

Suggested reading for PreK-K 2017

Picture Book Fiction

Antony, Steve. I'll Wait, Mr. Panda. 2016

When the other animals do not have the patience to wait while Mr. Panda prepares a treat, steadfast Penguin remains loyal. This simple story, with repetitive text suitable to those learning how read, has a sweet ending. *E ANTONY*

Barnett, Mac. Triangle. 2017

Illustrated by Jon Klassen, this first picture book in a planned trilogy is suitable for preschoolers through elementary-age children. It's a (very silly) shape showdown! *E BARNETT*

Beaton, Kate. King Baby. 2016

King Baby is gracious: bestowing splendid smiles on his public, allowing tickles and hugs, and posing for photo after adorable photo. He also has many demands, and when his faithful subjects let him down, King Baby himself must take royal action! *E BEATON*

Beaty, Andrea. Ada Twist, Scientist. 2016

Why are there pointy things on roses? Why are there hairs inside your nose? A curious little girl learns that some questions lead not to answers but to more questions, in this inspiring and fun exploration of the scientific method. *E BEATY, eBook*

Boldt, Mike. A Tiger Tail (Or What Happened to Anya on Her First Day of School). 2016

On Anya's first day of school, she wakes up to discover she has grown a tiger's tail! She tries everything to get out of going, but when she meets a bunny-eared boy, she learns it's okay to be different. *E BOLDT*

Capucilli, Alyssa. Biscuit Flies a Kite. 2017

It seems like the perfect day to fly a kite, until - oh no! - the wind begins to blow it away! Join Biscuit and his friend Puddles as they put their furry heads together to save the day. "My First I Can Read" books are perfect for beginning readers. *READER CAPUCILLI (series)*

Choldenko, Gennifer. Dad and the Dinosaur. 2017

Little Nick has a secret; it's the secret to his bravery. But when he loses his little dinosaur, dad understands. With illustrations by Newbery-winning artist Dan Santat. *E CHOLDENKO*

Cotter, Bill. Don't Touch This Book! 2016

In this follow up to Cotter's **Don't Press the Button!**, a monster reluctantly allows readers to play with this book. *E COTTER*

Daywalt, Drew. The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors. 2017

Kindergarteners and older who have played the game will love reading the legend of the three great warriors who started it all ... Rock, Paper, Scissors! Illustrated by Adam Rex. *E DAYWALT*

Dean, James. Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes. 2016

When he solves the mystery of the disappearing cupcakes, Pete forgives the thief, who responds with ... more cupcakes! Keep your eye out for this summer's newest Pete book, **Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie!** *E DEAN; eAudio; eBook*

Dewdney, Anna. Little Excavator. 2017

From the creator of the **Llama Llama** books comes a picture book built along classic lines with lots of bold color illustrations, perfect for your youngest construction vehicle fan. *E DEWDNEY*

Fleming, Denise. Bulldozer Helps Out. 2017

The next up in Fleming's Bulldozer series finds little Bulldozer dozing on the job at the construction site - but is he really asleep on the job? *E FLEMING*

Freedman, Deborah. Shy. 2016

Spare text combined with soft, muted illustrations tell this calming, tender story of Shy, who slowly comes out into the world. Perfect for children who are a little timid about exploring what exists beyond their sphere of comfort. *E FREEDMAN*

Higgins, Ryan T. Hotel Bruce. 2016

In this follow up to Higgins' popular **Mother Bruce**, the grumpy bear returns home from his southern migration with his goslings only to discover his den has been taken over by a trio of mischievous mice. *E HIGGINS*

Isadora, Rachel. I Just Want to Say Good Night. 2017

Parents everywhere will relate to Lala's bedtime delaying tactics. Isadora's warm, lush illustrations of the African Veld set this picture book apart from the crowd. *E ISADORA*

John, Jory. Penguin Problems. 2016

Jory John and Lane Smith team up to bring their edgy humor to the story of a penguin who complains about his life in the Antarctic. I mean, really, what's the deal with orcas and leopard seals trying to eat you when you've just popped into the sea for a snack? *E JORY*

*Kang, Anna. **Can I Tell You a Secret?** 2016*

Monty, a little frog, has a secret: He is afraid of water and cannot swim! He engages the reader in conversation, and with his or her support, Monty musters the courage to tell his parents.

Accompanied by his parents (and a snorkel), Monty finally makes a victorious leap into the pond.

E KANG

*Kang, Anna. **I Am (Not) Scared.** 2017*

The two bear buddies from **You Are (Not) Small** and **That's (Not) Mine** return for another adventure, this one in an amusement park. While contemplating a ride on a roller coaster, the two bears talk about fear and bravery. *E KANG*

*Klassen, Jon. **We Found a Hat.** 2016*

Klassen's hat trilogy comes to an end with two turtles finding a hat. It looks good on both of them, but, with fairness in mind, they decide to leave it be. Until night falls, that is ... and one of the turtles changes his mind. *E KLASSEN*

*Kraegel, Kenneth. **Green Pants.** 2017*

Behold! The power of the green pants! A young boy will only wear green pants, because he believes the green pants are the source of his talents. When he is asked to take part in a wedding, he has a tough choice to make. Black tuxedo pants and the wedding; or green pants and no wedding.

E KRAEGEL

*Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Naptastrophe!** 2017*

From the creator of **Punk Farm** and the acclaimed **Lunch Lady** graphic novel series comes a hilarious romp about one little girl's insistence that she does NOT need a nap. *E KROSOCZKA*

*LaRochelle, David. **This is NOT a Cat!** 2016*

Written using only the words in the title, this picture book is easy and satisfying for young readers to enjoy on their own, and will make readers of all ages giggle! *E LAROCHELLE*

*London, Jonathan. **Froggy Goes to the Library.** 2016*

When Froggy and his mom set out for the library, Froggy brings a wheelbarrow to hold all the books he plans to borrow. There are so many to choose from. Dinosaur books! Books about Space Frog! Froggy is so excited that he forgets to use his indoor voice! *E LONDON; eBook*

*Loney, Andrea. **Bunnybear.** 2017*

What do you do when you're a bear on the outside but feel like a bunny on the inside?

E LONEY

*Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. **Princess! Fairy! Ballerina!** 2016*

When three friends gather for a playdate, they have to decide if they play princess, fairy or ballerina? Will they resolve their differences? Keep an eye on that frog! *E MURGUIA*

*Numeroff, Laura. **If You Give a Mouse a Brownie.** 2016*

The mouse is back! Join the antics of one very silly mouse as a brownie sets him off on a cycle of requests and activities. *E NUMEROFF*

*Penn, Audrey. **Chester Raccoon and the Almost Perfect Sleepover.** 2017*

From the author of the beloved classic **The Kissing Hand** comes a new picture book about being reassured and enjoying oneself in a new experience. *E PENN*

*Reidy, Jean. **Busy Builders, Busy Week!** 2016*

The days of the week are highlighted in this delightful book full of fun illustrations. Perfect for those who love construction vehicles and silly rhymes. *E REIDY*

*Rex, Adam. **School's First Day of School.** 2016*

It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary, and everyone's just a little nervous, especially the school itself! *E REX*

*Rinker, Sherri. **Mighty, Mighty Construction Site.** 2017*

Rinker and illustrator Tom Lichtenheld follow up their beloved **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** with this rhyming picture book. *E RINKER*

*Savage, Stephen. **The Mixed-Up Truck.** 2016*

Poor Cement Mixer. It's his first day on the job, and every time he tries to mix up cement to help with construction, he mixes up something different - something that's definitely not cement. Cement Mixer perseveres, and all the construction vehicles are better off for it. *E SAVAGE*

*Starin, Liz. **Splashdance.** 2016*

Filled with deadpan humor, adorable animals, and big themes about loyalty and inclusion, **Splashdance** is a fun and splashy summer story with a lot of heart. *E STARIN*

*Stead, Philip C. **Samson in the Snow.** 2016*

Samson, a large friendly woolly mammoth, is determined to find his little red bird friend in the middle of a snowstorm. Along the way, he befriends a mouse in need of help. A tender tale of kindness and unexpected friendship that is perfect for one-on-one sharing or older children. *E STEAD*

*Thomas, Jan. **Is That Wise, Pig?** 2016*

The newest rollicking adventure from Jan Thomas is sure to please her fans. As the friends make soup together, counting out ingredients in classic picture book style, Pig makes some unusual choices that are rejected by his friends. By the end, you will discover that perhaps Pig wasn't being foolish after all. *E THOMAS*

*Twohy, Mike. **Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!: An Alphabet Caper.** 2016.*

A little mouse is sound asleep until a ball suddenly bounces into his home, setting off an epic chase — from A to Z. This Geisel Honor book is from *New Yorker* cartoonist Mike Twohy. *E TWOHY*

*Venable, Colleen AF. **Mervin the Sloth is About to do the Best Thing in the World.** 2016*

Mervin the Sloth is just standing there quietly when giant letters drop onto the page: "Mervin the Sloth is about to do the best thing in the world." But what is the best thing in the world? What is Mervin about to do? This silly book makes good use of text blocks and speech bubbles, and ends on a sweet note. *E VENABLE*

*Verde, Susan. **The Water Princess.** 2016*

Peter H. Reynolds's vibrant illustrations of the vast African sky and energetic Princess Gie Gie, combined with Verde's words, make this an engaging picture book that sheds light on water insecurity while at the same time instilling hope for a future when all children will have access to clean drinking water. *E VERDE*

*Wenzel, Brendan. **They All Saw a Cat.** 2016*

Wenzel uses a variety of styles in his illustrations to show how different creatures observe the same cat as it goes about its day. It is a great visual lesson in observation, curiosity, and how perspective shapes the way we see our world. *E WENZEL; eBook*

*Willems, Mo. **Nanette's Baguette.** 2016*

The warm baguette smells so wonderful, will Nanette be able to resist crunching into it? Get ready to make some great sound effects ... *KRAAACK!* *E WILLEMS*

*Wilson, Karma. **Big Bear, Small Mouse.** 2016*

After **Bear Sees Colors** and **Bear Counts**, Bear now explores the world of opposites in Wilson's latest Bear book. *E WILSON*

*Young, Amy. **A Unicorn Named Sparkle.** 2016*

When Lucy sends off for a mail order unicorn, she dreams of all the magical times they will have together. When her (suspiciously goat-like) "unicorn" arrives, she is disappointed but undaunted by its shortcomings - and its fleas! - growing to appreciate their friendship. *E YOUNG*

Nonfiction *

Borgert-Spanol, Megan. Sloths. 2016

Developed by literacy experts for students in Kindergarten, this Level 1 Blastoff Reader introduces sloths to young readers through leveled text and colorful photographs. Try other Level 1 Blastoff Readers for your early readers. *J 599.313 BORGERT-SPANOL*

Bugler, Beth. My First Book of Baseball. 2016

Explains baseball concepts to young readers, including common baseball terms such as strikes, outs, steals, foul balls, home runs, and more. *J 796.357 BUGLER*

Frost, Helen. Wake Up! 2017

Baby animals wake up to the world in this latest collaboration between poet Helen Frost and photographer Rick Lieder. Try Helen Frost's other books located with the picture books. *E FROST*

Koontz, Robin. Why Do Animals Sound Like That? 2017

Meow, growl, woof, oink. Why do animals make the sounds they make? Check out this book to learn why and some other amazing facts. *J 591.59 KOONTZ*

Morey, Allan. Bernese Mountain Dogs. 2016

Simple text and full-color photographs describe Bernese Mountain Dogs. Pebble Plus books are ideal nonfiction books for preschoolers. Check out the whole series of Pebble Plus Big Dogs and other Pebble Plus series. *J 636.7 BIG*

Rotner, Shelley. Grow! Raise! Catch!: How We Get Our Food. 2016

Where does the food we eat come from? This beautifully photographed book provides a look at the farm-to-table movement for the food we eat every day. *J 641.3 ROTNER*

Vanderwater, Amy. Every Day Birds. 2016

Every Day Birds introduces 20 North American birds with rhyming couplets and beautiful paper-cutting illustrations. *J 598.012 VANDERWATER; eBook*

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