### Suggested Read Alouds

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<td>Rhymed text presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime until nightfall, such as ants, bees, and moles.</td>
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<td>An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.</td>
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<td>Miss Bindergarten and her class celebrate the last day of kindergarten with a party and good wishes.</td>
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<td>Explains how little dinosaurs should behave during a typical school day.</td>
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"Terrific," says Eugene when he wins an all-expenses-paid cruise to Bermuda. "I'll probably get a really nasty sunburn." But Eugene's luck is much worse than that. His ship sinks, and he ends up stranded on a tiny island.

The students of Room 207 don't proffer a shred of respect for their good-natured teacher Miss Nelson, but when the witchy substitute Miss Viola Swamp appears on the scene, they start to regret their own wicked ways.

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.

Leo is a friendly house ghost--but when a family moves into his house, and tries to get rid of him, he leaves and roams the city looking for a friend.

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.

A bespectacled fiddle-playing cow and a pig twirling a sheep are featured in a barnyard dance.
The story of a bad-tempered bug who won't say "please" or "thank you," won't share, and thinks she is bigger and better than anyone else. This testy ladybug introduces readers to many new animals and learns that maybe being grouchy isn’t always the best option.

Hamlet enjoys reading books and writing poetry, not playing in the mud and fighting over supper like the other pigs, but he finally finds someone who appreciates him just as he is.

Despite the advice of others in her family, Ella Sarah persists in wearing the striking and unusual outfit of her own choosing.

As soon as they say good night to Mama, the five little monkeys start to jump on their bed. But trouble lies ahead as, one by one, they fall off and hurt themselves.

The cows on Farmer Brown's farm are typing again. Duck can't wait to show everyone their latest note. Just what are they up to this time? Duck's not telling, but if you follow the alphabet one letter at a time, you'll find out. And you'll have as much fun as the animals are going to have, and learn your letters, too!

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.
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Little Wolf is tired of eating lamburgers and sloppy does, but when he tricks his parents into thinking there is a boy in the woods, they could all miss a chance for a real feast.

When her teacher announces that he is getting married, Lilly the mouse sets her heart on being the flower girl at his wedding.

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

A box is just a box...unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows.

A librarian named Molly McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy
of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.


On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.


The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.


No matter how hard he pleads and begs, the pigeon is not supposed to drive the bus while the driver is away, but pigeon tries every persuasive trick a young child knows to get you to say, "Yes."

FICTION


When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.


Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.


The people of Coven Tree are no strangers to magic. But then Thaddeus Blinn, a funny little man, drifted into town with a strange tale about being able to give people whatever they wished—for only fifty cents. There was nothing scary about him. At least, not until the wishing began...
Nine-year-old Beezus Quimby has her hands full with her little sister, Ramona. Sure, other people have little sisters that bother them sometimes, but is there anyone in the world like Ramona? Whether she's taking one bite out of every apple in a box or secretly inviting 15 other 4-year-olds to the house for a party, Ramona is always making trouble--and getting all the attention. Every big sister can relate to the trials and tribulations Beezus must endure.

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

**NONFICTION**


Alia Muhammad Baker is a librarian in Basra, Iraq. For fourteen years, her library has been a meeting place for those who love books. Until now. Now war has come, and Alia fears that the library--along with the thirty thousand books within it--will be destroyed forever. In a war-stricken country where civilians--especially women--have little power, this true story about a librarian's struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books reminds us all how, throughout the world, the love of literature and the respect for knowledge know no boundaries.


Introduces black holes, describing their physical features, how they were discovered, what causes them, and where they exist in space.


Introduces young children to the water cycle with simple text and illustrations.


A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of
individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.


Looks at the Panamanian golden frog, the national symbol of Panama, which has been vanishing due to a fungus infection, and follows a team of scientists working to save these frogs and protect frog populations worldwide.


What would you do if you lived in a community without a library, hospital, post office, or fire department? If you were Benjamin Franklin, you'd set up these organizations yourself. Franklin also designed the lightning rod, suggested the idea of daylight savings time, and invented bifocals—all inspired by his common sense and intelligence. In this informative book, Gene Barretta brings Benjamin Franklin's genius to life, deepening our appreciation for one of the most influential figures in American history.


When you think of chocolate, you might think of a candy bar, a birthday cake, or a glass of chocolate milk. But where does chocolate come from? This book tells about the cocoa bean, which grows in the tropical rain forests and how the animals and other living things play an important part, even the monkeys.


Tells the story of pets through the ages and the people who kept them, including famous pets and pet owners.


A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.


Provides an easy-to-read overview of Egyptian pyramids and the burial practices associated with them, and introduces the pyramids of other countries.
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