

Junior Kindergarten

Suggested Read-Aloud Adventures

Listening to books can provide young children with many long-lasting benefits. According to the International Reading Association, *“Young children, who have had pleasant experiences looking at their own picture books, listening to stories, and sharing their ideas, will likely develop a love for books, an appreciation of good literature, and an awareness that books can provide fun and information.”*

A - B

Ahlberg, A. *Mystery Tour.*

Three skeletons take a mysterious tour and uncover several mysteries by shining a light on some suspicious objects.

Allard, H. *Miss Nelson is Missing!*

The students in room 207 take advantage of their teacher’s good nature, until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

Bonsall, C. *Tell Me Some More.*

Andrew introduces Tim to a place, where he can hold an elephant under his arm; pat a lion; and pickup a river.

Branley, F. M. *The Sun, Our nearest Star.*

This book presents the basic science information about our sun.

Brett, Jan *Town Mouse and Country Mouse.*

Country mouse and town mouse switch places to live, but decide to go back to their own houses.

Burton, V. L. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel.*

A thrilling race against time as Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel dig a cellar for the new city hall in one day.

Byars, B. *My Brother, Ant.*

Four separate stories about Ant’s older brother

C - F

Carl, E. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar.*

The book follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar, as he eats his way through a large quantity of food to his final transformation.

1, 2, 3, to the Zoo: A Counting Book.

Each train car has a new number and animal for one to ten.

Clements, A. *Brave Norman, A True Story.*

Norman, a blind Labrador retriever, saves a girl from drowning in the ocean.

Bingo saves the Day, A True Story.

A young couple is glad that they gave a stray kitten a home, when it saves

their lives by alerting them to a gas leak.

Cole, J. *Hungry, Hungry Sharks.*

A simple discussion of the kinds of sharks and their behavior.

Coville, B. *Sarah's Unicorn.*

Although Sarah tries to keep her friendship with Oakhorn a secret, her wicked aunt finds out, and trouble starts.

Cohen, M. *Will I Have A Friend?*

Jim is anxious about his first day of school, but makes a friend and soon enjoys school.

Ehlert, L. *Planting a Rainbow.*

A colorful collage illustrating many garden flowers.

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf.

A child tells about the growth of a maple tree from seed to sapling.

Freeman, D. *Corduory.* The story of a toy bear, whose one missing button from his green corduroy overalls almost costs him the opportunity of belonging to someone.

H – L

Hoban, L. *Arthur's Tooth.*

Arthur is worried about losing his loose tooth, until his sister and their babysitter show him the real meaning of bravery.

Hoff, S. *Danny and the Dinosaur.*

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the museum dinosaurs agrees to play with him.

Hagrogian, N. *Billy Goat and His Well-fed Friends.*

To avoid being eaten by their owners, a group of farm animals search for a new home.

Kraus, R. *Leo the Late Bloomer.*

Leo finally "blooms" and his parents are pleased.

The Carrot Seed.

A young boy is convinced that the seeds he plants will grow, in spite of his family's doubts.

LeSieg, T. *I Wish that I had Feet.*

A boy imagines what it would be like if he had such things as duck feet, a wale spout, and an elephant's trunk.

Lionni, L. *Inch by Inch.*

When the birds demand that the bird measures the length of a nightingale's song, this clever, captive inchworm inches his way to freedom.

Lobel, A. *Days with Frog and Toad (Series).*

Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone.

Lopshire, R. *I Want to be Somebody New!*

Spot, the leopard, becomes bored with his "spot" tricks and transforms himself into somebody new.

M – N

Martin, Jr., Bill *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What do You See?*

Illustrations and rhyming text present ten different endangered animals.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?

Introduces various colored animals with a repetitive rhyme.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!

An alphabet, rhyming book that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Mayer, M. *There's a Nightmare in My closet.*

A boy battles his fears, bringing a creature out of the closet into a most friendly atmosphere.

McPhail, David *Big Brown Bear's Up and Down Day.*

Big Brown Bear is visited by a rat who wants to use one of his slippers for a bed.

Milne, A. A. *Pooh Invents a New Game (Series).*

Pooh is playing a game by the bank of the river when Eeyore floats by, waiting for somebody to help him out of the river.

Minarik, E. H. *Father Bear's Special Day (Series).*

It's Father's Day and Little Bear wants to have a special day with Father Bear.

Monjo, F. N. *The Drinking Gourd.*

Tommy discovers that his house was a station on the underground railroad.

Numeroff, L. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Series).*

A boy gives a mouse a cookie and then tries to please him with his requests.

O – z

Oxenbury, H. *Tom and Pippa go shopping.*

The toddler and his toy monkey go on a new adventure.

Parish, P. *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping (Series)'*

As always, Amelia Bedelia follows exactly the instructions given to her on a camping trip.

Pomerantz, C. *The Outside Dog.*

Marisol wants a dog very much, but her grandfather will not let her have one until a skinny mutt wins him over.

Rylant, C. *Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet (Series).*

Although Henry's cousin, Annie, liked his dog, Mudge, when she gets her own pet, she decides that a bunny will be perfect for her.

Mr. Putter & Tabby toot the Horn (Series).

Mr. Putter's neighbor decides that they should join a band, but finding the right one isn't as easy as it sounds.

Seuss, Dr. *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut (Series).*

The Cat in the Hat takes Young Cat in tow to show him the fun he can get out of reading.

Slobodkin, E. *Caps for Sale.*

When some monkeys engage in a bit of monkey business, the cap peddler must use his imagination to retrieve his wares.

Wiseman, B. *Morris and Boris at the Circus.*

Morris and Boris go to the circus as spectators and end up being part of the action.

Wood, A. *The Napping House.*

A cumulative story about all the members of a family taking a nap, except for a flea.

Zion, G. *Harry the Dirty Dog (Series).*

Harry doesn't like to take baths and runs away.

Zolotow, C. *Over and Over.*

The changing seasons and holidays throughout the year are presented in this gentle book.