

# Summer Reading List

## Preschool through Kindergarten

### 2016

Allen, Jonathan. **Don't Copy Me!** Little Puffin is distressed when some cheeky gull chicks begin to follow him around and copy his every move, but the more he protests, the more gulls join the game.

Allen, Judy. **Are You a Ladybug?** The life cycle of a ladybug is introduced, showing how it changes from an egg to an adult ladybug.

Allen, Judy. **Are You a Spider?** Introduces the life cycle of a spider, describing how it hatches, develops, spins webs, and feeds.

Arnold, Ted **Parts** A five-year-old boy is sure his body is falling apart when he loses a tooth. (**Any by this author**)

Ashman, Linda. **To The Beach!** A family's outing to the beach keeps getting delayed by the need to go back home for forgotten items.

Bang, Molly. **When Sophie Gets Angry --: Really, Really Angry...** When Sophie gets angry, she goes outside and runs, cries, climbs her favorite tree – and then, calmed by the breeze, she is soon ready to go back home.

Barnett, Mac. **Extra Yarn.** With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2013

Barnett, Mac. **Sam & Dave Dig a Hole.** Perseverance prevails as Sam and Dave dig a hole in search of something spectacular.

Barrett, Judi. **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.** Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers - until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Barton, Byron. **My Bike.** Tom describes all the parts of his bicycle and then shares his journey to work as a circus performer

Bechtold, Lisze. **Sally and the Purple Socks.** When her tiny purple socks start to expand, Sally turns them into a scarf and then curtains, but things soon get out of hand.

Becker, Bonny. **A Library Book for Bear.** Bear thinks he has all the books he needs until his cheery friend, Mouse, persuades him to visit the library. (**Series**)

Bell, Cece. **Sock Monkey Rides Again.** Famous toy actor Sock Monkey is eager to get started on his first starring role in a cowboy movie, but he worries about having to kiss his co-star, Lulu. (**Series**)

Bennett, Kelly. **Not Norman: a Goldfish Story.** As a boy attempts to convince someone else to take his disappointing pet, he learns to love Norman the goldfish himself.

Berk, Ari. **Nightsong.** Chiro, a young bat, is nervous about flying into the world for the first time without his mother, especially on a very dark night, but he soon learns to rely on his "song" to find his way and stay safe.

Berry, Lynne. **Duck Tents.** While on a camping trip, five little ducks pitch tents, go fishing, toast marshmallows around a campfire, and face frightening night noises.

Bingham, Kelly L. **Z Is for Moose.** Moose is very eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, but he behaves badly when his letter passes and he does not have a role until Zebra finds a spot for him.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **Flora's Very Windy Day.** When a big wind blows her annoying little brother away, Flora decides to save him despite the many tempting offers she gets for him from, among others, a cloud, an eagle, the man in the moon, and the wind itself.

Blackwood, Freya. **Ivy Loves to Give.** Ivy loves to give presents, and although they are not always appropriate, they are always given with enthusiasm and generosity.

Blexbolex. **Seasons.** Translated from the French by Claudia Bedrick. This artist explores various aspects of each season of the year using images and single words on each page.

Bliss, Harry. **Bailey.** Bailey the dog goes to school where he has fun reading, fetching, painting, singing, digging, and charming his human classmates.

Bloom, Suzanne. **What about Bear?** When Fox joins Goose and Bear for playtime, one of them is left out and someone must figure out how all three of them can play together.

Boldt, Mike. **123 Versus ABC.** While numbers and letters may disagree about who is the real star of the book, the reader is the real winner due to the rollicking illustrations and fast-paced fun.

Boyd, Lizi. **Inside Outside.** In this story without words, a boy and his dog play inside and outside while the images from succeeding pages appear through die-cut holes

Bottner, Barbara. **Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't).** A first-grade girl -- who does not like to read -- stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.

Brett, Jan. **Gingerbread Baby.** A gingerbread baby escapes from the oven and leads a crowd on a chase until he is outsmarted by the clever Mattie. **(Any by this author)**

Browne, Anthony. **Willy's Pictures.** Willy the chimp paints pictures that are tributes to art masterpieces, including "American Gothic," "The Birth of Venus," and "Mona Lisa."

Bruss, Deborah. **Book! Book! Book!** Bored when the children return to school in the fall, the farm animals venture into town and to the library for entertainment.

Bunting, Eve. **Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?** The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find a missing item.

Burningham, John. **There's Going to Be a Baby.** A young boy imagines what life will be like when his new sibling arrives.

Butler, John. **Whose Nose and Toes?** Presents illustrations of toes and noses, and challenges young readers to match them with the correct animal. **(Any by this author)**

Buzzeo, Toni. **Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten.** Even though there are rules to follow, a little girl who loves adventure has an exciting first day of kindergarten.

Camcam, Princesse. **Fox's Garden.** (Translated from the French) In this gentle story without words, a fox seeks shelter from winter's icy snow in an abandoned greenhouse, but she is spotted by a small boy looking out his window at the moonlit landscape.

Carle, Eric. **What's Your Favorite Animal?** With beautiful illustrations and charming personal stories, 14 children's book artists share their favorite animals and tell the reader why they love them. **(Any by this author)**

Carle, Eric. **10 Little Rubber Ducks.** When a storm strikes a cargo ship, ten rubber ducks are tossed overboard and swept off in ten different directions. The rubber duck's squeak is reproduced at the end of the book. Based on a factual incident.

Child, Lauren. **I Am Too Absolutely Small for School.** When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie encourages and reassures her.

Cordell, Matthew. **Another Brother.** Davy the sheep wishes he had time alone with his parents, as he did before his twelve brothers came along and started imitating his every move, but when his wish comes true Davy misses playing with the youngsters.

Costello, David Hyde. **Little Pig Joins the Band.** When Little Pig and his older siblings get out Grandpa's marching-band instruments, he is too little to play any of them, but he decides the disorganized band needs a leader.

Cowley, Joy. **Red-eyed Tree Frog.** This frog found in the rain forest of Central America spends the night searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for some other animals.

Cronin, Doreen. **Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: a Counting Adventure.** While Farmer Brown sleeps, some of the animals who live on the farm go on a fishing expedition. **(Any by this author)**

Cunnane, Kelly. **For You Are a Kenyan Child.** A little Kenyan boy gets distracted by all there is to see and do in the village and forgets what his mama asked him to do.

Cyrus, Kurt. **The Voyage of Turtle Rex.** Follows the life of a giant prehistoric sea turtle from her egg and into the treacherous waters of the ocean, where she must avoid larger sea creatures until she is full-grown and can return to the shore and lay eggs of her own.

DaCosta, Barbara. **Nighttime Ninja.** Readers follow a ninja creeping quietly through the house in search of treasure.

Darbyshire, Kristen. **Put It on the List.** After family members see the consequences of forgetting to write things on the grocery list, they not only do better at keeping the list up-to-date, they also help with the shopping to ensure they never again eat pickled grubs.

Davies, Nicola. **Dolphin Baby!** A baby dolphin follows his mother and learns about life under the sea, from catching his first fish to developing his own unique whistle.

DePaola, Tomie. **Pancakes for Breakfast.** In this wordless book, a little old lady's attempts to have pancakes for breakfast are hindered by a scarcity of supplies and the participation of her pets.

Dewdney, Anna. **Llama Llama Time to Share.** Llama Llama does not want to share his toys with his new neighbors, but when fighting leads to breakage and tears, he learns that it is much better to share. **(Series)**

DiPucchio, Kelly. **Gaston.** A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.

Donaldson, Julia. **Superworm.** Superworm's bug friends attempt to free him from the clutches of Wizard Lizard who has captured him and is forcing him to dig for treasure.

Dunrea, Olivier. **Little Cub.** A young bear cub, who is alone in the world, and Old Bear, who is grumpy and tired of living alone, meet and discover what they have been missing.

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. **Warthogs in the Kitchen : a Sloppy Counting Book.** Three warthogs count to ten as they bake cupcakes. **(Series)**

Ehlert, Lois. **Waiting for Wings.** Simple text and bright pictures show the stages of a butterfly's life, from egg to caterpillar to cocoon to mature butterfly.

Elya, Susan Middleton. **Rubia and the Three Osos.** This retelling of the story of Goldilocks and the three bears uses rhyming text mainly in English, but interspersed with Spanish words.

Emberley, Ed. **There Was an Old Monster!** In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat, and other creatures to try to cure a stomach ache that began when he swallowed a tick.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. **The Turn-around, Upside-down Alphabet Book** In this alphabet book each letter becomes three different objects when the book is turned in different directions, as when A becomes a bird's beak, a drippy ice cream cone, and the point of a star.

Everitt, Betsy. **Mean Soup.** A bad day causes Horace to feel really mean until he and his mother make Mean Soup.

Falconer, Ian. **Olivia and the Fairy Princesses.** Olivia, the little pig with an attitude, does not want to be a ruffly, sparkly princess like many of the other girls, so she searches for a way to stand out and assert her individuality. **(Series)**

Feiffer, Jules. **Bark, George.** Instead of barking, as a dog should, George makes the sounds of other animals to the dismay of his mother and the vet.

Feiffer, Kate. **No Go Sleep!** It's time for bed, but a baby does not want to go to sleep and is determined to stay awake as long as possible.

Fleming, Candace. **A Big Cheese for the White House : The True Tale of a Tremendous Cheddar.** In 1801, in Cheshire, Massachusetts, Elder John Leland organizes his fellow townspeople to make a big cheese for President Jefferson, who up until that time had been forced to eat inferior cheese.

Fleming, Candace. **Oh, No!** One by one, animals fall into a deep, deep hole, only to be saved by a very large rescuer.

Fleming, Denise. **Beetle Bop.** Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the great variety of beetles and their swirling, humming, crashing activities. **(Any by this author)**

Floca, Brian. **Lightship.** Illustrations and simple text tell the story of lightships that were used in place of lighthouses in order to safely guide ships into port.

Fogliano, Julie. **And Then It's Spring.** Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything around is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.

Foley, Greg E. **Thank You Bear.** Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend.

Fox, Mem. **Hello Baby.** A baby encounters a variety of young animals, including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog, and a dusty lion cub, before discovering the most precious creature of all. **(Any by this author)**

Fraser, Mary Ann. **I.Q. Goes to the Library.** After going to the library with Mrs. Furber's class every day of Library Week, I.Q., the class pet mouse, hopes to take a funny book with his own library card.

Frazer, Marla. **The Farmer and the Clown.** In this wordless picture book, a farmer rescues a baby clown who has bounced off the circus train and reunites him with his clown family.

Frazier, Craig. **Lots of Dots.** Circular shapes are spotted in familiar objects and everyday situations.

Freedman, Deborah. **Blue Chicken.** An enterprising chicken attempts to help an artist paint the barnyard and accidentally turns the whole picture blue.

Freeman, Tor. **Olive and the Big Secret.** Olive learns the hard way that keeping secrets is tough, and telling them can lead to a lot of trouble.

French, Jackie. **Diary of a Baby Wombat.** Through a week of diary entries, a wombat describes his life of sleeping, playing, and helping his mother look for a bigger hole in which to make their home.

French, Vivian. **Henny Penny** Henny Penny and her barnyard friends are on their way to tell the king that the sky is falling when they meet a hungry fox, but Henny Penny's quick thinking saves the day.

Freyman, Saxton. **Food for Thought: The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds.** Fruits and vegetables are carved into different shapes and used to teach colors, numbers, letters, shapes, and opposites. **(Any by this author)**

Friend, Catherine. **The Perfect Nest.** With hopes of making a delicious omelet, Jack the cat builds a nest to catch a chicken, but ends up attracting more than the bird.

Gibson, Ginger Foglesong. **Tiptoe Joe.** A bear invites all the animals to follow him through the forest, on tiptoe, to see a special surprise that requires utmost silence.

Giori, Debi. **Flora's Blanket.** Flora, a little rabbit, does not want to sleep without her missing blanket, so her family helps her look for it. **(Any by this author)**

Golson, Terry Blonder. **Tillie Lays an Egg.** In search of the perfect place to lay her egg, Tillie the chicken leaves the barnyard and explores the farmhouse.

Goodrich, Carter. **Say Hello to Zorro!** Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule, Mister Bud must learn to adapt.

Gorbachev, Valeri. **Red, Red, Red.** As Turtle rushes through town in a hurry to see something “red, red, red,” his neighbors wonder what it could be and hurry after him to find out. **(Any by this author)**

Gravett, Emily. **Dogs.** A surprising narrator reveals the characteristics and attributes of dogs he loves, including dogs that are big or small, striped or spotted, and good or bad.

Gray, Rita. **Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?** In this nonfiction picture book, children hear many birds on their walk through the forest, but the quiet mother bird has something special to see.

Grossman, Bill. **My Little Sister Ate One Hare.** Little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she throws up quite a mess.

Grossman, Bill. **My Little Sister Hugged an Ape.** Little sister is on a hugging spree, out to hug a different animal for every letter of the alphabet.

Guiberson, Brenda Z. **Frog Song.** The songs of frogs from around the world are discussed.

Halpern, Shari. **Dinosaur Parade.** Colorful illustrations and simple, rhyming text present a wide variety of dinosaurs for very young readers.

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Go! Go! Go! Stop!** Little Green only knows one word, “Go!” which is the perfect thing to get the construction site moving, but how will they stop?

Harrison, Hannah E. **Extraordinary Jane.** Jane the dog doesn’t have a unique talent in the circus like the rest of her family until the ringmaster discovers what is truly special about her.

Haughton, Chris. **Oh No, George!** George finds it very hard to be a good dog when there are cats to chase, flowers to dig up, and a delicious cake sitting on the kitchen table.

Harris, Robie H. **Maybe a Bear Ate It!** At bedtime, a young boy who cannot find his favorite book imagines the various creatures that might have taken it from him.

Henkes, Kevin. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.** Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

Henkes, Kevin. **Waiting.** This beautifully illustrated picture book finds the reader happily waiting with owl, puppy, bear, bunny and pig for marvelous things to happen

Henkes, Kevin. **Wemberly Worried.** A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school

Hest, Amy. **Kiss Good Night.** Even after a story, being tucked in, and warm milk, Sam is not ready to go to sleep until his mother kisses him good-night.

Hest, Amy. **The Reader.** A boy and his dog hike to the top of a very tall, snowy hill where they play, enjoy a snack, and then share their favorite book before sledding home.

Hoose, Philip. **Hey, Little Ant.** An ant tries to convince a child not to step on him.

Hort, Lenny. **Seals on the Bus.** Different animals, including seals, tigers, and more, make their own sounds as they ride all around the town on a bus.

Howe, James. **Brontorina.** Despite her size and not having the proper footwear, a determined dinosaur pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina.

Hutchins, Hazel J. **A Second Is a Hiccup: A Child's Book of Time.** Playful rhyming text helps children comprehend units of time, presenting lively examples of what can happen in the span of a second, a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a month, a year, and a whole childhood.

Idle, Molly. **Flora and the Flamingo.** In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together

Jackson, Alison. **If the Shoe Fits.** The old woman who lives in a shoe sets out to find a larger home for her many children, and gets mixed up in other nursery rhymes along the way.

Janezko, Paul B. **Firefly July: a Year of Very Short Poems.** This illustrated collection of thirty-six classic short poems invites children of all ages to sample poetry throughout the four seasons of the year.

Javernick, Ellen. **The Birthday Pet.** Danny can have a pet for his birthday and he knows exactly what he wants, but the other members of his family think differently.

Jeffers, Oliver. **Stuck.** Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, and he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

Jenkins, Martin. **Grandma Elephant's in Charge.** The behavior of elephants in a family group is described, particularly the role of the older female elephant.

Jenkins, Martin. **The Emperor's Egg.** The male Emperor penguin is described and shown standing in the freezing cold with an egg on his feet for two whole months as he waits for it to hatch.

Jenkins, Steve. **Actual Size.** Using collage illustrations, the reader is invited to view examples of the actual size of various animals and some of their parts.

Juster, Norton. **Neville.** When a boy and his family move to a new house, he devises an ingenious way to meet people in the neighborhood.

Karas, G. Brian. **On Earth.** The motions of the Earth are described as they relate to time, such as the year, seasons, and days.

Karas, G. Brian. **The Village Garage.** Throughout the seasons the workers at the Village Garage are busy taking care of the town and its residents.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **Louie.** Louis, a withdrawn little boy, starts to peek out of his shell when he becomes fascinated with one of the characters in Susie and Roberto's puppet show.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **Pet show!** When he can't find his cat to enter in the neighborhood pet show, Archie must do some fast thinking to win a prize.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **Whistle for Willie.** A young boy tries to learn how to whistle so that he can call his dog like all the bigger boys do.

Kellogg, Steven. **A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton.** After dreaming that he is the father of a penguin egg, Pinkerton mistakes a football for a real egg, resulting in chaos all over town.

Kerby, Johanna. **Little Pink Pup.** Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies.

Kerley, Barbara. **A Cool Drink of Water.** People around the world are shown collecting, chilling, and drinking water.

Kerley, Barbara. **One World, One Day.** Photographs and poetic text describe the shared daily activities of people around the world, such as preparing breakfast.

Khan, Rukhsana. **Big Red Lollipop.** Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. **The Top Job.** On Career Day, a young girl entertains the class with a description of her father's exciting job as light bulb changer at the top of the Empire State Building.

Kleven, Elisa. **Welcome Home, Mouse.** Stanley, who is very clumsy, accidentally smashes Mouse's house, then promises to try to make a new one.

Komiya, Teruyuki. **Life-size Zoo: from Tiny Rodents to Gigantic Elephants, an Actual-Sized Animal Encyclopedia.** Twenty-one different types of animals found in Japan's premiere zoos are depicted using close-up wildlife photographs accompanied by detailed descriptions.

Korchek, Lori. **Adventures of Cow.** A lost cow has many adventures before finding its way home.

Korchek, Lori. **Adventures of Cow, Too.** A very excited toy cow takes an adventurous trip to a grocery store

Lachenmeyer, Nathaniel. **The Origami Master.** An Origami Master whose only company has been his creations captures someone who has been leaving him a magnificent origami animal each night.

Lamb, Albert. **Tell Me the Day Backwards.** Timmy Bear asks his mother to play a game with him at bedtime in which they remember everything he did during the day, but in reverse order.

Laden, Nina. **Peek-a-Who?** The reader can look through die-cut pages for a colorful clue and then guess about what is hiding on the next page.

LaRochelle, David. **It's a Tiger!** A child imagines that he is in a story where he encounters a tiger at every turn.

Lehman, Barbara. **Rainstorm.** In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.

Lester, Helen. **The Loch Ness Monster.** Angus, a very messy monster who lives with his parents in Loch Ness, learns an important lesson about picking up after himself.

Lester, Helen. **Tacky Goes to Camp.** Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. **(Series)**

Lionni, Leo. **Fish Is Fish**. After suffering disappointment when his best friend tadpole grows into a frog and leaves the pond, a little fish discovers that being himself can still bring happiness.

London, Jonathan. **Froggy Plays T-Ball**. Froggy looks forward to playing in his first T-ball game but finds it hard to remember the rules. **(Series)**

Long, Loren. **Otis**. When a big yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs Otis is the only one who can help. **(Series)**

Lord, Cynthia. **Hot Rod Hamster**. A hamster, with the help of a canine junkyard dealer and his mouse assistants, builds a hot rod and drives it in a race against some very large dogs.

Lovell, Patty. **Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon**. Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers her grandmother's words and feels good about herself.

Lovell, Patty. **Have Fun Molly Lou Melon**. When Gertie moves in next door with fancy new toys and a huge television set Molly shares lessons she learned from her Grandmother about home-made playthings and imagination.

Low, William. **Machines Go to Work**. In this lift-the-flap book, cement mixers, helicopters, backhoes, and other machines go to work around town.

Low, William. **Machines Go to Work in the City**. This lift-the-flap book shows the machines that are at work in and around cities, such as garbage trucks, trains, cranes, and planes.

Luciani, Brigitte. **How Will We Get to the Beach?** The reader is asked to guess what Roxanne must leave behind as she tries to find her way to the beach.

Mack, Jeff. **Ah Ha!** The ups and downs of a frog's day are told through the use of just two words.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **I Didn't Do It**. A collection of fourteen poetic examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.

Maizes, Sarah. **On My Way to the Bath**. Livi imagines herself as a snake, a gymnast, a rock star, and more as she tries to avoid taking a bath.

Markle, Sandra. **Finding Home**. A mother koala bear and her baby leave their home range after a fire, coming close to the world of humans in their search for a new home.

Marshall, James. **George and Martha Back In Town**. Though their friendship is often tested, George and Martha survive with a sense of humor. **(Series)**

Marshal, James. **Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog**. Old Mother Hubbard has a remarkable dog who keeps her busy running errands.

Martin, Bill. **Ten Little Caterpillars**. Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf where something amazing happens. **(Any by this author)**

Matheson, Christie. **Tap the Magic Tree**. A lonely apple tree needs help to change with the seasons and the reader is interactively invited to participate.

Mavor, Salley. **Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes.** This collection of familiar nursery rhymes is illustrated with scenes made from fabric and cloth.

McAllister, Angela. **Monster Pet!** After asking for a big, wild, and exciting pet, Jackson receives a boring hamster and quickly forgets to care for it with frightening results.

McCloskey, Robert. **Make Way for Ducklings.** Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

McClure, Nikki. **How to Be a Cat.** Cut-paper illustrations and single words of text show a kitten's attempts to imitate an adult cat's mastery of such skills as stretching and stalking.

McDonnell, Christine. **Goyangi Means Cat.** An understanding cat helps a young Korean girl adjust to her new home in America.

McDonnell, Patrick. **Me ... Jane.** Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

McDonnell, Patrick. **Thank You and Good Night.** Maggie hosts a pajama party at which Clement, Alan Alexander, and Jean play a variety of fun games, tire themselves, and drift off to sleep, but not before sharing their gratitude.

McPhail, David. **My Little Brother.** A boy describes all the things that he does not like about having a younger brother--and the things he does like. **(Any by this author)**

Meisel, Paul. **See Me Dig.** A group of dogs that loves to dig has a fun-filled day of making mischief.

Melling, David. **Hugless Douglas.** Poor Douglas, a young bear, goes from place to place looking for someone to give him a hug.

Menotti, Andrea. **How Many Jelly Beans?** Aiden and Emma cannot decide how many jelly beans are enough and how many are too many as they learn about big numbers.

Meshon, Aaron. **Take Me Out to the Yakyu.** A little boy's grandfathers, one in America and one in Japan, teach him about baseball and its rich, varying cultural traditions.

Messner, Kate. **Over and Under the Snow.** Over the snow the world is hushed and white, but under the snow is a secret world of squirrels and snowshoe hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many others who live outside in the woods during the winter.

Murray, Alison. **One Two That's My Shoe!** Using illustrations and rhyming text, the reader is encouraged to count from one to ten when a mischievous puppy runs off with his owner's shoe.

Murray, Laura. **The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School.** A Gingerbread Man searches all over the school for the group of children who made him and then left him behind.

Murray, Marjorie Dennis. **Hippo Goes Bananas.** As small animals tell one another about Hippo's strange behavior each makes up something terrible to add to the story, until they are frightened that Hippo will destroy the Serengeti itself.

Nakagawa, Chihiro. **Who Made This Cake?** While a boy and his parents go for an outing, little people invade the house and use their big construction equipment to bake a cake.

Nelson, Kadir. **If You Plant a Seed.** While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.

Novak, B. J. **The Book with No Pictures.** In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter how preposterous they are!

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. **If You Give a Pig a Pancake.** One thing leads to another when you give a pig a pancake. **(Any by this author)**

Opie, Iona, ed. **My Very First Mother Goose.** This collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes, includes “Hey, Diddle, Diddle,” “Pat-a-Cake,” and “Little Jack Horner.”

Palatini, Margie. **Bad Boys.** Two hungry wolves in disguise attempt to raid a sheep farm.

Palatini, Margie. **Bad Boys Get Henpecked!** Bad boy wolves Willy and Wally try to get a chicken dinner by disguising themselves as the Handy-Dandy Lupino Brothers and going to work for a hen in need of household help.

Paschkis, Julie. **P. Zonka Lays an Egg.** The other chickens in the farmyard think P. Zonka is just lazy because she does not lay eggs regularly, but then she lays the most beautiful egg they’ve ever seen.

Perkins, Maripat. **Rodeo Red.** Rodeo Red and her dog Rusty are happy as can be, but when Side Swiping Slim comes to town and stirs up trouble for them by stealing Rusty, Red will do anything to get him back – even give up the birthday gift her Aunt Sal sent.

Pinkney, Jerry. **The Lion and the Mouse.** In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

Rash, Andy. **Are You a Horse?** Roy receives a saddle for his birthday and sets out in search of a horse on which to use it.

Raschka, Christopher. **A Ball For Daisy.** Daisy the dog is heartbroken when her favorite toy ball is destroyed while she is playing with another dog, but she realizes she has gained something, too.

Rathmann, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria.** The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle’s safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

Ray, Mary Lyn. **Stars.** The wonder of stars is explored, whether they are in the night sky, on a plant as a promise of fruit to come, or in one’s pocket for those days when one does not feel shiny.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey. **Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site.** At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Rohmann, Eric. **My Friend Rabbit.** Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is a good friend. 2003 Caldecott Medal winner.

Rose, Deborah Lee. **The Twelve Days of Springtime: A School Counting Book.** In this cumulative counting verse, a child enumerates items given to her by her teacher during the first twelve days of spring.

Rosen, Michael. **Red Ted and the Lost Things.** A teddy bear is accidentally left on the seat of a train, but he uses his ingenuity and the help of some new friends in order to search for the little girl who lost him

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Duck! Rabbit!** Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

Rosenthal, Eileen. **I'll Save You, Bobo!** Willy is writing a story about Bobo in order to act out his revenge fantasies on Earl, who retaliates by wrecking Willy's stories until they both realize that they have something in common.

Ross, Tony. **Centipede's 100 Shoes.** A little centipede buys shoes to protect his feet but finds that they are a lot of trouble to put on and take off.

Roth, Carol. **Who Will Tuck Me In Tonight?** Various farm animal mothers do their best to tuck Woolly the lamb into bed, but nothing is quite right until Mother Sheep arrives

Rusch, Elizabeth. **A Day with No Crayons.** A little girl discovers all sorts of artistic possibilities when she has to go a day without crayons.

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Great Gracie Chase : Stop That Dog.** This cumulative tale is about a small dog named Gracie whose quiet life is disrupted by some noisy painters.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Scarecrow.** Although made of straw and borrowed clothes, a scarecrow appreciates his peaceful, gentle life and the privilege of watching nature at work.

Saltzberg, Barney. **Beautiful OOPS!** The many ways that torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper can be transformed into various shapes and images are demonstrated.

Sanders-Wells, Linda. **Maggie's Monkeys.** Maggie's parents decide to play along when she insists a family of monkeys has moved into the refrigerator, leaving her practical, reality-obsessed brother wondering what to do about his family.

Savage, Stephen. **Supertruck.** When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, a mysterious superhero saves the day and then disappears once his job is done.

Sayre, April Pulley. **Rah, Rah, Radishes! : A Vegetable Chant.** Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the tastes, scents, and appearance of different vegetables.

Schaefer, Carole Lexa. **Dragon Dancing.** Young children use their imaginations and their art supplies to pretend to be different kinds of dragons.

Schaefer, Carole Lexa. **Someone Says.** A day at preschool has leaping frogs, dancing ponies, flapping wings, eating like tigers, and all the things that children can dream.

Schaefer, Lola M. **Pick, Pull, Snap! : Where Once a Flower Bloomed.** Describes how raspberries, peanuts, corn, and other foods are produced as various plants flower, create seeds, and finally bear fruit.

Schaefer, Lola M. **What's Up, What's Down?** Illustrations and simple text show young readers what the world looks like from a variety of different perspectives.

Schertle, Alice. **Little Blue Truck Leads the Way.** A country truck feels out of place in the speedy, noisy city until he comes to the rescue during a giant traffic jam. **(Series)**

Schoenherr, Ian. **Read It, Don't Eat It!** Rhyming text and illustrations of animals reading offer advice on how to take care of a library book.

Schwartz, Amy. **100 Things That Make Me Happy.** Listing a wide variety of items, from red socks to peekaboo, this celebration of everyday things can make anyone happy!

Schwarz, Viviane. **There Are Cats In This Book.** The reader is invited to lift-the-flaps and follow the cats as they play with yarn, boxes, pillows, and fish.

Scieszka, Jon. **Melvin Might?** Melvin, a cautious cement mixer, worries that he cannot keep up with the other trucks, but when Rita needs help he overcomes his fear in order to help her.

Scotton, Rob. **Russell the Sheep.** Russell the sheep tries many different ways to get to sleep.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Bully.** A little bull sadly discovers that he has been a big bully.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **What If?** The concept of sharing is explored using three different scenarios of what could happen after a boy throws a beach ball into the ocean.

Sendak, Maurice. **Where the Wild Things Are.** After he is sent to bed without supper for behaving like a wild thing, Max dreams of a voyage to the island where the wild things are. **(Any by this author)**

Shannon, David. **Duck on a Bike.** A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too. **(Any by this author)**

Shapiro, Zachary. **We're All in the Same Boat.** After being on the ark for months and months, the ants get antsy, the bees bored, and the llamas livid, and Noah must find a way to make everyone get along.

Shaw, Nancy. **Sheep In A Shop.** Sheep hunt for a birthday present and make havoc of the shop, only to discover they haven't the money to pay for things.

Shea, Susan. **Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?** Exploring the simple notion of living versus non-living, the author presents a rhyming inquiry into which objects grow and which do not.

Sherry, Kevin. **I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean.** A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean -- almost.

Siegel, Randy. **My Snake Blake.** A long, bright green snake a boy receives from his father as an early birthday present proves to be an incredibly smart and talented pet.

Simont, Marc. **The Stray Dog.** A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him. Caldecott Honor Book.

Slate, Joseph. **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten.** The reader is introduced to the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten.

Slobodkina, Esphyr. **Caps for Sale.** A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

Spinelli, Eileen. **When No One Is Watching.** When alone, a young girl enjoys dancing, singing, growling, and cheering, but when anyone other than her best friend is watching, she is quiet and shy.

Spires, Ashley. **The Most Magnificent Thing**. A little girl, with a wonderful idea, elicits help from her canine assistant and begins the challenging process of trying to make “the most magnificent thing.”

Staake, Bob. **My Pet Book**. A boy’s search for the perfect pet leads him to the bookstore where he finds a bright red book that becomes his best friend.

Staines, Bill. **All God's Critters**. How all the animals in the world make their own music in their own way is celebrated, some singing low, some singing higher.

Stead, Philip C. **Bear Has a Story to Tell**. Bear, with the help of his animal friends, remembers the story he had hoped to tell before the onset of winter.

Steig, William. **Rotten Island**. Rotten Island has always been a paradise for nasty creatures, until one awful day a beautiful flower begins to grow, threatening to spoil the island forever. **(Any by this author)**

Stein, David Eza. **Interrupting Chicken**. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Steiner, Joan. **Look-alikes**. Simple verses challenge readers to identify the everyday objects used to construct eleven three-dimensional scenes in Look-Alike Land.

Steiner, Joan. **Look-alikes Around the World**. Pictures of famous sites around the world, rendered in household objects

Steiner, Joan. **Look-Alikes Jr.** Simple verses challenge readers to identify the everyday objects used to construct eleven three-dimensional scenes, including a house, kitchen, bedroom, school bus, train, farm, and rocket.

Stephens, Helen. **How to Hide a Lion**. Iris understands that grown-ups are afraid of lions so she tries to keep one hidden for as long as possible, but when he catches two burglars he becomes the town hero.

Stevens, April. **Edwin Speaks Up**. Before his family leaves the grocery store, Baby Edwin makes sure their grocery cart contains the last ingredient needed to make his birthday celebration complete.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. **The Moon**. In this poem, colorful paintings bring the magic of the moon alive as it shines on nocturnal creatures, and a father and son explore outdoors late at night before returning to their cozy home.

Stoeke, Janet Morga. **A Hat for Minerva Louise**. Minerva Louise, a snow-loving chicken, mistakes a pair of mittens for two hats to keep both ends warm. **(Series)**

Sturges, Philemon. **The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza**. The duck, the dog, and the cat refuse to help make a pizza but do get to participate when it comes time to eat it.

Sullivan, Mary. **Ball**. While searching for someone to play with him, a dog dreams of fantastical adventures he could have with his ball.

Sutton, Sally. **Roadwork**. Rhyming text and illustrations show how a road is made, from planning to moving dirt, laying asphalt, putting up signs, to landscaping.

Swanson, Susan Marie. **The House in the Night**. Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light. (Caldecott Medal, 2009)

Sweeney, Joan. **Me and My Amazing Body**. A girl describes how her skin, bones, muscles, brain, blood, heart, lungs, and stomach receive energy and function as part of her body.

Sweeney, Joan. **Me and My Place In Space**. A child describes how the earth, sun, and planets are part of our solar system, which is just one small part of the universe

Swope, Sam. **The Krazees**. Describes the havoc created when "The Krazees" take over Iggy's house and head on a boring rainy day

Taback, Simms. **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**. A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.

Tafari, Nancy. **The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book**. Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow one by one; but when the storm is over, a rumbling tells them there is still danger afoot.

Tankard, Jeremy. **Grumpy Bird**. After waking up grumpy, Bird decides he will walk instead of fly and is joined by other animals who cheer him up.

Tankard, Jeremy. **Me Hungry!** A little prehistoric boy decides to hunt for his own food, and makes a new friend in the process

Teague, Mark. **The Sky Is Falling!** In this humorous version of the traditional tale, Chicken Little panics when an acorn falls on her head and sets off a dance frenzy among the other chickens.

Thomas, Jan. **Rhyming Dust Bunnies**. As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

Thomson, Bill. **Chalk**. This wordless book illustrates the story of three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that magically come to life.

Thong, Roseanne. **Green Is A Chili Pepper**. A little girl discovers all the bright colors in her Hispanic American neighborhood.

Titherington, Jeanne. **A Place for Ben**. When his baby brother is moved into his bedroom, Ben goes elsewhere in search of a place of his own but finds he longs for company of some kind.

Trapani, Iza. **I'm a Little Teapot**. Expanded verses of a familiar song tell how a teapot dreams of visiting China, Mexico, the opera, a jungle, and other places while waiting to be used to serve tea.

Trapani, Iza. **Row Row Row Your Boat**. A family of bear is on a fun-filled outing, but their gentle boat ride down the stream turns into a fast-paced adventure.

Tullet, Herve. **Press Here**. Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to manipulate yellow, blue, and red dots.

Underwood, Deborah. **Bad Bye, Good Bye**. Using simple rhyming text and expressive illustrations, a child describes the many feelings and emotions that accompany a family's move.

Van Dusen, Chris. **The Circus Ship**. After courageously swimming to shore when the ship that they are traveling on sinks and the wretched captain does nothing to rescue them, circus animals find a way to become a valued part of a coastal community.

Van Laan, Nancy. **A Tree For Me.** A child climbs five different trees, looking for a place to hide and finding an increasing number of animals already in residence, until finally the perfect tree is found.

Viva, Frank. **Along a Long Road.** Illustrations and brief text evoke a bicycle ride, with its ups and downs, sweeping turns, and vivid views.

Viva, Frank. **A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse.** A boy and a mouse take a bumpy sea journey to the majestic expanses of Antarctica where they see the sights and meet new friends.

Voake, Steve. **Insect Detective.** This illustrated story tells the reader where to look for different insects, including wasps, ants, bees, beetles, and others, and provides facts about each six-legged creature.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Balancing Act.** Two mice have fun playing on a teeter-totter, but as more and larger friends join them, it becomes increasingly difficult to stay balanced.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Mouse Paint.** Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

Ward, Jennifer. **The Busy Tree.** Many different types of wildlife live in and around a tree that is their home, from chipmunks and woodpeckers to ants and spiders.

Warnes, Tim. **Mommy Mine.** Whether it is by croak, flutter, or fur, all children claim their mothers as their own.

Wattenberg, Jane. **Henny-Penny.** While on their way to tell the king that the sky is falling, Henny-Penny and her friends meet the very hungry Foxy-Loxy.

Wattenberg, Jane. **Never Cry Woof!** Bix, a braggart dog, gets bored while watching sheep and cries wolf to get the other dogs to come to see him, only to find that they are not so ready to come again when he really needs their help.

Weeks, Sarah. **Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash.** Rhyming text describes all the strange things that Mrs. McNosh washes and hangs out to dry.

Wells, Rosemary. **My Kindergarten.** Emily and her classmates learn many new things as they journey through the months of their kindergarten year of school.

Wells, Rosemary. **Max Cleans Up.** Max's big sister Ruby wants to help him clean up his messy room, but he keeps rescuing things that she wants to throw away. (*Series*)

Wells, Rosemary. **Read To Your Bunny.** Brief rhyming text and colorful illustrations tell what happens when parents and children share twenty minutes a day reading.

Westcott, Nadine. **The Lady with the Alligator Purse.** Zany and appealing illustrations tell the well-known rhyme of the lively little boy who tries to eat a bathtub.

Westcott, Nadine. **Never Take a Pig to Lunch : And Other Poems About the Fun of Eating.** A collection of poems and traditional rhymes about food and eating.

Wheeler, Lisa. **Dino-baseball.** Meat-eating dinosaurs face plant-eating dinosaurs in a baseball game. (*Series*)

Wheeler, Lisa. **Farmer Dale's Red Pickup Truck.** One by one, Farmer Dale picks up animals who want a ride to town in his rickety old pickup truck.

Wheeler, Lisa. **One Dark Night.** Mouse and Mole feel afraid one dark night crossing a mushy swamp and a marsh-misty wood.

Wheeler, Lisa. **Porcupining : A Prickly Love Story.** After a series of rejections, a lonely porcupine finds true love with a prickly hedgehog.

Wheeler, Lisa. **Sixteen Cows.** This is a rhyming tale of Cowboy Gene and Cowgirl Sue whose beloved cows get mixed up when a storm blows down the fence between their ranches.

Willems, Mo. **Hooray For Amanda & Her Alligator!** Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together, but when Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, Alligator must learn to make new friends.

Willems, Mo. **I Broke My Trunk!** Gerald the elephant tells his best friend Piggie a long, crazy story about how he broke his trunk.

Willems, Mo. **Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed.** Wilbur is the only naked mole rat in his colony who enjoys wearing clothes, and when Grand-pah, the oldest and wisest naked mole rat, discovers his secret, Wilbur fears he will be ostracized by the colony.

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny : A Cautionary Tale.** Trixie becomes very unhappy when she accompanies her daddy to the laundromat and realizes she has lost her stuffed bunny.

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity.** Trixie's first day of pre-kindergarten gets off to a bad start when she and Sonja discover they have the very same "one-of-a-kind" Knuffle Bunnies.

Willems, Mo. **The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!** The pigeon really, really wants a puppy, but when a puppy arrives, the pigeon changes its mind. **(Series)**

Willems, Mo. **Today I Will Fly!** While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen. **(Series)**

Wilson, Karma. **Bear Says Thanks.** Bear thanks his friends for bringing food dishes to his dinner party and finds a way of sharing something of his own. **(Series)**

Wilson, Karma. **Where Is Home, Little Pip?** After Little Pip the penguin gets lost, she meets a whale, a Kelp Gull, and sled dogs who cannot help her, but home finds her with the aid of her family's song.

Wood, Audrey. **King Bidgood's in the Bathtub.** Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom.

Wood, Audrey. **Ten Little Fish.** Ten little fish swim along an ocean reef, each finding a different reason to leave until there is only one left.

Wormell, Christopher. **Blue Rabbit and Friends.** In his search for just the right home, Blue Rabbit helps a bear, a goose, and a dog find the perfect place to live.

Wormell, Christopher. **Puff-Puff, Chugga-Chugga.** A little train is working hard to carry a great many enormous animals as passengers.

Yaccarino, Dan. **Unlovable**. Alfred, a pug, is made to feel inferior by a cat, a parrot, and the other neighborhood dogs until a new dog moves in next door and helps Alfred realize that he is fine just the way he is.

Yolen, Jane. **Dinosaur Dances**. Seventeen whimsical poems featuring allosaurus, stegosaurus, tyrannosaurus, and other dancing dinosaurs.

Yolen, Jane. **Hoptoad**. A toad barely escapes being squashed beneath the wheels of a car.

Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?** Colorful illustrations and simple text describe how ten dinosaurs should and should not behave during a typical school day.

Yolen, Jane. **You Nest Here with Me**. A mother soothes her child at bedtime as she describes how baby birds and sleepy children everywhere are safe at home in their own nests.

Yum, Hyewon. **The Twins' Blanket**. Two twin girls, who have always shared everything, sleep in separate beds with their own blankets for the first time.

Zalben, Jane Breskin. **Mousterpiece**. Janson the mouse, who lives in a museum, becomes an acclaimed artist by copying the styles of paintings she sees there. Includes notes about the artists and works featured.

Zimmerman, Andrea. **Trashy Town**. Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.

Zion, Gene. **Harry The Dirty Dog**. A little dog runs away because he hates baths and is so dirty when he returns that no one recognizes him.

**Any book from the Reading Rainbow collection is also acceptable.**

**(Series) – Any book from the mentioned series may be read, not just the book listed.**