



## Books Every Child Should Read Before Kindergarten



- Asch, Frank – Happy Birthday, Moon
- Bang, Molly – Ten, Nine, Eight
- Barrett, Judi – Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing
- Barton, Byron - The Three Bears
- Bauer, Marion – If You Were Born a Kitten
- Bemelmans, Ludwig – Madeline
- Beskow, Elsa – Pelle’s New Suit
- Boynton, Sandra – Moo Baa La La La
- Brett, Jan – The Mitten
- Brown, Marcia – Stone Soup
- Brown, Margaret Wise – Goodnight Moon
- Brunhoff, Jean de – The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant
- Burningham, John – Mr. Gumpy’s Outing
- Burton, Virginia Lee – The Little House
- Burton, Virginia Lee – Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
- Campbell, Rod – Dear Zoo
- Cannon, Janell - Stلالuna
- Carle, Eric – The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Crews, Donald – Freight Train
- Cronin, Doreen – Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type
- Daywalt, Drew – The Day the Crayons Quit
- Degen, Bruce – Jamberry
- DePaola, Tomie – Pancakes for Breakfast
- Dorros, Arthur – Abuela
- Eastman, P. D. – Are You My Mother?
- Ehlert, Lois – Growing Vegetable Soup
- Emberley, Ed – Go Away, Big Green Monster!
- Falconer, Ian – Olivia
- Feiffer, Jules – Bark, George
- Flack, Marjorie – Ask Mr. Bear
- Flack, Marjorie – Story about Ping
- Fleming, Denise – Go, Shapes, Go
- Freeman, Don – Corduroy
- Gag, Wanda – Millions of Cats
- Goble, Paul – The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
- Guarina, Deborah – Is Your Mama a Llama?
- Henkes, Kevin – Kitten’s First Full Moon
- Henkes, Kevin – Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse
- Ho, Minfong – Hush!: A Thai Lullaby
- Hoban, Russell – Bread and Jam for Frances
- Hoban, Tana – Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? An Adventure in Color
- Hoffman, Mary – Amazing Grace
- Holabird, Katherine – Angelina Ballerina
- Hutchins, Pat – Rosie’s Walk
- Isadora, Rachel – Say Hello!
- Jenkins, Steve – What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
- Johnson, Crockett – Harold and the Purple Crayon
- Kasza, Keiko – The Wolf’s Chicken Stew
- Keats, Ezra Jack – The Snowy Day
- Kennedy, Jimmy – The Teddy Bears’ Picnic
- Kent, Jack – The Caterpillar and the Polliwog
- Kimmel, Eric – I Took My Frog to the Library
- Klassen, Jon – I Want My Hat Back
- Kraus, Robert – Whose Mouse are You?
- Krauss, Ruth – The Carrot Seed
- Leaf, Munro – The Story of Ferdinand
- Lester, Julius – John Henry
- Lionni, Leo – Little Blue and Little Yellow
- Lobel, Anita – On Market Street
- Lobel, Arnold – Frog and Toad
- London, Jonathan – Froggy Gets Dressed
- Marshall, James – George and Martha
- Martin, Bill – Brown Bear, Brown Bear
- Martin, Bill – Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom
- Martin, Jacqueline Briggs – Snowflake Bentley

- Mayer, Mercer – Frog Goes to Dinner
- Mayer, Mercer – There’s a Nightmare in My Closet
- McBratney, Sam – Guess How Much I Love You
- McCloskey, Robert – Blueberries for Sal
- McDermott, Gerald - Raven
- McFarland, Lyn – Widget
- McKissack, Patricia – Flossie and the Fox
- McLimans, David – Gone Wild : An Endangered Alphabet
- McPhail, David – Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore!
- Meddaugh, Susan – Martha Speaks
- McMullan, Kate – I Stink!
- Miller, Margaret – Whose Hat?
- Mother Goose: (choose one)
  - Sylvia Long’s Mother Goose
  - The Real Mother Goose by Blanche Wright
  - My First Mother Goose by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells
- Munsch, Robert – Love You Forever
- Noble, Trinka – The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash
- Numeroff, Laura – If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
- Parish, Peggy – Amelia Bedelia
- Penn, Audrey – The Kissing Hand
- Pfister, Marcus – The Rainbow Fish
- Pinkney, Jerry - The Lion and the Mouse
- Piper, Watty – The Little Engine that Could
- Portis, Antoinette – Not a Box
- Potter, Beatrix – The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Rathmann, Peggy – Good Night, Gorilla
- Rey, H. A. – Curious George
- Rinker, Sherri Duskey – Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site
- Rohman, Eric – My Friend Rabbit
- Rosen, Michael – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt
- Rylant, Cynthia – The Relatives Came
- Scarry, Richard – Cars and Trucks and Things That Go
- Seeger, Laura Vacaro – First the Egg
- Sendak, Maurice – Where the Wild Things Are
- Seuss, Dr. – Green Eggs and Ham
- Shannon, George – Bad Case of Stripes
- Shaw, Charles – It Looked Like Spilt Milk
- Simmons, Jane – Come Along Daisy
- Simont, Marc – The Stray Dog
- Sis, Peter – Madlenka
- Slobodkina, Esphyr – Caps for Sale
- Steig, William – Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
- Taback, Simms - There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
- Taback, Simms – Joseph Had A Little Overcoat
- Tulet, Herve – Press Here
- Van Allsburg, Chris – Jumanji
- Viorst, Judith – Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- Waber, Bernard – Lyle Lyle Crocodile
- Waddell, Martin – Owl Babies
- Walsh, Ellen – Mouse Paint
- Walter, Virginia – “Hi, Pizza Man!”
- Wells, Rosemary – Noisy Nora
- Wiesner, David – Flotsam
- Willems, Mo – Knuffle Bunny
- Wilson, Karma – Bear Snores On
- Wong, Janet - Buzz
- Wood, Audrey – Silly Sally
- Yolen, Jane – How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
- Yolen, Jane – Owl Moon
- Yorinks, Arthur – Hey, Al
- Young, Ed – Seven Blind Mice
- Ziefert, Harriet – A New Coat for Anna
- Zimmerman, Andrea – Trashy Town
- Zion, Gene – Harry, the Dirty Dog