime disappears from Whitefish, Montana.

A Brave Knight to the Rescue, Stella Maidment

Sir Simply Silly wants to prove that he is really as brave as his neighbor.

### FOLKTALES and FAIRYTALES

Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message from Chief Seattle, Susan Jeffers

Striking drawings enhance the words of the leader of the Northwest Indian Nation in the 1850's.

Favorite Fairy Tales Told in Norway, Virginia Haviland

Seven magical folktales with plenty of troll magic and Nordic charm.

Chicken Little, Steven Kellogg

Any Chicken Little or Henny Penny tales - The sky is falling!

Hans Christian Anderson: His Classic Fairy Tales, Erik Haugaard

Eighteen tales retold in this new translation of classic fairytales.

The Dwarf Giant, Anita Lobel

The life of a bored prince becomes more interesting when a dwarf arrives.

Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato, Tomie dePaola

The laziest man in Ireland catches a leprechaun who offers a potato seed for his freedom.

Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China, Ed Young

An outstanding variation of Red Riding Hood.

Tops and Bottoms, Janet Stevens

A trickster tale about a lazy bear and a smart rabbit.

The Egyptian Cinderella, Shirley Climo

In this version of Cinderella, set in Egypt in the sixth century B.C., a slave girl is chosen by the Pharaoh to be his queen. (other Cinderellas - Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters; The Rough-face Girl)

### FICTION

Aliens for Breakfast, Jonathan Etra & Stephanie Spinner

Richard joins in a fight to save the earth from the Dranes, also: Aliens for Lunch, and Aliens for Dinner.

Night of the Full Moon, Gloria Whelan - Historical Fiction

Libby visits her friend Fawn, a Potawatomi Indian and is mistaken for one of the tribe.

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Haunted House, David Adler

One in a series of mysteries that are solved by Cam Jansen using her photographic memory.

The Fireplug is First Base, Mary Pope Osborne

Joe's younger brother proves that he can play baseball.

Dinosaurs before Dark, Mary Pope Osborne

A tree house that travels through time. This is the first book in the Magic Tree House series. Look for others.

Horrible Harry in Room 2B, Suzy Kline

Harry is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who likes to do horrible things. (Look for other Horrible Harry books.)

The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups, David Wisniewski  
Parents seem to have a lot of rules. Here you can find the "real" reason behind the rules.

Henry and Mudge, The First Book, Cynthia Rylant  
The 1st in a series of adventures experienced by a boy and his dog.

Paper Bag Princess, Robert Munsch  
A princess outwits a dragon to rescue the prince she intends to marry.

Wait and See, Robert Munsch  
A little African-American girl gets exactly what she wishes for her birthday.

Werewolves Don't Go to Summer Camp, Debbie Dadey & Marcia Thornton Jones  
The Bailey Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are in for a hairy adventure when they meet Mr. Jenkins the camp director.

Grandmama's Joy, Eloise Greenfield  
The portrait of a relationship revealed less as a story than as an unfolding of love.

## NON-FICTION

The Buck Stops Here, Alice Provinsen  
Personal and political facts about the presidents presented in a light-hearted way.

Chew on This: Everything You Need to Make Your Own Bubble Gum, Susan Devins  
The only book about the history and science of chewing gum that includes all the ingredients kids need to make their very own brand!

I Have a Sister, My Sister is Deaf, Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson  
A young girl describes how her deaf sister experiences everyday things.

It's My Money: A Kids Guide to the Green Stuff, Ann Banks  
Money: how to earn it, how to save it, how to spend it wisely.

Oceans, Joy Palmer  
A First Start series book about oceans with striking photos.

Tonight is Carnaval, Arthur Dorros  
A family in South America eagerly prepares for the excitement of Carnaval.

I See Animals Hiding, Jim Arnosky  
A wonderfully illustrated book on animals' camouflage.

Magic Secrets, Rose Wyler & Gerald Ames  
An "I Can Read Book" with magic tricks for the aspiring young magician.

Recycle! A Handbook for Kids, Gail Gibbons  
Explains the process of recycling and what happens to paper, glass, aluminum cans, and plastic when they are recycled into new products.

## BIOGRAPHY

The Story of Ruby Bridges, Robert Coles  
A true story of the first African-American sent to 1<sup>st</sup> grade in an all white school.

Explorers, Dennis Fradin  
Easy text and clear photos tell the story of explorations, from the earliest civilizations to the space program.

Daniel Boone: Man of the Forests, Carol Greene

A Rookie Biography series book that tells the life of this frontiersman in simple terms.

Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend, Robert D. San Souci

Story of a young Iowa girl who helped save the survivors of an 1881 train wreck.

Vanished! The Mysterious Disappearance of Amelia Earhart,

Monica Kulling

The unsolved mystery of her disappearance somewhere over the Pacific Ocean in 1937.

Picture Book of Helen Keller, David Adler

A brief biography of a woman who overcame her handicaps of being both blind and deaf.

The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto, Natalie Standiford

It is one of the worst storms ever, but somehow Balto must get through. He is the lead dog of his sled team and he is carrying medicine to sick children.

## FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

### POETRY

Lunch Money and Other Poems about School, Carol Shields

A collection of twenty-three humorous poems about school.

Pizza the Size of the Sun, Jack Prelutsky

Delightful and funny poems for kids of all ages.

Falling Up, Shel Silverstein

Over 100 new poems by a favorite children's author.

Something Big Has Been Here, Jack Prelutsky

A book of wonderful, funny poems.

Don't Read this Book, Whatever You Do!, Kalli Dakos

Thirty-seven poems and mini-plays celebrate elementary school life.

If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Kalli Dakos

Thirty-eight poems that celebrate the world of elementary school.

Poem Stew, Poems selected by William Cole

A feast of hilarious poems about food.

The Goof Who Invented Homework, Kalli Dakos

A collection of poems that reflect the activities and emotions of the school year.

Bing, Bang, Boing, Douglas Florian

Great poems with humor.

## FOLKTALES and FANTASIES

The Jack Tales, Richard Chase

A collection of Southern Appalachian folktales that center around the irrepressible Jack.

Big Men, Big Country: A Collection of Tall Tales, Paul Robert Walker

Outlandish exploits and daring escapades of legendary American heroes.

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher, Bruce Coville

Twelve year old Jeremy unknowingly buys a dragon egg.

No Flying in the House, Betty Brock

A tiny talking dog asks the rich Mrs. Vancourt for shelter for herself and a little girl.

Knights of the Kitchen Table, Jon Scieszka

Three boys are sent back in time by a magic book. (one in series)

Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale, Robert D San Souci

Strong, brave, sometimes humorous women from many cultures and regions.

Adventures of King Midas, Lynn Reid Banks

King Midas travels far and wide to reverse the spell that turns everything to gold.

## FICTION

Matilda, Roald Dahl

Matilda uses her magical powers to rid the school of the child-hating head mistress.

Fudge-a-Mania, Judy Blume

Pete tells about the family vacation highlighted by the antics of his brother Fudge.

All About Sam, Lois Lowry

Adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnick's brother. Sequels: Atta Boy Sam and See You Around Sam.

Bringing Nettie Back, Nancy Wilson

Clara learns to deal with her best friend's disability.

My Name is Brain Brian, Jeanne Betancourt

A dyslexic boy is teamed up with the smartest student in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Yang the Youngest and his Terrible Ear, Lensey Namioka

Yang is an outsider in his musical family because he is tone deaf.

Frindle, Andrew Clements

Nick Allen's frindle idea is his most successful, but what is a frindle?

Danger Along the Ohio, Patricia Willis

In 1773 three children struggle to survive when lost in the Ohio River Valley.

Best School Year Ever, Barbara Robinson

Those terrible kids from the Best Christmas Pageant Ever return with more wild behavior.

## ADVANCED FICTION

Searching for David's Heart: A Christmas Story, Cherie Bennett

Darcy feels responsible for her brother's death, but she meets the boy who received his heart.

The Man Who Loved Clowns, June Rae Wood

A child grows up in a family with a Down's syndrome adult.

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales, Virginia Hamilton

Retold African-American folktales.

Favorite Folktales from Around the World, Jane Yolen

Folklore from over 40 cultures.

The Music of Dolphins, Karen Hesse

Raised by dolphins, a girl re-enters society.

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family drinks from a magic spring and suffers from eternal youth.

Time for Andrew, Mary Downing Hahn

Eleven-year-old Drew is drawn 80 years in the past to trade places with his great-great uncle.

## NON-FICTION

Apollo 13: Space Emergency, Michael D. Cole

An account of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US mission to the moon and its problems.

Over the Top of the World: Explorer Will Steger's Trek,  
Will Steger

Join an incredible expedition over the Arctic and North Pole.

Crystals and Crystal Gardens You Can Grow, Jean Stang

An introduction to the nature and structure of crystals.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!: Weird Inventions and Discoveries, Ripley's  
entertainment, Inc.

An assortment of some of the most peculiar inventions and discoveries know to man.

Kitchen Chemistry: Science Experiments to Do at Home,  
Robert Gardener

Learn how to launch a balloon rocket, make a cloud that will rain in the kitchen, and more.

NFL Record and Fact Book 2010 (Official National Football League  
Record and Fact Book), Editors at the NFL

Monster Trucks, James Koons

Photographs and information about monster trucks and how they work.

Snowboarding Basics, Jackson Jay

Facts about basic equipment, techniques, and safety tips.

## BIOGRAPHY

Phoebe the Spy, Judith Griffin

Phoebe is a free black during the American Revolution.

Saint Valentine, Robert Sabuda

A physician and Christian priest who miraculously restores a blind girl's sight.

On the Court with...Michael Jordan, Matt Christopher

A profile of basketball superstar Michael Jordan.

Linnea in Monet's Garden, Christian Bjork

Linnea understands what it means for a painter to be called an Impressionist.

The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson, Ann McGovern

She joined the army during the American Revolution for travel and adventure.

Cleopatra, Diane Stanley & Peter Vennema

Queen of Egypt at 18, her desire was to unite the world under Egyptian rule.

Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man Alive, David Adler

He set the first world record for the most consecutive games played in baseball.

Always Dream, Kristi Yamaguchi

She reveals how her determination, ambition, and love of skating kept her going.

Rachel Carson: Friend of the Earth, Francene Sabin

A marine biologist and science writer who changed the way we look at pesticides.

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