



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Suggested Reading



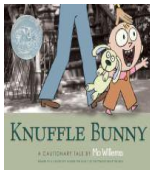
*Time for Bed* by Mem Fox (E FOX)

As darkness falls parents everywhere try to get their children ready for sleep.



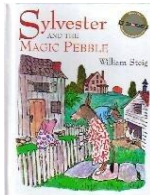
*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems (E WIL)

When the bus driver has to leave for a little while, the pigeon pleads to drive the bus.



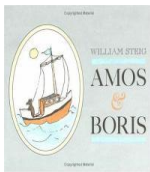
*Knuffle Bunny - A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems (E WIL)

After Trixie and daddy leave the laundromat, something very important turns up missing.



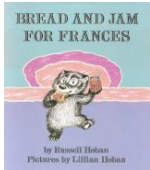
*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig (E STE)

In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.



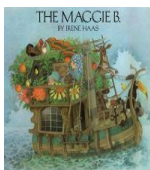
*Amos & Boris* by William Steig (E STE)

Amos the mouse and Boris the whale have little in common except that they are both mammals and save each other's lives.



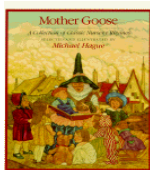
*Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban (E HOB)

Frances decides that bread and jam are all she wants to eat, and her understanding parents grant her wish at breakfast, lunch, dinner, and even snacktime.



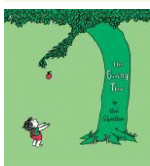
*The Maggie B* by Irene Haas (E HAA)

A little girl's wish to sail for a day on a boat named for her with someone nice for company comes true.



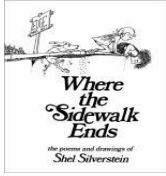
*Mother Goose - A Collection of Classic Nursery Rhymes* by various (J398.8 MOT)

A noted contemporary artist presents a large selection of Mother Goose rhymes.



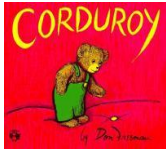
*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (E SIL)

A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.



*Where the Sidewalk Ends - The Poems & Drawing of Shel Silverstein*  
by Shel Silverstein (J811.54 SIL)

A collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.



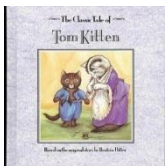
*Corduroy* by Don Freeman ( E FRE)

Corduroy, a lonely bear in green overalls, must first find his lost button before he can be Lisa's very own bear.



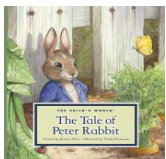
*A Beatrix Potter Treasury - The Original and Authorized Editions*  
by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

The eleven classic Peter Rabbit stories gathered in one volume.



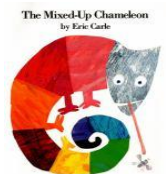
*The Classic Tale of Tom Kitten* by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

Tom and his two sisters indulge in rowdy behavior when they are sent upstairs as punishment.



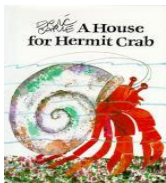
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.



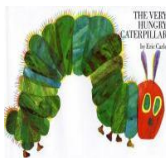
*The Mixed-up Chameleon* by Eric Carle (E CAR)

A bored chameleon wishes it could be more like all the other animals it sees, but soon decides it would rather just be itself.



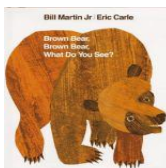
*A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle (E CAR)

A hermit crab who has outgrown his old shell moves into a new one, which he decorates with the sea creatures he meets in his travels.



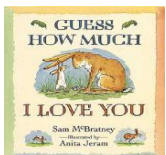
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (E CAR)

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food.



*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin (E MAR)

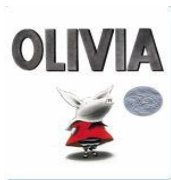
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.



*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney (E MCB)

During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father.





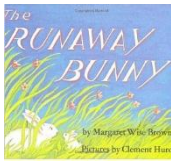
*Olivia* by Ian Falconer (E FAL)

Olivia is an energetic pig who is very good at wearing everyone out, including herself.



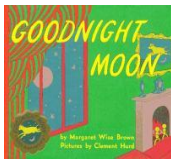
*Arrow to the Sun - A Pueblo Indian Tale* by Gerald McDermott (J398.2 MCD)

An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men.



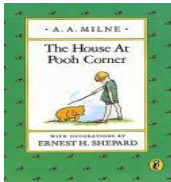
*The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown (E BRO)

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him.



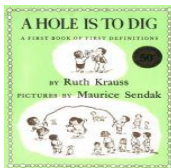
*Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown (E BRO)

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.



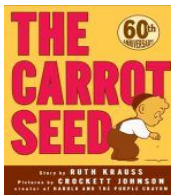
*House at Pooh Corner* by A.A. Milne (J MIL)

Ten adventures of Pooh, Eeyore, Tigger, Piglet, Owl, and other friends of Christopher Robin.



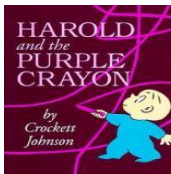
*A Hole Is to Dig - A First Book of First Definitions* by Ruth Krauss (E KRA)

Explains and illustrates simple and easily understood definitions such as a hole is to dig, hands are to hold, and arms are to hug.



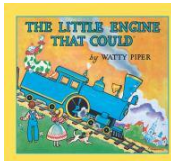
*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss (E KRA)

Everyone tells a small boy that the carrot seed he has planted will never grow, but his patience is rewarded.



*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson (E JOH)

A small boy uses his crayon to draw a moon and starts off on a moonlight walk, creating his own adventures along the way.



*The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper (E PIP)

When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of dolls, toys, and good food over the mountain.

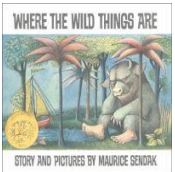




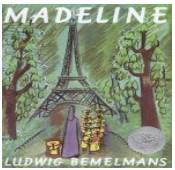
*In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)  
A little boy's dream-fantasy in which he helps three fat bakers get milk for their cake batter.



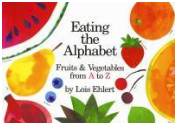
*Chicken Soup with Rice - A Book of Months* by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)  
Each month is gay, each season nice, when eating chicken soup with rice.



*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)  
Max, sent to bed without supper, sails to the land of the wild things, where he becomes their king.



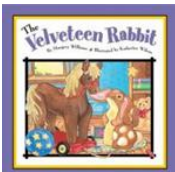
*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans (E BEM)  
The rhymes in which the tale is told make it one that children will enjoy repeating.



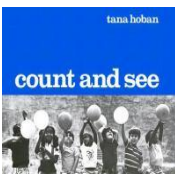
*Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Ehlert (E EHL)  
An alphabetical tour of the world of fruits and vegetables, from apricot and artichoke to yam and zucchini.



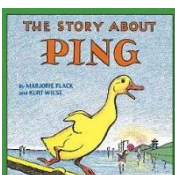
*The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* by Paul Goble (E GOB)  
Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.



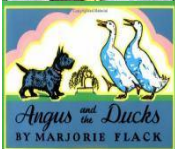
*The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams (E WIL)  
The adventures of a stuffed rabbit and how the love of a boy turns him into a real rabbit.



*Count and See* by Tana Hoban (E HOB)  
Photographs of common objects and events illustrate the numbers one through one hundred.

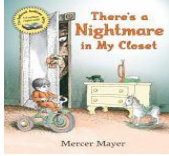


*The Story about Ping* by Marjorie Flack (E FLA)  
A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

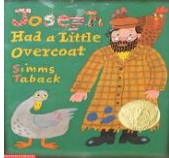


*Angus and the Ducks* by Marjorie Flack (E FLA)  
A curious Scottish terrier decides to investigate the strange noise coming from the other side of the hedge.

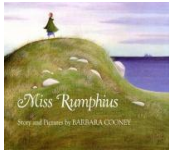




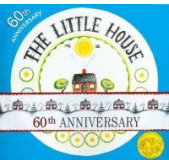
*There's A Nightmare in My Closet* by Mercer Mayer (E MAY)  
At bedtime a boy confronts the nightmare in his closet and finds him not so terrifying after all.



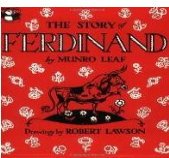
*Joseph Had A Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback (E TAB)  
A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.



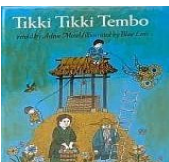
*Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney (E COO)  
Alice Rumphius was once a little girl who loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to do something to make the world more beautiful.



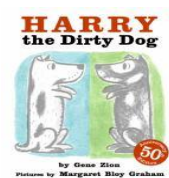
*The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton (E BUR)  
A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.



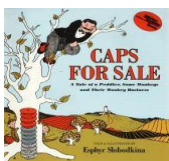
*The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf (E LEA)  
All the other bulls would run and jump and butt their heads together. But Ferdinand would rather sit and smell the flowers.



*Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel (J398.2 MOS)  
The Chinese, according to the legend, decided to give all their children short names.



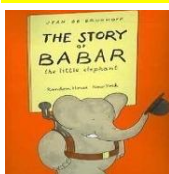
*Harry, the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion (E ZIO)  
When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.



*Caps for Sale - A Tale of A Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business* by Esphyr Slobodkina (E SLO)  
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.



*Curious George* by H.A. Rey (E REY)  
The curiosity of a newly-captured monkey gets him into continual trouble.

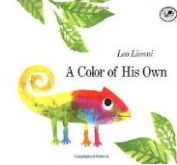


*The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant* by Jean de Brunhoff (E BRU)  
An orphaned baby elephant goes to live in the city with an old lady who gives him everything he wants.

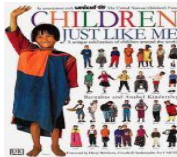




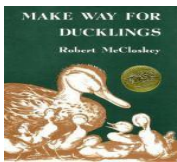
*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni (E LIO)  
Swimmy shows his friends how--with ingenuity and team work--they can overcome any danger.



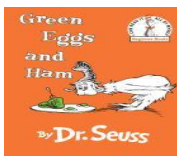
*A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni (E LIO)  
A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals.



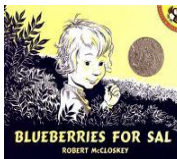
*Children Just like Me* by Susan Elizabeth Copsey (J305.23 KIN)  
Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, family life, and culture of young people around the world.



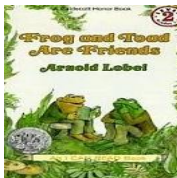
*Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey (E MCC)  
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.



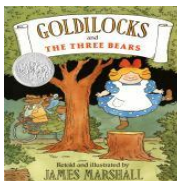
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss (EASY READER SEU)  
Illustrates resistance to something new as two friends learn that they both like green eggs and ham.



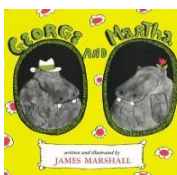
*Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey (E MCC)  
Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.



*Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel (EASY READER LOB)  
Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends, Frog and Toad.



*Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by James Marshall (J398.2 MAR)  
Three bears return home from a walk to find a little girl asleep in baby bear's bed.



*George and Martha* by James Marshall (E MAR)  
Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses.



*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats (E KEA)  
About a child living in the city during a hot summer's day.



