

First and Second Grade Suggested Reading List

CATEGORY: AWARDS

Caldecott, Corretta Scott King, 2X2 Reading List

*Books on the list with a **

**Biggest Bear.* Lynd Ward. (E WAR)
RL 3.7

**Blueberries for Sal.* Robert McCloskey. (E MCG) RL 3.1

**Frederick.* Leo Lionni. (E LES) RL 3.8

**Frog and Toad Together.* Arnold Lobel. (E LOB) RL 2.3

**Granddaddy's Place.* Helen Griffith. (E GRI) RL 2.9

**Leah's Pony.* Elizabeth Freidrich. (E FRE)

**Make Way for Ducklings.* Robert McCloskey. (E MCG)

**Millions of Cats.* Wanda Gag. (E GAG)

**Rosie's Walk.* Pat Hutchins. (E HUT)
Snug. (E HAN)

**Verdi.* Janell Cannon. (E CAN)

**Math Curse.* Jon Scieszka. (E SCI)

**The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales.* Jon Scieszka. (E SCI)

**Officer Buckle and Gloria.* Peggy Rathman. (E RAT)

**Rain Makes Applesauce.* Julian Scheer. (811 SCH)

**The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales.* Jon Scieszka. (E SCI)

**A Chair for My Mother.* Vera B. Williams. (E WIL)

**Ben's Trumpet.* Rachel Isadora. (E ISA)

**Dandelions.* Eve Bunting. (E BUN)

**Grandfather's Journey.* Allan Say. (E SAY)

**Madeline.* Ludwig Bemelmans. (E BEM)

**Owl Moon.* Jane Yolen. (E YOL)

**Song and Dance Man.* Karen Ackerman. (E ACK)

**The Gardener.* Sarah Stewart. (E STE)

**The Lotus Seed.* Sherry Garland. (E GAR)

**The Patchwork Quilt.* Valerie Fournoy. (E FOU)

**The Relatives Came.* Cynthia Rylant. (E RYL)

**Train to Somewhere.* Eve Bunting. (E BUN)

**Diary of a Spider.* Doreen Cronin. (E CRO)

**Stellaluna.* Janell Cannon (E CAN)

**Hieronymus Betts and his Unusual Pets.* M.P. Robertson (E ROB)

**The Man Who Walked Between the Towers.* Mordicai Gerstein. (E GER)

**The Three Pigs.* David Wiesner. (E WIE)

**Joseph Had a Little Overcoat.* Simms Taback. (E TAB)

**Kitten's First Full Moon.* Kevin Henkes. (E HEN)

**Frog Went A-courtin'.* John Langstaff. (782.42 LAN)

**Where the Wild Things Are.* Maurice Sendak. (E SEN)

**Ox-Cart Man.* Donald Hall. (E HAL)

**Fables.* Arnold Lobel. (FIC LOB)

**The Little House.* Virginia Lee Burton. (E BUR)

**Hush, Little Dragon.* Boni Ashburn. (E ASH)

**The Dog Who Belonged to No One.* Amy Hest. (E HES)

**Too Many Toys.* David Shannon. (E SHA)

**Gorgonzola: a very stinkysaurus.* Margie Palatini. (E PAL)

CATEGORY: BIOGRAPHY

Picture Book Biographies. David Adler. (92)
**Lou Gehrig, the Luckiest Man.* David Adler. (92 GEH)
**My Great-Aunt Arizona.* Gloria Houston. (E HOU)
**The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot.* (92 BLE)
Bigmama's. Donald Crews.
Black Cowboy, Wild Horses: A True Story. Julius Lester. (E LES)
Heroine of the Titanic. (92 BRO)
Holt and the Cowboys. Jim McCafferty. (92 COL)
Home Run. Robert Burleigh. (796.35 BUR)
Johnny Appleseed Goes a Planting. Patsy Jensen. (92 APP)
More Than Anything Else. Marie Bradley. (E BRA)
The Boy Who Drew Birds: a story of John James Audubon. (92 AUD)
Florence Nightingale. Carol Alexander. (92 NIG)
Susan B. Anthony. Martha E. H. Rustad. (92 ANT)
Marian Anderson. Eric Braun. (92 AND)
Neil Armstrong. Dana Meachen Rau. (92 ARM)
Cesar Chavez. Susan Eddy. (92 CHA)
Jesse Owens. Eric Braun. (92 OWE)
Betsy Ross. Jan Mader. (92 ROS)
Dr. Seuss. Cheryl Carlson. (92 SEU)
Sitting Bull. Susan Evento. (92 SIT)
Dr. Seuss. Dana Meachen Rau. (92 SEU)
Rosa Parks. Michelle Levine. (92 PAR)
Paul Revere. Wil Mara. (92 REV)
John F. Kennedy. Vicky Franchino. (92 KEN)
Mae Jemison. Eric Braun. (92 JEM)

CATEGORY: FANTASY

**Hey, Al.* Arthur Yorinks. (E YOR)
**Jumanji.* Chris Van Allsburg. (E VAN)
**Once a Mouse.* Marcia Brown. (398.2 BRO)
**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.* William Steig. (E STE)
**Tuesday.* David Wiesner. (E WIE)
**Where the Wild Things Are.* Maurice Sendak. (E SEN)
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Judi Barrett. (E BAR)
Harold and the Purple Crayon. Crockett Johnson. (E JOH)
May I Bring a Friend? Beatrice DeRegniers. (E DEG)
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present. Charlotte Zolotow. (E ZOL)
The Flying Dragon Room. Audrey Wood. (E WOO)
The Library Dragon. Carmen Agra Deedy. (E DEE)
The Mysterious Tadpole. Steven Kellogg. (E KEL)
Weslandia. Paul Fleishman. (E FLE)
Jubal's Wish. Audrey Wood. (E WOO)
Sweet Dream Pie. Audrey Wood. (E WOO).
Dinosaurs Before Dark. Mary Pope Osborne. (FIC OSB)
Dolphins at Daybreak. Mary Pope Osborne. (FIC OSB)
Superdog the heart of a hero. Caralyn Buehner. (FIC BUC)
There's a Nightmare in My Closet. Mercer Mayer. (E MAY)
Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook. Michael Garland. (E GAR)
Emma Kate. Patricia Polacco. (E POL)
Hieronymus Betts and His Unusual Pets. M.P. Robertson. (E ROB)
The Magic Tree House series. Mary Pope Osborne. (E OSB)

**CATEGORY: FAIRY TALES,
FOLKTALES, LEGENDS & MYTH**

Borreguita & the Coyote. Verna Aardema. (398.2 Aar)
**Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears.* Verna Aardema. (398.24 AAR)
Emperor's New Clothes. Hans Christian Anderson. (E AND)
**Doctor Coyote: a Native American Aesop's Fables.* John Bierhorst. (398.2 Bie)
The Mitten: a Ukrainian Folktale. Jan Brett. (398.2 BRE)
**Fanny's Dream.* Caralyn Buehner. (EBUE)
**Stone Soup, an Old Tale.* Marcia Brown. (E BRO)
**Strega Nona: an Old Tale.* Tomie De Paola. (E DE)
**The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses.* Paul Goble. (398.2 GOB)
**Village of Round and Square Houses.* Ann Grifalconi. (398.2 GRI)
**A Story, A Story: An African Tale.* Gail E Haley. (398.2 HAL)
**One Fine Day.* Nonny Hogrogian. (398.2 HOG)
The Tale of Rabbit and Coyote. Tony Johnston. (398.3 JOH)
Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale. Steven Kellogg. (398.2 KEL)
Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock. Eric A. Kimmel. (398.2 KIM)
The Gingerbread Man. Eric A Kimmel. (398.21 KIM)
Sirko and the Wolf: a Ukrainian Tale. Eric Kimmel. (398.2 KIM)
**John Henry.* Julius Lester. (398.21 LES)
Yeh-Shen: a Cinderella Story from China. Ai-Ling Louie. (398.2 LOU)
The Three Little Javelinas. Susan Lowell. (E LOW)
**Arrow to the Sun.* Gerald McDermott. (398.2 MCD)

**The Talking Eggs.* Robert D. San Souci. (398.2 SAN)
**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.* Jon Scieszka. (E SCI)
Coyote Steals the Blanket. Janet Stevens. (398.2 STE)
**Tops and Bottoms.* Janet Stevens. (398.2 STE)
**Golem.* David Wisniewski. (398.21 WIS)
**Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood Story from China.* Ed Young. (398.24 YOU)
**Seven Blind Mice.* Ed Young. (398.2 ZEL)
**Rapunzel.* Paul O. Zelinsky. (398.2 ZEL)
**Rumpelstiltskin.* Paul O. Zelinsky. (398.2 ZEL)
Mabela the Clever. Margaret Read MacDonald. (398.2 MAC)
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: very short fairy tales to read together. Mary Ann Hoberman. (428.6 HOB)
**The Three Silly Billies.* (E PAL)
**Once Upon a Time, the End: (asleep in 60 seconds).* Geoffrey Kloske. (398.2 KLO)
**Cinderella.* Marcia Brown. (398.2 BRO)

**CATEGORY: POETRY & STORIES
IN RHYME**

**Beast Feast.* Douglas Florian. (811 FLO)
**Hush! A Thai Lullaby.* Mintong Ho. (811 HO)
A House is a House for Me. Mary Ann Hoberman. (E HOB)
A Light in the Attic. Shel Silverstein.
Beneath a Blue Umbrella. Jack Prelutsky. (811 PRE)
Crocodile Beat. Gail Jorgensen. (E JOR)
Dancing Teepees: Poems of American Indian Youth. Stephen Gammell. (897 DAN)
Feathers for Lunch. Lois Ehlert. (E EHL)
For Laughing Out Louder: More Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone. Jack Prelutsky. (811 FOR)
If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand: Poems about School. Kalli Dakos. (811 DAK)
My Little Sister Ate One Hare. Bill Grossman. (513 GRO)
New Kid on the Block. Jack Prelutsky. (811 PRE)
Old Black Fly. Jim Aylesworth. (411 AYL)
Pigs Ahoy!. David McPhail. (E MCP)
The Adventures of Taxi Dog. Debra & Sal Barracca. (E BAR)
The Owl and the Pussycat. Edward Lear. (821 LES)
The Unbeatable Bread. Lyn Hoopes. (E HOO)
Tikki Tikki Tembo. Arlene Mosel. (398.2 MOS)
Where the Sidewalk Ends. Shel Silverstein. (811 SIL)
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin. Lloyd Moss. (E MOS)
Silver Seeds. Paul Paolilli and Dan Brewer. (811 PAO)

Hello School! A Classroom Full of Poems. Dee Lillegard. (811 LIL)
Mud Is Cake. Pam Munoz Ryan. (E RYA)
Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices. (811 DIR)
One Leaf Rides the Wind. Celeste Davidson Mannis. (811 MAN)
Billywise. Judith Nicholls. (E NIC)
In the Heart. Ann Turner. (E TUR)
There's a Zoo in Room 22. Judy Sierra. (811 SIE)
Where I Live. Frances Wolfe. (811 WOL)
Little Dog and Duncan. Kristine O'Connell. (811 GEO)
In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers. (811.008 IN)
Grandparents Song. Sheila Hamanaka. (E HAM)
Omnibeasts. Douglas Florian. (811 FLO)
In Our Backyard Garden. Eileen Spinelli. (811 SPI)
Hot Potato: Mealtime Rhymes. Neil Philip (811 PHI)
Neighborhood Mother Goose. Nina Crews (398.8 NEI)
Animal Snackers. Betsy Lewin (811 LEW)
The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh. Frederick Lipp. (E LIP)
I Want to say I Love You. Caralyn Buehner. (E BUE)
Me and Uncle Romie: a story inspired by the life and art of Romare Bearden. Claire Hartfield. (E HAR)
The Story of Noodles. Ying Chang Compestine. (E COM)
The Sunday Outing. Gloria Jean Pinkney. (E PIN)
Scarecrow Pete. Mark Kimball Moulton. (E MOU)
The Secret Science Project that Almost Ate the School. Judy Sierra (E SIE)

CATEGORY: SCIENCE & MATH

All About Rattlesnakes. Jim Arnosky. (597.96 ARN)
An Alphabet of Dinosaurs. Peter Dodson. (567.9 DOD)
Ant Cities. Arthur Dorros. (595.79 DOR)
Archaeologists Dig for Clues. Kate Duke. (930 DUK)
Caves and Caverns. Gail Gibbons. (551.4 GIB)
Creepy, Crawly Caterpillars. Margery Facklam. (595.78 FAC)
Digging up Dinosaurs. Aliko. (567.9 ALI)
Flash, Crash, Rumble & Roll. Franklyn Branley. (551.5 BRA)
Have You Seen Trees? Joanne Oppenheim. (582.16 OPP)
How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World. Faith McNulty. (551.1 MCN)
Insects Are My Life: A Story. Megan McDonald. (E MCD)
Nature Spy. Shelley Rotner. (508 Rot)
One Hundred Hungry Ants. Elimor Pinczes. (513 PIN)
Pigs Will be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money. Amy Axelrod. (E AXE)
Rookie Read-About Science Series. Allan Fowler.
Snowballs. Lois Ehlert. (E EHL)
Spaghetti and Meatballs for All: a Mathematical Story. Marilyn Burns. (E BUR)
The Greedy Triangle. Marilyn Burns. (E BUR)
The Life and Times of the Honeybee. Charles Micucci. (595.79 MIC)
The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip. Joanna Cole. (621.3 COL)
The Planets in Our Solar System. Franklyn Branley. (523.4 BRA)
The Red Poppy. Irmgard Lucht. (583 LUC)
If You Decide to Go to the Moon.(629.45

Thunderstorm! Nathaniel Tripp. (E TRI)
Welcome to the Sea of Sand. Jane Yolen. (508.315 YOL)
What Makes Day and Night? Franklyn Branley. (525 BRA)
Ready, Set, Hop! Stuart J. Murphy. (513.2 Mur)
Give Me Half! Stuart J. Murphy. (513.2 Mur)
Let's Fly a Kite. Stuart J. Murphy. (512.9 Mur)
Henry the Fourth. Stuart J. Murphy. (513 Mur)
The Penny Pot. Stuart J. Murphy. (513.2 Mur)
Get Up and Go! Stuart J. Murphy. (513.2 Mur)
Dirt. Steve Tomecek. (631.4 TOM)
Discovering Dinosaurs. Janine Scott. (567.9 SCO)
A Sea of Animals. Janine Scott. (591.77 SCO)
Food Found All Around. Janine Scott. (577 SCO)
The Story of Paper. Ying Chang Compestine. (E COM)
Ants. Ann Heinrichs. (595.79 HEI)
Grasshoppers. Ann Heinrichs. (595.7 HEI)
Danger! Volcanoes. Seymour Simon. (551.21 SIM)
Animal Senses. Janine Scott. (573.8 SCO)
The Amazing Egg. Susan James. (573.6 JAM)
I Get Wet. Vicki Cobb. (546 COB)
I See Myself. Vicki Cobb. (535 COB)
Jungle Life. Janine Scott. (591.73 SCO)
Bees. Ann Heinrichs. (595.79 HEI)
Horses. Gail Gibbons. (636.1 GIB)
Ladybugs. Ann Heinrichs. (595.76 HEI)
Earthquakes. Ellen Prager.(551.22PRA)
A Mama for Owen. Marion Dane Bauer. (E BAU)

**FICTION BOOKS AND SERIES
FOR FIRST GRADE: READING
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The Adventures of Taxi Dog.
Debra Barracca

The Amelia Bedelia series

Peggy Parish

Arthur (the aardvark) books

Marc Brown

Arthur (the chimpanzee) books

Lillian Hoban

The Berenstain Bear series

Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain

Frances books. Russell Hoban

Brave Norman. Andrew Clements

Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler,

Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey

Business. Esphyr Slobodkina

Carlo Likes Reading. J. Spanyol

Clifford books. Norman Bridwell

Curious George books. H.A. Rey

Danny and the Dinosaur. Syd Hoff

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash.

Trinka Hakes Noble

Dolores and the Big Fire. Andrew

Clements

Flat Stanley. Jeff Brown

Franklin books. Paulette Bourgeois

Frog and Toad books. Arnold Lobel

Froggy books. Jonathon London

Good Night, Good Knight.

Shelley Moore Thomas

Harry and the Lady Next Door.

Gene Zion

Harry in Trouble. Barbara Porte

The Henry and Mudge series.

Cynthia Rylant

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.

Laura Numeroff

I Like Me! Nancy Carlson

Is Your Mama a Llama?

Deborah Guarino

Katy and the Big Snow.

Virginia Lee Burton

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.

Kevin Henkes

The Listening Walk. Paul Showers

Little Bear books.

Else Holmelund Minarik

The Little Engine That Could.

Watty Piper

Madeline books. Ludwig Bemelmans

A Mama for Owen. Marion Dane Bauer

The Mitten. Jan Brett

Miss Spider books. David Kirk

Mouse Soup. Arnold Lobel

Mouse Tales. Arnold Lobel

Mr. Putter and Tabby books.

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The Nate the Great series.

Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Olivia books. Ian Falconer

The Pinkerton series.

Steven Kellogg

The Poppleton series.

Cynthia Rylant

Quick as a Cricket. Audrey Wood

Strega Nona books. Tomie De Paola

Stuart Little (I Can Read series)

Susan Hill

Tacky the Penguin. Helen Lester

Ten Apples Up on Top!

Theodore LeSieg (Dr. Seuss)

There's an Alligator Under My Bed.

Mercer Mayer

A Tree Is A Plant. Clyde Robert Bulla

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Adventure Stories That Will Thrill You.
by Reading Rainbow
The Amber Brown series. Paula Danziger
The Amelia Bedelia series. Peggy Parish
Agapanthus Hum books. Joy Cowley
Alien and Possum: Friends No Matter What.
Tony Johnston
The Amazing Bone. William Steig
Arthur (the aardvark) books. Marc Brown
Arthur (the chimpanzee) books.
Lillian Hoban
The A to Z Mysteries series. Ron Roy
Bailey School Kids books. Debbie Dadey
Ben Franklin and His First Kite.
Stephen Krensky
Breakout at the Bug Lab. Ruth Horowitz
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain.
Verna Aardena
Buster. L. Bechtold
Cam Jansen series. David Adler
Caps For Sale. Esphyr Slobodkina
Chicken Soup with Rice, A Book of Months.
Maurice Sendak
Clever Beatrice. Margaret Willey
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs.
Judi Barrett
Cody books. Betsy Duffey
Dog Breath. Dav Pilkey
The Dragonling. Jackie French Koller
Emma books. Jean Little
The Extinct Files : My Science Project.
Wallace Edwards
First Flight. George Shea
Geronimo Stilton books. Geronimo Stilton
Get Well, Good Knight.
Shelley Moore Thomas
The Giving Tree. Shel Silverstein
Good Night, Good Knight.
Shelley Moore Thomas
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Amazon Rain Forest.* Lynne Cherry
Harry in Trouble. Barbara Porte
Helen Keller and the Big Storm. Pat Lakin

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Cynthia Rylant
The Horrible Harry series . Suzy Kline
Iris and Walter: The Sleepover
Elissa Haden Guest
Jewel Fairies. Daisy Meadows
The Jigsaw Jones Mystery series.
James Preller
The Junie B. Jones series. Barbara Park
Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express.
Margaret Wetterer
The Little Bill series. Bill Cosby, et al.
Lotta on Troublemaker Street.
Astrid Lindgren
Martha Blah Blah. Susan Meddaugh
The Marvin Redpost series. Louis Sachar
Miss Rumphius. Barbara Cooney
The Mr. Putter and Tabby series.
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Mrs. Katz and Tush. Patricia Polacco
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Moongobble and Me books. Bruce Coville
My Brother, Ant. Betsy Byars
The Nate the Great series.
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Night Noises. Mem Fox
A New Coat For Anna. Harriet Ziefert
Pigs math series. Amy Axelrod
Pinky and Rex. James Howe
The Pinkerton series. Steven Kellogg
The Poppleton series. Cynthia Rylant
Raising Dragons. Jerdine Nolen
Rats On The Roof and Other Stories.
James Marshall
Secrets of Droon series. Tony Abbott
Six-Dinner Sid. Inga Moore
Stanley in Space. Jeff Brown
Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends.
Andrew Clements
Tentacles! Tales of the Giant Squid.
Shirley-Raye Redmond
Time Warp Trio series. Jon Scieska
Tornado. Betsy Byars
The Unicorn's Secret Series.
Kathleen Duey
The Weather Fairies. Daisy Meadows
Zelda and Ivy. Laura McGee Kvasnosky

