Suggested reading books
Grades Pre-K through Three

Actual Size, by Steve Jenkins
Africa Dream, by Eloise Greenfield
All Night, all Day: A Child's First Book of African American Spirituals, by Ashley Bryan
All the World, by Liz Garton Scanlon
Almost to Freedom, by Micheaux Vaunda Nelson
Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl (Oliver and Amanda), Jean Van Leeuwen
Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping, by Peggy Parish
And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson
And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street by Dr. Seuss
Angels Ride Bikes: And Other Fall Poems, by Francisco X. Alarcon
Ants, by Melissa Stewart
Ape Escapes!: And More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly, by Aline Alexander Newman
Arthur's Loose Tooth, by Lillian Hoban
Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry, by Ashely Bryan
Astronauts Today, by Bosanna Hansen
Aunt Flossie's Hats, by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky, by Faith Ringgold
Back to School for Rotten Ralph, by Jack Gantos
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves - Deputy U.S. Marshal, by Micheaux Vaunda Nelson
Bear's Hiccups, by Marion Dane Bauer
Beautiful Blackbird, by Ashley Bryan
Beatrice Doesn't Want to, by Laura Numeroff
Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story, by Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Beezy at Bat, by Megan McDonald
Before John Was a Jazz Giant, by Carole Boston Weatherford
Before There Was Mozart: The Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George, by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!, by Geoffrey Hayes
The Best Book of Spaceships, by Ian Graham
The BFG, by Roald Dahl
Big Surprise in the Bug Tank, by Joan Holub
Big Wolf and Little Wolf, by Nadine Brun-Cosme
Bill Pickett: Rodeo-Ridin Cowboy, by Andrea Pinkney & Brian Pinkney
Birds, by Kevin Henkes
Book fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebramos El dia de los ninos/Eldia de los libros, by Pat Mora
A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull, by Joseph Bruchac
Bright Eyes, Brown Skin, by Cheryl Hudson & Bernette Ford
The Brook Book: Exploring the Smallest Streams, by Jim Arnosky
Buffy the Burrowing Owl, by Betty Gilbert
Built to Last, by David Macaulay
Buster, by Denise Fleming
Cat at Bat, by Susan Schade
Celebrating Earth Day (Circle the Year With Holidays), by Janet McDonnell and Diana Magnuson
Chato and the Party Animals, by Gary Soto
Chicka Chicka ABC, by Bill Martin and John Archambault
The Chicken Sisters, by Laura Joffe Numeroff
Chicken Soup with Rice, A Book of Months, by Maurice Sendak
Children of Clay: A Family of Pueblo Potters, by Rina Swentzell
Christian, the Hugging Lion, by Justine Richardson and Peter Parnell
Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes Greenwillow
Clifford's Spring Clean-Up, by Norman Bridwell
Commander Toad and the Planet of the Grapes, by Jane Yolen
Count Down to Fall, by Fran Hawk
D.W. the Picky Eater, by Marc Brown
Daddy & I, by Eloise Greenfield
Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp, by Syd Hoff
A Dark and Noisy Night, by Lisa Thiesing
A Day in the Life of Murphy, by Alice Provensen
Deep in the Swamp, by Donna Bateman
Detective Dinosaur Lost and Found, by James Skofield
Diary of a Worm, by Doreen Cronin
Dino-Dinners, by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
Discovery in the Cave, by Mark Dubowski
Doña Flor, by Pat Mora
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems, by Langston Hughes & Brian Pinkney
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder, by Walter Wick
Drylongso, by Virginia Hamilton
The Earth and I, by Frank Asch
The Family Book, by Todd Parr
Family Plays Music, by Judy Cox
The Feet in the Gym, by Teri Daniels
First Day, Hooray!, by Nancy Poydar
Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown
Floating in Space, by Franklyn Branley and True Kelley
Fly Danny, Fly, by Chip Gilbertson, Gina Restivo, and Michelle Kendrich
Fox on Wheels, by Edward Marshall
Freedom River, by Doreen Rappaport
Freedom Summer, by Deb Wiles
Frog and Toad All Year, by Arnold Lobel
Frog and Toad Together, by Arnold Lobel
Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English, by Alma Flor Ada
Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message, by Chief Jake Swamp
Gracias*Thanks, by Pat Mora
Grandmas Trick-or-Treat, by Emily Arnold McCully
Grandmother’s Dreamcatcher, by Becky Ray McCain
The Great Kapok Tree, by Lynne Cherry
Green Eggs and Ham, by Dr. Seuss
Gus and Grandpa and the Two-Wheeled Bike, by Claudia Mills
Happy Birthday, Good Knight, by Jennifer Plecas
Henry and Mudge and the Sneaky Crackers, by Cynthia Rylant
Hi! Fly Guy, by Tedd Arnold
Hispanic Scientists: by Ellen Ochoa, Carlos A. Ramirez, Eloy Rodriguez, Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Maria Elena Zavala
Horton Hears a Who, by Dr. Seuss
Hot City, by Barbara Joosse
How Chipmunk Got His Stripes, by James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac
How Much is a Million, by David Schwartz
How People Learned to Fly, by Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley
How to Eat Fried Worms, by Thomas Rockwell
I Always, Always Get My Way, by Thad Krasnesky
I Am Rosa Parks, by Rosa Parks & James Haskins
I Am the Turkey, by Joy Allen
I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, by Dr. Seuss
I Dream of Trains, by Angela Johnson
If I Built a Car, by Chris Van Dusen
In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers, by Alan Schroeder
In My Family, by Carmen Lomas Garza
In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems, by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
Inspector Hopper, by Doug Cushman
Iris and Walter, by Elissa Haden Guest
Itse Selu: Cherokee Harvest Festival, by Daniel Pennington
I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Walter Dean Myers
Jazzy Miz Mozza, by Brenda C. Roberts
Jitterbug Jam, by Barbara Jean Hicks
Juan Bobo Goes to Work, by Marisa Montes
Just a Dream, by Chris Van Allsburg
Knots on a Counting Rope, by John Archambault
Kunu's Basket: A Story from Indian Island, by Lee DeCora Francis
Leaf Jumpers, by Carole Gerber
Let It Shine, by Ashely Bryan
Let's Celebrate Earth Day, by Peter Roop
Letters From a Desperate Dog, by Eileen Christelow
The Library, by Sarah Stewart
Lionel at School, by Stephen Krensky
Little Eight John, by Jan Wahl
Little Rat Rides, by Monika Bang-Campbell
Little Skink's Tail, by Janet Halfmann
Loose Tooth, by Lola M. Schaefer
The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss
Lost and Found, by Oliver Jeffers
Mama & Papa Have a Store, by Amelia Lau Carling
Market Day, by Eve Bunting
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale, by Carmen Agra Deedy
Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Doreen Rappaport
Mary McLeod Bethune, by Eloise Greenfield
Minnie and Moo Go to Paris, by Denys Cazet
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman, by Alan Schroede
The Secret Olivia Told Me, by N. Joy
The Spirit of Tío Fernando, by Janice Levy
The Story of Ruby Bridges, by Robert Coles
The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos, by Lucia Gonzalez and Lulu Delacre
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle
There's a Zoo in Room 22, by Judy Sierra
Thunder Rose, by Nolen, Jerdine
Twas the Day Before Zoo Day, by Catherine Ipcizade
Yertle the Turtle, by Dr. Seuss
Visiting Langston, by Bryan Collier
We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, by Kadir Nelson
Wemberley Worried, by Kevin Menkes
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
When I Am Old With You, by Angela Johnson
When Pigs Fly (Fitch & Chip), by Lisa Wheeler
When Tiny Was Tiny, by Cari Meister
Where the Wild Things are, by Maurice Sendak
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman, by Kathleen Krull & David Diaz
Wonder Horse, Emily by Arnold McCully
Xochtil and the Flowers, by Jorge Argueta

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