



*The mission of the Shaker City Schools Library Media Program is to ensure that all students and staff are effective users of information and ideas.*

## Recommended Reading for Kindergarten

Strong reading skills are the key to student achievement and lifelong learning. This reading list is intended as an aid in choosing books to provide rich reading experiences for students.

Professional school librarians work with their students—your children—to build strong skills in locating, accessing, and analyzing information. This begins with the retelling of stories in the earliest grades, through the teaching of sophisticated web evaluation strategies for older students. These critical thinking skills will serve students well throughout their school career and beyond.

## Resources

In addition to strong book collections in all our school buildings, we provide online resources for students and families to use. From a home Internet connection, you can access the Library Media Program's web pages at [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org). To use the resources, check with your school librarian for the password, and then access them at Shaker.org →Resources for Learning →Library resources. Here you can find online databases, curriculum-based web links and the online catalog for our school libraries.

The Internet has increased our resources for learning, but also overwhelms us in its quantity, with no assurance of quality. Our goal is to help our students make good selections and learn to judge the quality and intent of information in all formats.

To help students and parents make good selections, we provide a variety of online subscription databases which will give you good information from encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference materials. For elementary students, we particularly recommend you look at EBSCO *Searchasaurus* and *World Book Online* with your child.

We encourage you to use the Shaker Heights Public Library to bring a multitude of good books and reading experiences to your children. They can suggest other great books for you to enjoy, as well as provide events like story hours and their summer reading program.

## Elementary Websites

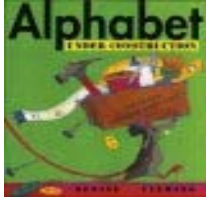
If you are looking for more information about good reading for your child, you can also check the following websites.

Reading Rockets is an organization of PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) focused on creating good readers. It has resources for parents and children on good books, authors and other educational issues. The address is <http://readingrockets.org/books>

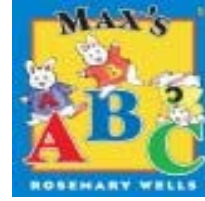
Check the shaker.org website for our library links to good reading materials. You can go to shaker.org and choose resources, library resources, your school building and the “reading links” section on the navigation bar. The direct address is <http://shaker.org/resources/library/readinglinks/>

Shaker Public Library also provides great resources for you to use at home, including resource lists, subject guides and even online books to read. Their kids' page can be found at <http://www.shpl.lib.oh.us/Kids/>

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## Alphabet Books



**Cronin, Doreen** *Click Clack, Quackity Quack; An Alphabetical Adventure*  
Duck won't tell what the animals are up to, but if you follow the letters, you might find out. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin.

**Ehlert, Lois** *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z*  
An array of fruits and vegetables is splashed across the pages of this exuberant alphabet book.

**Fleming, Denise** *Alphabet Under Construction*  
A mouse works his way through the alphabet, as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."

**Johnson, Stephen** *Alphabet City*  
Walk around the city and you will see all the letters from A to Z. This book received a Caldecott Honor Medal for its pictures.

**MacDonald, Suse** *Alphabatics*  
The letters of the alphabet change into twenty-six illustrations.

**Pearson, Deborah** *Alphabeep: A Zipping, Zooming ABC*  
You'll find names for vehicles and street signs in this book, from ambulance to zamboni! Illustrated by Edward Miller.

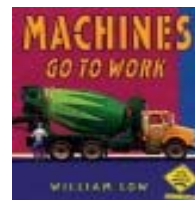
**Slate, Joseph** *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*  
Watch Miss Bindergarten set up her classroom. And watch her 26 students, with names from A to Z, get ready for school, too. Illustrated by Ashley Wolff.

**Wallace, Nancy** *Alphabet House*  
The author of *Pumpkin Day!* invites children to enter an alphabet house and join a family of bunnies as they look for familiar objects starting with the letters A to Z.

**Wells, Rosemary** *Max's ABC*  
This charming alphabet book features bunny siblings Max and Ruby as they try to get rid of a bunch of pesky ants.



## Concept and Science Books



**Aliki** *My Visit to the Aquarium*  
Have you ever seen a coral reef or a kelp forest? You will if you visit this aquarium.

**Arnosky, Jim** *Slither and Crawl: Eye to Eye With Reptiles*  
Explore all sorts of reptile facts: how to identify them, where to find a 200-pound lizard, how to avoid becoming an alligator's lunch and all about snake fangs, alligator claws, and turtle shells.

**Barton, Byron** *I Want to Be an Astronaut*  
A young child thinks about what it would be like to be an astronaut and go on a mission into space.

**Cowley, Joy** *Chameleon, Chameleon*  
One brave chameleon sets out from his tree to see his rainforest world. Photographs by Nic Bishop.

**Ehlert, Lois** *Color Farm*  
Cutout shapes and vibrant colors combine to form farm animals in this companion to *Color Zoo*.

**Fleming, Denise** *In the Tall, Tall Grass*

As day turns to night, a caterpillar crunches and munches his way through the tall grass, watching the way other creatures that live there spend their time.

**Gibbons, Gail** *Cats Dogs*

These easy information books provide simple facts about pets.

**Gibbons, Gail** *The Pumpkin Book*

Learn about pumpkins: their different shapes and sizes, how they grow, their traditional uses, and their cultural significance. Also, find instructions for carving a pumpkin and drying the seeds.

**Hoban, Tana** *Exactly the Opposite*

Hoban's photographs of familiar outdoor scenes illustrate pairs of opposites.

**Hollyer, Beatrice** *Wake Up, World*

Eight children who live in different places around the world tell what they eat, how they play, and more.

**Hubbell, Patricia** *Firefighters! : Speeding! Spraying! Saving!*

"Firefighters rush! Scurry! / Down the pole. Slide! Hurry!" You can act out the urgent, noisy rescue drama of four firefighters doing their thing, from suiting up to extinguishing a blaze to chilling out afterward.

**Jenkins, Steve** *Actual Size*

What would it be like to come face to face with a huge brown bear or a tiny Gobi fish? Meet eighteen animals in this colorful book.

**Jenkins, Steve** *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*

Which animal is the smallest? Which is the slowest? You will learn a lot about animals in this book.

**Jenkins, Steve** *Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea*

Travel to the ocean and view it from top-to-bottom, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.

**Jonas, Ann** *Color Dance*

Four dancers show how colors combine to create different colors.

**Levenson, George** *Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat*

All over the world people mix and knead and bake bread, and this book tells all about it in verse and in photographs.

**Levenson, George** *Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden*

Rhyming text and photographs follow a pumpkin patch as it grows and changes -- from seeds, to plants, to pumpkins ready for harvest, to jack-o-lanterns and then to seeds again.

**Low, William** *Machines Go to Work*

Use this book's lift-the-flap pages to explore machines at work, including a backhoe, a fire truck, a tug boat, a railroad crossing signal, and a ship.

**Martin, Bill** *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?*

Brilliantly colored pictures and rhyming text present eleven endangered animals.

**McMillan, Bruce** *Growing Colors*

Each double-page spread includes a full-color picture of a fruit or vegetable growing naturally. Photographs by the author.

**Mayer, Mercer** *Going to the Firehouse*

Little Critter and his classmates are taking a trip to the firehouse. Fireman Joe teaches him how to stop drop and roll.

**Park, Linda Sue** *Bee-bim Bop!*

A girl helps her mother prepare a dinner which is a favorite of Korean families around the world. The recipe is included for you to try. Illustrated by Ho Baek Lee

**Pinkney, Sandra** *Read and Rise*

African-American children read with parents, grandparents, and fellow students and dream about becoming almost anything--- pilot, teacher, firefighter, doctor, chef, even an astronaut!

**Rockwell, Anne** *Little Shark*

Follow Little Shark as he grows up in the enormous sea, and learn all about how sharks live. Illustrated by Megan Halsey.

**Rockwell, Anne** *Clouds*

This "Let's Read and Find Out Science" book provides details about all kinds of clouds and how to identify them.

**Russell, Joan Plummer** *Aero and Officer Mike*

Spend time at work, at home and at play with Officer Mike and Aero the dog, companions on the Shaker Heights police force. Action-filled, full-color photos capture this remarkable relationship.

**Rustad, Martha E. H.** *Squirrels and Their Nests*

As you watch squirrels in trees, do you wonder where they live? This book tells you all about these animal neighbors.

**Ryder, Joanne** *Panda Kindergarten*

Imagine a school for 16 panda bears! Visit China's Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda at the Wolong Nature Preserve.

**Seeger, Laura** *Black? White! Day? Night! A Book of Opposites*

Readers can see a word and its meaning expressed through a picture, then lift the flap to see the opposite word and its meaning.

**Swinburne, Stephen** *A Butterfly Grows*

Beginning readers will delight in the text and photos following a butterfly's life, from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to fully-grown butterfly.

**Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth** *Leaves, Leaves, Leaves*

During the four seasons of the year, Buddy Bear and his mother go "leaf walking" and learn much about leaves.

**Wellington, Monica** *Zinnia's Flower Garden*

Zinnia and her dog plant her garden, sell the flowers they grow and collect seeds to get ready for next year's planting.

**Wells, Rosemary** *My Kindergarten*

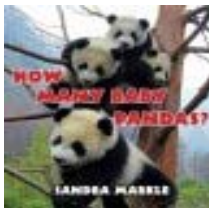
Emily and her classmates in Miss Cribbage's kindergarten learn about seeds, maps, caterpillars and more through each month of the year.

**Wood, Audrey** *The Deep Blue Sea; A Book of Colors*

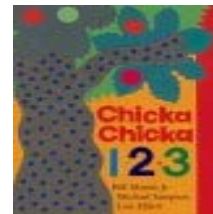
See how color changes an island, with each addition adding another splash of color. Illustrated by Bruce Wood, the author's son.

**Ziefert, Harriet** *ABC Dentist: Healthy Teeth from A to Z*

Take a trip to the dentist's office, and use your ABC exploration to see what can be found there.



## Counting and Number Books

**Anno, Mitsumasa** *Anno's Counting Book*

When you look at this book, you'll want to find the items for each number as you follow Anno on his journey.

**Bang, Molly** *Ten, Nine, Eight*

Enjoy this story about a little girl and her father who count their way to bedtime.

**Carle, Eric** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

It took six days of the week for the caterpillar to realize that he had eaten too much food.

**Ehlert, Lois** *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On*

This counting book depicts the colorful fish a child might see if he turned into a fish himself.

**Fleming, Denise** *The First Day of Winter*

A snowman recounts what the child building him adds during the first ten days of winter, from one red cap to 10 toes.

**Grossman, Virginia** *Ten Little Rabbits*

Weaving, fishing and storytelling are all part of this spirited book that celebrates Native American traditions as it teaches counting from one to ten. Illustrated by Sylvia Long.

**Markle, Sandra** *How Many Baby Pandas*

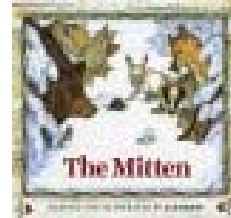
Follow the 8 panda pairs born at China's Wolong Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center in 2005. Count along and see what happens as they are prepared to be released into the wild.

**Martin, Bill** *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3*

Numbers from 1 to 100 climb an apple tree in this rhyming chant.



## Folk and Fairy Tales

**Brett, Jan** *Gingerbread Baby*

A young boy and his mother bake a gingerbread baby who escapes from their oven and leads a crowd on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale.

**Brett, Jan** *The Mitten*

Just how many animals can sleep snugly in Niki's lost mitten? And what will happen when a bear sneezes?

**Galdone, Paul** *The Gingerbread Boy*

Humorous full-color, double-page illustrations accompany this cumulative tale, as everyone tries to keep up with the gingerbread boy. Will they catch him?

**Galdone, Paul** *The Three Bears*

Three bears return from a walk and find a little girl asleep in Baby Bear's bed. What would you do if you were one of the bears?

**Isadora, Rachel** *Hansel and Gretel*

After they are left in the woods by their parents, two children find their way home despite an encounter with a wicked witch.

**Paye, Won-Ldy, and Margaret H. Lippert** *Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile*

Crocodile catches Mrs. Chicken when she goes to the river for her morning bath. Will she trick Crocodile into letting her go?

**Pinkney, Jerry** *The Lion and the Mouse*

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.



## Mother Goose, Nursery Rhymes, and Poetry

**Emberley, Rebecca, and Adrian Emberley** *There Was an Old Monster*

Rhyme along with this rollicking tale: a monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat, and other creatures. It's all to cure a stomach ache that began when he swallowed a tick.

**Field, Eugene**    *Wynken, Blynken, and Nod*

Imaginative illustrations capture the moods of this classic poem from the fantasy of the flying shoe to the safety of the family home.

**Fleming, Denise**    *Pumpkin Eye*

The delicious, catch-your-breath spookiness of Halloween is captured in simple verses and glowing, color-drenched pictures: “trick or treat/ pounding feet, / jack-o-lanterns/ light the street.”

**George, Kristine O’Connell**    *Little Dog Poems*

Short poems show a day in the life of a dog and its owner: waking up, chasing vacuum cleaners, snuggling together and more.

**Hale, Sarah**    *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

You will find multiple versions of this classic rhyme, illustrated by artists such as Tomie dePaola.

**Lobel, Arnold**    *The Arnold Lobel Book of Mother Goose*

This collection, selected and illustrated by its Caldecott Award-winning author, includes 306 classic verses with style, humor and beauty. The book’s original title was *The Random House Book of Mother Goose*.

**Marzollo, Jean**    *Pretend You’re a Cat*

Rhyming verses ask the reader to purr like a cat, scratch like a dog, leap like a squirrel, and bark like a seal. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney.

**Opie, Iona**    *My Very First Mother Goose*

Meet favorite nursery rhyme characters like Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, and Little Boy Blue. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells.

**Prelutsky, Jack**    *It’s Thanksgiving*

Enjoy 12 easy-to-read poems about this holiday. Watch for others in this series, like *It’s Halloween* and *It’s Valentine’s Day*.

**Taback, Simms**    *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*

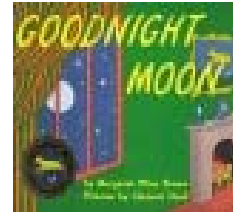
Find out just what the old lady swallows, in addition to the fly, in this traditional version of the famous American folk poem.

**Will Moses’ Mother Goose**

You’ll savor the details in the wonderful folk art paintings by Will Moses that illustrate these classic rhymes.



### Picture Books

**Banks, Kate**    *If the Moon Could Talk*

As evening progresses into nighttime, the moon looks down on a variety of nocturnal scenes, including a child getting ready for bed.

**Beaumont, Karen**    *Move Over, Rover!*

When a storm comes, Rover expects to have his doghouse all to himself. Instead, all kinds of animals—including a skunk-- join him.

**Bowie, C. W.**    *Busy Toes*

This is a playful list of some of the many things that toes can do, from waving and tickling to splashing and squishing. Illustrated by Fred Willingham, who is a Shaker Heights resident.

**Bridwell, Norman**    *Clifford the Big Red Dog*

A little girl has a large dog for a pet. This is one story of their adventures together.

**Brown, Margaret Wise**    *Goodnight Moon*

A small rabbit says goodnight to the familiar things in his room as night makes them change from bright to dark.

**Brunhoff, Jean de** *The Story of Babar*

In the city the little elephant dresses and behaves like a human being but he finally returns to the jungle to become King of the Elephants.

**Bunting, Eve** *Hurry! Hurry!*

All the animals of the barnyard community hurry to greet their newest member, who is just pecking his way out of an egg.

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

Mike digs a cellar but forgets to leave a way out for his shovel.

**Carlson, Nancy** *I Like Me!*

By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when there's no one else around, a charming pig proves that the best friend you can have is yourself.

**Carlson, Nancy L.** *Start Saving, Henry!*

When Henry the mouse wants to buy a Super Robot Dude, he discovers how hard it is to save money.

**Cooke, Trish** *So Much*

Everybody just loves this baby...SO MUCH! Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.

**Cronin, Doreen** *Diary of a Fly*

Even though she's small in size and shares her home with her 327 brothers and sisters, a little fly is determined to stand out in the crowd and work to become the hero she feels she is destined to be!

**Davis, Eleanor** *Stinky*

Stinky, a swamp monster, gets upset when a boy named Nick starts hanging around his swamp. So he tries to scare Nick away.

**De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk** *May I Bring a Friend?*

For 6 days of the week the young boy brings a different animal to join him as he dines with the king and queen. On the 7th day they all meet at the zoo.

**Dillon, Leo, and Diane Dillon** *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That*

Legendary African-American dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson dances his way through this book. The book's rhyme matches his dance with facts from Robinson's life.

**DiPucchio, Kelly** *Dinosnores*

Listen to the "diplo-hoots" and the "tyrano-toots" and imagine the effect the snores of dinosaurs had on our earth.

**Ehlert, Lois** *Leaf Man*

A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind takes him.

**Ehlert, Lois** *Nuts to You!*

A young boy tells how he befriends a squirrel.

**Emberley, Rebecca, and Ed Emberley** *Chicken Little*

When an acorn falls on top of Chicken Little's head, he runs in a panic to tell his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey that the sky is falling.

**Fleming, Denise** *Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp*

When his owner goes away for a few days, Buster the dog is sent to Sagebrush Kennels for Cowboy Camp. Buster stops being homesick because he has fun herding balls into the corral, gathering sticks for a campfire, and making wanted posters with his paw prints.

**Fleming, Denise** *Mama Cat Has Three Kittens*

While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.

**Fox, Mem** *The Magic Hat*

A wizard's hat hops merrily from head to head, changing people into animals -- until the wizard appears. Illustrated by Tricia Tusa.

**Freeman, Don** *Corduroy*

A stuffed bear searches his department store home for the missing button from his overalls.

**Gag, Wanda** *Millions of Cats*

A very old man and woman try to choose the prettiest cat to keep them company.

**Greenfield, Eloise**    *Grandpa's Face*

Tamika becomes afraid that someday her grandfather will make his mean actor's face at her and she will lose his love.

**Hendrick, Mary Jean**    *If Anything Ever Goes Wrong at the Zoo*

Leslie offers the use of her house to the animal keepers at the zoo. When heavy rains cause flooding, the keepers think of her.

**Henkes, Kevin**    *Kitten's First Full Moon*

Kitten thinks the moon is a bowl full of milk just waiting for her, but she gets tired and hungry trying to reach it.

**Henkes, Kevin**    *Birds*

A little girl watches birds through her window, fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements she sees. She is happy to discover that she has something in common with the birds.

**Henkes, Kevin**    *Old Bear*

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again. Follow him through each of the four seasons.

**Hest, Amy**    *In the Rain with Baby Duck*

Although her parents love walking in the rain, Baby Duck does not – until Grampa shares a secret with her.

**Hest, Amy**    *Off to School, Baby Duck*

Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but, with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.

**Hoban, Russell**    *Bedtime for Frances*

Frances the badger cannot get to sleep so she thinks up different ways she can put off her bedtime hour.

**Hubbell, Patricia**    *Police! Hurrying, Helping, Saving*

Rhyme along with this book about police officers and see what they do each day.

**Hutchins, Pat**    *The Doorbell Rang*

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

**Hutchins, Pat**    *Rosie's Walk*

Rosie the hen goes for a walk. Will she escape the fox?

**Keats, Ezra Jack**    *The Snowy Day*

This Caldecott Medal winner celebrates the wonder of a small boy playing in the snow.

**Kellogg, Steven**    *Chicken Little*

Chicken Little and his feathered friends are alarmed that the sky seems to be falling. They are easy prey to hungry Foxy Loxy when he poses as a police officer in hopes of tricking them into his truck.

**Kirk, Daniel**    *Library Mouse: A Friend's Tale*

Sam, the shy mouse that lives in the library, likes to write books. See what happens when he works with a boy in the Authors and Illustrators Club.

**Kroll, Steven**    *Jungle Bullies*

To get what they want, the larger jungle animals bully the smaller ones until Mama Monkey shows them all the benefits of sharing.

**LaRochelle, David**    *The Best Pet of All*

Every day a boy asks his mother if he can have a dog. She says no, but agrees that if he can find a dragon, he can keep it as his pet. Guess what—he does!

**Lee, Spike**    *Please Puppy Please*

How do you make a new puppy behave? Have fun with two children as they find out!

**Kraus, Robert**    *Leo the Late Bloomer*

A young tiger finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.

**Marshall, James**    *George and Martha*

Two hippopotamuses share a friendship.

**Martin, Bill**    *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*

Children will chant the rhythmic words, make sounds the animals make, and pretend to be the zoo animals.

**McCloskey, Robert**    *Make Way for Ducklings*

A family of ducks travels through Boston traffic to the public pond.

**McMullan, Kate**    *I Stink!*

Follow a garbage truck on its New York City route as it gulps up everything from apple cores to “Zipped up ziti with zucchini.” Jim McMullan created the pictures that bring this grinning truck to life.

**Numeroff, Laura**    *If You Take a Mouse to School*

Once you give a mouse a cookie, he'll ask for your lunch box. Watch out, and enjoy the fun!

**Pearson, Tracy Campbell**    *Bob*

What's a rooster to do when he doesn't know how to crow? Bob decides to collect animal noises, creating some interesting new cock-a-doodle-dos to surprise friends and strangers he meets.

**Perez, Monica**    *Curious George Plants a Tree*

The mischievous monkey learns about protecting the environment by planting trees and recycling paper.

**Perkins, Lynne Rae**    *Snow Music*

When a dog escapes from the house, you're invited into the world of winter, with all of its magical sights, sounds and patterns.

**Piper, Watty**    *The Little Engine That Could*

With determination and confidence, the little engine pulls the cargo over the mountain.

**Portis, Antoinette**    *Not a Box*

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.

**Potter, Beatrix**    *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*

Peter disobeys his mother and has a narrow escape from Mr. McGregor's garden.

**Rathmann, Peggy**    *10 Minutes Until Bedtime*

A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime.

**Rosen, Michael**    *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

A brave family goes through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before an encounter with a bear forces a headlong retreat.

**Rosenthal, Amy Krouse**    *Duck! Rabbit!*

Is the creature you see in this picture book a rabbit or a duck? Have fun deciding!

**Schertle, Alice**    *All You Need for a Snowman*

When the snow begins to fall, a group of children decide to make a snowman—a really big snowman!

**Scott, Ann Herbert**    *On Mother's Lap*

A small Eskimo boy discovers that Mother's lap is a very special place with room for everyone.

**Sendak, Maurice**    *Where the Wild Things Are*

In his imagination Max sails to where the deliciously grotesque creatures are.

**Shannon, David**    *Duck on a Bike*

The other animals don't appreciate Duck's bike-riding antics, until they see children's bikes left where they can use them.

**Shannon, George**    *Tippy-Toe, Chick, Go!*

When a mean dog blocks the path to a delicious breakfast, Little Chick shows her family how brave and clever she is.

**Stevens, Janet, and Susan Stevens Crummel**    *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*

A dog drops a tennis ball down a prairie dog hole, and all the prairie dogs want to twirl and swirl the fuzz from head to toe.

**Sutton, Sally**    *Roadwork*

Big machines and busy people build a road. Follow them every step of the way, from clearing a pathway to rolling the tar to sweeping up at the end on the brand new road.

**Swanson, Susan Marie**    *House in the Night*

A girl is given a golden key and explores a house, a meadow, the sky and more—all to see sources of light in this beautifully presented book.

**Tafari, Nancy** *Have You Seen My Duckling?*

A young duckling wanders off, causing great upset. But, unlike the duckling and his mother, *you* know that they are not very far apart.

**Waber, Bernard** *Ira Sleeps Over*

When Ira is invited to his friend's house, he has to make a difficult decision. Will his teddy bear come along? If he does, will Ira's friend think Ira is a baby?

**Wallace, Nancy** *Kindness Quilt*

Minna puts a lot of thought into her Kindness Project for school. Once she starts writing, drawing, and cutting, her brilliant idea spreads throughout the entire school.

**Weatherford, Carole Boston** *Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane*

John was "all ears" when he was young, always listening to the sounds around him, from his grandmother's cooking sounds to the scoutmaster's voice and more.

**Wells, Rosemary** *Bunny Cakes*

Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake.

**Wells, Rosemary** *Yoko Writes Her Name*

Yoko learns to write her letters and numbers in English. Then she shows her teacher and classmates how to write their names using Japanese calligraphy.

**Williams, Vera** *"More More More" Said the Baby*

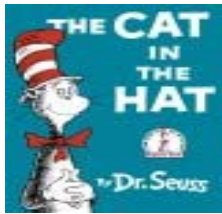
Three wonderfully simple vignettes are a joyous expression of verbal and physical affection. You'll chant along with the baby.

**Wood, Don** *Piggies*

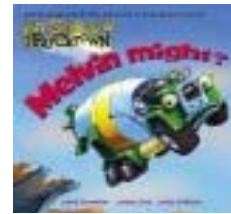
With a little imagination five fingers become piggies and have a wild, exciting time.

**Zion, Gene** *Harry the Dirty Dog*

Harry, a white dog, has fun getting dirty, but he encounters lots of problems when he is not recognized by his family.



## First Readers

**Capucilli, Alyssa** *Biscuit*

A little yellow dog wants one more thing before he'll go to sleep. Illustrated by Pat Schories.

**Eastman, P. D.** *Are You My Mother?*

A small bird falls from his nest and searches for his mother.

**Grant, Judyann Ackerman** *Chicken Said, "Cluck!"*

Earl and Pearl do not want Chicken's help in the garden, until a swarm of grasshoppers arrives. Then they see where her true talent shines.

**Labatt, Mary** *Sam's Snowy Day*

How many things can you do on a snowy day? See how puppy Sam spends his time. Illustrated by Marisol Sarrazin.

**Mills, Claudia** *Gus and Grandpa and the Two-Wheeled Bike*

Gus likes his training wheels, but his dad has different ideas. Only Grandpa understands. Illustrated by Catherine Stock.

**Phillips, Joan** *My New Boy*

A little puppy acquires a boy, teaches him some tricks, and finds him when he is lost. Illustrated by Lynn Munsinger.

**Rylant, Cynthia** *Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend*

Puppy Mudge learns that even though friends may be different, they can enjoy the same things.

**Schaefer, Lola M. *Loose Tooth***

What happens when you can wiggle your tooth, but it won't come out? Everyone tries to help.

**Schaefer, Lola *What's That, Mittens?***

Mittens the kitten digs a hole under the fence in the yard. Then he meets a new friend--Max the dog.

**Scieszka, Jon *Melvin Might?***

Melvin, a cautious cement mixer, worries that he can't keep up with the other trucks. When Rescue Rita needs to be rescued, he finds a way to help her in this Trucktown book.

**Seeger, Laura Vaccaro *One Boy***

One boy shows 10 paintings you can use to count to ten. Can you guess what comes next? Can you discover what one boy was able to do in this book?

**Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat***

An unusual cat shows the children his tricks one rainy day.

**Spohn, Kate *Turtle and Snake Fix It***

Turtle tries out his new tools at Snake's house. When he is finished fixing things, there may be even more work to do.

**Willems, Mo *Are You Ready to Play Outside?***

Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain. What do you think they decide to do next?