



Building Knowledge and Character

K-2nd Grade Reading List

*Some books are for reading aloud to children and others are for children to read themselves

Language Arts/English

Author	Title	Lexile
Ahlberg, Janet and Allen	The Jolly Postman	
Aiken, Joan	The Moon's Revenge	
Andersen, Hans Christian (all)	The Emperor's New Clothes The Little Match Girl The Little Mermaid Princess and the Pea The Red Shoes The Snow Queen The Steadfast Tin Soldier Thumbelina The Ugly Duckling	
Appleby Ellen	The Three Billy-Goats Gruff	340
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim All Alone Tim's Friend Towser Tim and the Brave Sea Captain Tim and Charlotte Tim and Ginger Tim in Danger Tim to the Rescue	
Backstein, Karen	The Blind Men and the Elephant	280
Bemelmans, Ludwig	Madeline	480
Bennet, William	The Book of Virtues The Children's Book of America The Children's Book of Heroes The Children's Book of Virtues The Moral Compass Our Country's Founders	
Beskow, Elsa	Children of the Forest Pele's New Suit	
Burgess, Gelett	Goops and How to Be Them	
Burton, Virginia Lee	Katy and the Big Snow The Little House Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	



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Calmenson, Stephanie	It Begins with an A	80
Carrick, Donald	Harald and the Giant Knight Harald and the Great Stag	
Carroll, Lewis	The Hunting of the Snark The Walrus & the Carpenter	
Chardiet, Bernice	Rapunzel	
Christelow, Eileen	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	310
Church, Caroline	Do Your Ears Hang Low?	20
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar	Book of Greek Myths Book of Norse Myths	
dePaola, Tomie	The Art Lesson The Knight and the Dragon Legend of Indian Paintbrush The Quilt Story Shh! We're Writing the Constitution Stega Nona	
DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson	450
Ditschfield, Christin	Johnny Appleseed	370
Douglas, Lloyd G.	The American Flag The Bald Eagle The Liberty Bell The Pledge of Allegiance	520 620 370
Field, Eugene	Wynken, Blynken, and Nod	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt Rip Van Winkle Returns Theseus and the Minotaur The Two Mountains: An Aztec Legend William Tell	
Fleming, Denise	Alphabet Under Construction	
Galdone, Pal	The Three Bears	610
Gannet, Ruth Stile	My Father's Dragon	
Gerrard, Roy	Croco'nile Mik's Mammoth The Roman Twins Rosie and the Rustlers Sir Cedric Wagons West!	
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon	
Gross, Ruth Belov	The Bremen-town Musicians	200
Hale, Sarah Josephina Buell	Mary Had a Little Lamb	440



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Hall, Donald	The Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems	
Harris, Joel Chandler	The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus	
Harrison, M	The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems The Oxford Book of Story Poems	
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys	
Heller, Ruth	Books About Words series	
Herriot, James	Blossom Comes Home The Market Square Dog Only One Woof	
Hoban, Russell	The Little Brute Family The Mouse and His Child	
Hoban, Tana	26 Letters and 99 Cents	
Hodges, Margaret	Gulliver in Lilliput The Hero of Bremen The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed The Wind in the Willows retellings	
Hort, Lenny	The Boy Who Held Back the Sea	
Hughes, Shirley	Dogger	
Hurwitz, Johanna	New Shoes for Silvia	640
Hyman, Trina Schart	retellings	
Irving, Washington	Rip Van Winkle	
Jarrell, Randall	The Animal Family The Fisherman and His Wife	
Joyce, William	Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs Santa Calls	
Kellogg, Steven	Johnny Appleseed Pecos Bill	920 1040
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Magic Stick Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock Anansi and the Talking Melon Anansi Goes Fishing The Gingerbread Man Iron John – Adapted from Brothers Grimm The McElderry Book of Greek Myths Medio/Pollito/Half Chick-Spanish Tale retellings	
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories Riki-Tiki-Tavi	
La Prise, Larry	The Hokey Pokey	



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Lang, Andrew	The Blue Fairy Book (and all of several other colors)	
Lawson, Barabara	Folktales from China	480
Lawson, Robert	They Were Strong and Good	
Lear, Edward	Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear	
Lester, Julius	John Henry The Knee-High Man and Other Tales Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales folk-tale retellings	
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia	
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	Paul Revere's Ride	
Lurie, Alison	The Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales	
MacDonald, George	The Christmas Stories of George MacDonald The Golden Key The Light Princess The Lost Princess	
Mark, Jan	The Oxford Book of Children's Stories	
Marshall, James	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	520
	The Three Little Pigs	560
Martin, Rafe	The Rough-Faced Girl	540
Marzollo, Jean	In 1492	310
Mason, Jan	Paul Bunyan and Other Tall Tales	820
McCaughrean, Geraldine	1001 Arabian Nights The Bronze Cauldron El Cid God's People The Golden Hoard Silver Myths and Legends Stories from Shakespeare	
McCloskey, Robert	Blueberries for Sal Lentil Make Way for Ducklings One Morning in Maine Time of Wonder others	
McDermott, Gerold	Anansi the Spider	290
McPhail, David	David McPhail's Animals A to Z	
McQueen, Lucinda	The Little Red Hen	470
Metzger, Steve	You Are My Sunshine	
Milne, A.A.	The House on Pooh Corner Now We Are Six When We Were Very Young	
Neil, Philip	The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse	
Nesbit, Edith	The Deliverers of Their Country	



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Patrick, Denise Lewis	The Car Washing Street	580
Potter, Beatrix (all)	Benjamin Bunny Jemima Puddle-Duck The Roly-Poly Pudding Tale of Jeremy Fisher Tale of Johnny Town Mouse Tale of Peter Rabbit Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan Tale of Samuel Whiskers Tale of Squirrel Nutkin Tale of Timmy Tiptoes	660
Pulver, Robin	Punctuation Takes a Vacation	370
Ransome, Arthur	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship	
Rohmann, Eric	My Friend Rabbit	
Russell, William F.	Classic Myths to Read Aloud	
San Souci, Robert D.	FA Mulan Legend of Sleepy Hollow N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims Robin Hood and the Arrow The Talking Arrow Young Arthur Young Merlin other retellings	
Seuss, Dr.	Foot Book Green Eggs and Ham If I Ran the Circus Marvink Mooney Will You Please Go Now One Fish, Two Fish . . . Yertle the Turtle any	
Silverstein, Shel	verse	
Steig, William	Brave Irene The Magic Pebble Yellow and Pink	
Step toe, John	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	720
Stockton, Frank	The Griffin and the Minor Cannon	
Thomas, Mark	Clothes in Colonial America School in Colonial America	360 320
Trapani, Iza	I'm a Little Teapot Mary Had a Little Lamb	
Truss, Lynne	Eats, Shoots, and Leaves	
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	680
Wilde, Oscar	The Selfish Giant	



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Williams, Margery	The Velveteen Rabbit	820
Wisniewski, David	Elfwyn's Saga The Warrior and the Wiseman	
Wood, Audrey	Elbert's Bad Word others	
Woodruff, Elvira	The Memory Coat	650
Young, Ed	Lon Po Po	670
Zelinsky, Paul O.	Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland Hansel and Gretel Rumpelstiltskin others	740
Zemach, Margot	It Could Always Be Worse The Three Wishes	

History/Geography

Author	Title	Lexile
Adler, David A.	A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	760
Alberg, David A.	Latitude and Longitude	330
	A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin	730
	A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus	710
	A Picture Book of Paul Revere	860
	A Picture Book of Thomas Jefferson	700
Cohn, Amy L.	Abraham Lincoln	660
Evento, Susan	Mary McLeod Bethune	480
Golenbock, Peter	Teammates	930
Gross, Ruth Belov	True Stories of Abraham Lincoln	590
Jackson	George Washington	350
Keenan, Sheila	O, Say Can You See?	800
Krull, Kathleen	Harvesting Hope	800
Mara, Wil	Clara Barton	320
	The Seven Continents	
Marx, David F.	Independence Day	510
O'Malley, Kevin	Straight to the Pole	
Penner, Lucille Recht	The True Story of Pocahontas	440
Prelutsky, Jack	If Not for the Cat	
Ribke, Simon T.	Thomas Jefferson	360
	Washington, D.C.	500
Ruffin, Frances E.	Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington	480
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride	600
Sweeney, Joan	Me on the Map	280
Turner, Ann	Nettie's Trip South	860



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Wade, Mary Dodson	Christopher Columbus	360
Wilson, Camilla	Rosa Parks	1020

Mathematics

Aker, Suzanne	What Comes in 2's, 3's & 4's	470
Baker, Keith	Quack and Count	
Bang, Molly	Ten, Nine, Eight	500
Crews, Donald	Ten Black Dots	270
Dodds, Dayle Ann	The Shape of Things	
George, Jean Craighead	Morning, Noon, and Night	450
Harris, Trudy	100 Days of School	320
Harshman, Marc	Only One	
Hill, Mary	Dimes	390
	Nickels	340
	Quarters	380
Krebs, Laurie	We All Went on Safari	
Leedy, Loreen	Mission: Addition Subtraction Action	410
McMillian, Bruce	Eating Fractions	
Murphy, Stuart	Less Than Zero	620
Pallotta, Jerry	Icky Bug Numbers	610
	One Hundred Ways to Get to 100	440
Pluckrose, Henry	Capacity	400
	Length	
	Shape	
	Weight	
Rankin, Laura	The Handmade Counting Book	
Rose, Deborah Lee	One Nighttime Sea	
Schlein, Miriam	More Than One	340
Spurr, Elizabeth	Farm Life	
Stewart, Melissa	Giraffe Graphs	
Sweeney, Joan	Me Counting Time	170
Tang, Greg	Math Fables	
	Math for All Seasons	
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Count	490
Walton, Rick	Bunny Day	
Yates, Philip	Ten Little Mummies	

Music

Aliki	Ah, Music!	910
Bates, Katherine	America the Beautiful	



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Cravath, Lunne	My First Action Rhymes	
Delacre, Lulu	Arroz con leche	
Demarest, Chris L.	She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain	
Goodnow, Patti	Yankee Doodle	
Guthrie, Woody	This Land is Your Land	
Raschka, Chris	Charlie Parker Played Be Bop	140
Trapani, Iza	The Itsy Bitsy Spider	
Venezia, Mike	Johann Sebastian Bach	860
	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	980
Younger, Barbara	Purple Mountain Majesties	880

Science

Alexander, Carol	Florence Nightingale	380
Ashman, Linda	Castles, Caves and Honeycombs	
Bang, Molly	My Light	690
Berger, Melvin	Brrr!	620
	Your Body	280
	Your Bones	300
	Your Brain	300
	Your Five Senses	370
Bergin, Mark	Dinosaurs	770
Bredeson, Carmen	The Solar System	490
Bullock, Linda	You Can Use a Balance	300
Cameron, Polly	"I Can't" Said the Ant	210
Canizares, Susan	Evergreens are Green	
Capeci, Anne	Insect Invaders	610
Cronin, Doreen	Diary of a Worm	360
dePaola, Tomie	The Cloud Book	680
Dillon, Leo & Diane	Rap a Tap Tap	300
Douglas, Lloyd G.	What Is a Plane?	230
	What Is a Pulley?	300
	What Is a Screw?	310
Fontes, Justine & Ron	Rachel Carson	410
Fowler, Allan	Energy From the Sun	600
	How Do You Know It's Fall?	650
	How Do You Know It's Spring?	620
	How Do You Know It's Summer?	520
	How Do You Know It's Winter?	570
	Maple Trees	600
Pine Trees	620	



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	Plants that Eat Animals Save the Rain Forests Simple Machines So That's How the Moon Changes Shape! These Birds Can't Fly What Magnets Do What's the Weather Today? When a Storm Comes Up	620 720 510 580 490 650
Garrett, Ginger	Solids, Liquids, and Gases	150
Gibbons, Gail	The Reason for the Seasons The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree Weather Words and What They Mean	580 450
Gordon, Sharon	Exercise Keeping Clean You Are What You Eat	90 230 290
Gray	Is it a Dinosaur?	
Helbrough, Emma	1001 Bugs to Spot Bears	
Heller, Ruth	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones The Reason for a Flower	620
Hoberman, Mary Ann	A House Is a House for Me	560
Intrater, Roberta Grobel	Two Eyes, a Nose, and a Mouth	20
Jenkins, Martin	The Emperor's Egg	570
Kalbacken, Joan	Vitamins and Minerals	820
Kittinger, Jo S.	George Washington Carver	480
Krauss, Ruth	The Carrot Seed	230
Lauber, Patricia	What Eats What?	
Legg, Gerald	From Caterpillar to Butterfly From Egg to Chicken From Seed to Sunflower From Tadpole to Frog	430 500 450 460
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad All Year Frog and Toad Are Friends	300 400
Mann, Rachel	Desert Life	610
Mara, Wil	Thomas Alva Edison	390
McMillian, Bruce	Sense Suspense	
Micucci, Charles	The Life and Times of the Ant	960
Murphy, Patricia J.	Back and Forth Push and Pull	590 600
Posada, Mia	Dandelions	460
Relf, Pat	The Magic School Bus Hops Home	400
Ring, Susan	The Great Barrier Reef	
Rogers, Paul	What Will the Weather Be Like Today?	470



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Rose, Deborah Lee	In the A, B, Sea	30
Sargent, Brian	Hot Numbers, Cool Math	
Schreiber, Anne	Magnets	760
Stille, Darlene R.	The Digestive System	700
Tocci, Salvatore	Experiments With Magnets	700
Trumbauer, Lisa	What Are Atoms?	380
	What Is a Thermometer?	380
	What is Electricity?	440
	What Is Friction?	380
	You Can Use a Compass	510
Weiss, Ellen	From Eye to Potato	
Yolen, Jane	Welcome to the Green House	770
Ziefert, Harriet	You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear?	

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Chanko, Pamela	Clay Art with Gloria Elliott	20
dePaola, Tomie	The Art Lesson	650
Douglas, Lloyd G.	The Statue of Liberty	990
Friedlaender, Linda K.	Look! Look! Look!	
Greene, Rhonda Gowler	When a Line Bends . . . A Shape Begins	710
Hunter, Ryan Ann	Cross a Bridge	550
Lionni, Leo	Little Blue and Little Yellow	210
	Matthew's Dream	560
Musgrove, Margaret	The Spider Weaver	620
Venezia, Mike	Grant Wood	
	Henri Matisse	850
	Henri Rousseau	870
	James McNeill Whistler	900
	Pablo Picasso	
	Paul Cezanne	920
Vincent van Gogh		
Williams, Vera B.	Cherries and Cherry Pits	610
Winter, Jonah	Diego	420