



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Suggested Reading



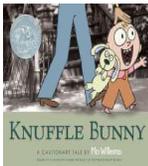
***Time for Bed* by Mem Fox (E FOX)**

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.



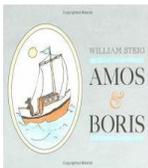
***Knuffle Bunny - A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems (E WIL)**

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



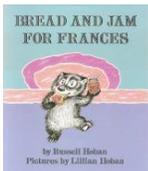
***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig (E STE)**

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.



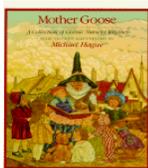
***Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban (E HOB)**

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.



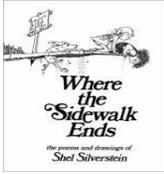
***Mother Goose - A Collection of Classic Nursery Rhymes* by various (J398.8 MOT)**

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



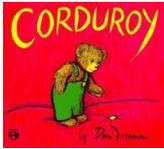
***The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (E SIL)**

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.



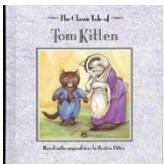
Corduroy by Don Freeman (E FRE)

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



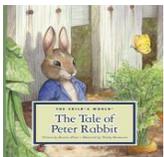
A Beatrix Potter Treasury - The Original and Authorized Editions
by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

The eleven classic Peter Rabbit stories gathered in one volume.



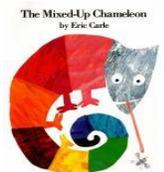
The Classic Tale of Tom Kitten by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

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



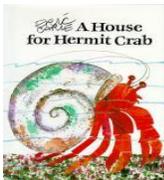
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter (E POT)

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



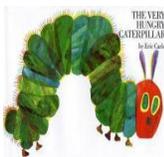
The Mixed-up Chameleon by Eric Carle (E CAR)

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



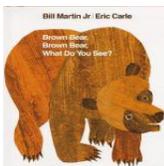
A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle (E CAR)

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.



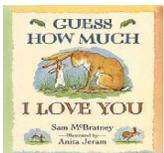
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (E CAR)

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.



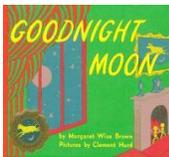
Arrow to the Sun - A Pueblo Indian Tale by Gerald McDermott (J398.2 MCD)

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.



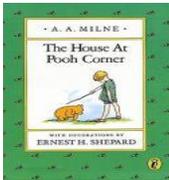
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown (E BRO)

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



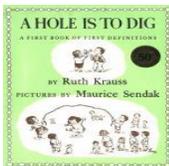
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown (E BRO)

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



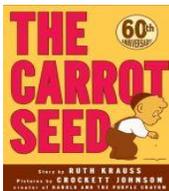
House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne (J MIL)

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



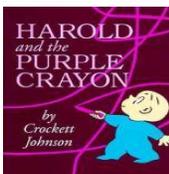
A Hole Is to Dig - A First Book of First Definitions by Ruth Krauss (E KRA)

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



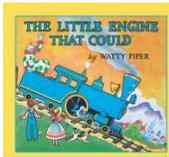
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss (E KRA)

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.



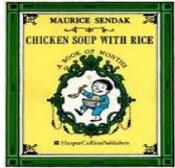
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper (E PIP)

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.





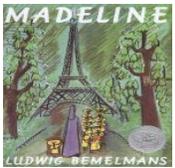
In the Night Kitchen by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)
A little boy's dream-fantasy in which he helps three fat bakers get milk for their cake batter.



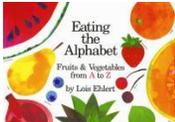
Chicken Soup with Rice - A Book of Months by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)
Each month is gay, each season nice, when eating chicken soup with rice.



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.



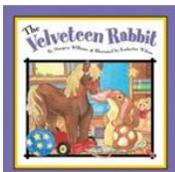
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans (E BEM)
The rhymes in which the tale is told make it one that children will enjoy repeating.



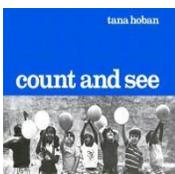
Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert (E EHL)
An alphabetical tour of the world of fruits and vegetables, from apricot and artichoke to yam and zucchini.



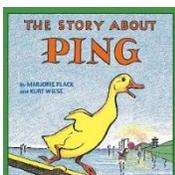
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble (E GOB)
Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.



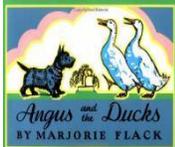
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams (E WIL)
The adventures of a stuffed rabbit and how the love of a boy turns him into a real rabbit.



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

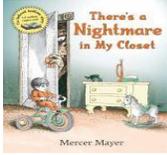


The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack (E FLA)
A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

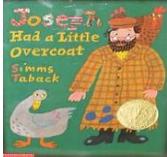


Angus and the Ducks by Marjorie Flack (E FLA)
A curious Scottish terrier decides to investigate the strange noise coming from the other side of the hedge.

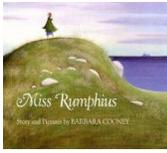




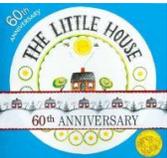
There's A Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer (E MAY)
At bedtime a boy confronts the nightmare in his closet and finds him not so terrifying after all.



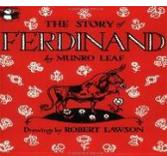
Joseph Had A Little Overcoat by Simms Taback (E TAB)
A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.



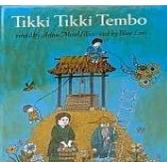
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney (E COO)
Alice Rumphius was once a little girl who loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to do something to make the world more beautiful.



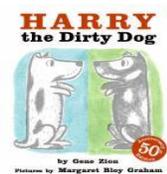
The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton (E BUR)
A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.



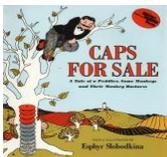
The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf (E LEA)
All the other bulls would run and jump and butt their heads together. But Ferdinand would rather sit and smell the flowers.



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



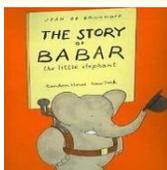
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion (E ZIO)
When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.



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.

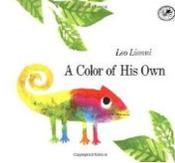


The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant by Jean de Brunhoff (E BRU)
An orphaned baby elephant goes to live in the city with an old lady who gives him everything he wants.

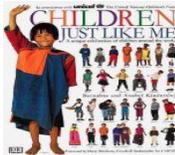




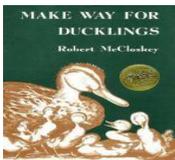
Swimmy by Leo Lionni (E LIO)
Swimmy shows his friends how--with ingenuity and team work--they can overcome any danger.



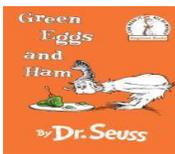
A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni (E LIO)
A little chameleon is distressed that he doesn't have his own color like other animals.



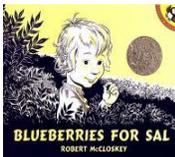
Children Just like Me by Susan Elizabeth Copsey (J305.23 KIN)
Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, family life, and culture of young people around the world.



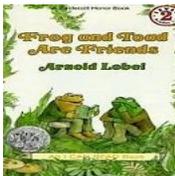
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey (E MCC)
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.



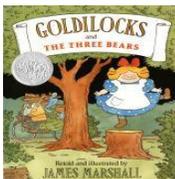
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (EASY READER SEU)
Illustrates resistance to something new as two friends learn that they both like green eggs and ham.



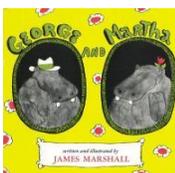
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey (E MCC)
Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.



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.



