

Suggested reading for Pre K-K 2018

Picture Book Fiction

Alemagna, Béatrice. On a Magical Do-Nothing Day. 2017

Sent outside by their mother on a rainy day, a child is dismayed when their handheld game falls into the pond before they encounter giant snails, wet mushrooms, and other elements that awaken them to the sensory aspects of nature.

E Alemagna

Barnett, Mac. The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse. 2017

When a mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he learns that a duck devoured earlier has set up a table to enjoy the food the gluttonous predator eats. Illustrated by Jon Klassen, this sly picture book reads like a fairy tale reimagined.

E Barnett

Barnett, Mac. Square. 2018

The award winning duo of Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen are back with their next installment in the Shape trilogy. Is Square an artistic genius? Circle certainly thinks so, but Square is having a hard time living up to Circle's expectations.

E Barnett

Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. Grandma's Purse. 2018

There's something magical about Grandma Mimi's purse, whether it is her lipstick or a special gift for her grandchild. The exuberant pictures reflect the energetic grandchild's love for and engagement with her grandmother.

E Brantley-Newton

Britt, Paige. Why Am I Me? 2017

In a poetic, philosophical exchange, two children of different races ask themselves why they are who and what they are, and speculate on how they could be different.

E Britt

Cordell, Matthew. Wolf in the Snow. 2017

When a wolf cub and a little girl are lost in a snowstorm they must find their way home. In this virtually wordless picture book, the illustrations carry a lot of emotional weight. Winner of this year's Caldecott Medal.

E Cordell, eBook

*Cummings, Troy. **Can I Be Your Dog?** 2018*

Arfy, a homeless mutt, writes a letter to every person on Butternut Street about what a great pet he'd make. A sweet and satisfying story.

E Cummings

*de la Pena, Matt. **Love.** 2018*

In this heartfelt celebration of love, Newbery Medal-winning author Matt de la Peña and bestselling illustrator Loren Long depict the many ways we experience this universal bond, which carries us from the day we are born throughout the years of our childhood and beyond.

E de la Pena

*Dean, James. **Pete the Kitty and the Groovy Playdate.** 2018*

Pete the Cat stars in a new series based on his kitten days.

E Dean

*Donald, Alison. **The New LiBEARian.** 2018*

A visit to the library can be full of surprises. When the librarian is late for story time, the children go off to look for her and follow mysterious paw prints to find a bear sitting at her desk. Is the bear a new librarian? Not exactly. The new LiBEARian opens a book about bears and utters a loud growl. The kids love it!

E Donald

*Driscoll, Amanda. **Klondike, Do Not Eat Those Cupcakes!** 2018*

Join a hungry seal as he attempts the impossible task of waiting until his sister's party to eat a delicious birthday cupcake. Waiting is SO hard.

E Driscoll

*Fleming, Denise. **This is the Nest that Robin Built.** 2018.*

A robin's animal friends help build her nest in this cumulative tale illustrated with Caldecott Honoree Fleming's collage style.

E Fleming

*Fogliano, Julie. **When's My Birthday?** 2017*

In this enthusiastic celebration of all things birthday, author Julie Fogliano and illustrator Christian Robinson bring us the perfect birthday book! Join the excited narrator as she lists all the things that will make her birthday the BEST birthday!

E Fogliano

Fortenberry, Julie. Lily's Cat Mask. 2017

A shy little girl makes good use of her cat mask and gets a heart-warming surprise at the end of her first week in Kindergarten.

E Fortenberry

Gott, Barry. Honk! Splat! Vroom! 2018

Five mice in race cars compete in an off-road race, but surviving course obstacles will take teamwork - and a goose! Narrated using only sounds and illustrated with delightful expressions.

E Gott

Graegin, Stephanie. Little Fox in the Forest. 2017

A wordless picture book for Summer Reading?! Absolutely. Follow the multiple storylines in this beautifully illustrated book. Children can work on the narrative skills by talking about what they see and how they interpret the story.

E Graegin

Higgins, Ryan T. Bruce's Big Move. 2017

After the events of **Hotel Bruce**, our favorite grumpy bear shares his home with not only his four geese, but also three rowdy mice! Fed up with their shenanigans, Bruce sets off to find a rodent-free household. As usual, nothing goes quite according to plan.

E Higgins

Higgins, Ryan T. Be Quiet! 2017

Rupert the mouse is trying to create a wordless book but his talkative sidekicks keep interrupting!

E Higgins

Himmelman, John. Floaty. 2018.

Prepare for giggles when curmudgeonly Mr. Raisin finds a mysterious basket on his front step one day. When he opens it up, it seems there's nothing inside ... until he notices a floating dog bobbing along his ceiling.

E Himmelman

John, Jory. Can Somebody Please Scratch my Back? 2018

A supremely silly book for a young person with a good sense of humor. Elephant can't reach his back to scratch an itch. Isn't there an animal out there who can help?

E John

Kim, Aram. No Kimchi for Me! 2017.

Yoomi doesn't like Grandma's spicy kimchi! But she wants to be a big girl like her older brothers. Will Grandma come up with the perfect solution?

E Kim

Kim, Jean. Rabbit Moon. 2018

Inspired by Korean Folklore, this book has beautiful illustrations coupled with an economical use of text. A book about the power of wishes and friendship.

E Kim

McDonnell, Patrick. The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABCs (the Hard Way). 2017. It starts with an Alligator and a Bear chasing a Cat. When a Dragon joins in, things start to get really interesting.

E McDonnell, eBook

Mayo, Margaret. Dig Dig Digging ABC. 2017.

Race through the alphabet in this action-packed A to Z of things that go. From ambulances and diggers to yachts and zooming rockets, this bright and busy book is packed with all the vehicles that children love.

E Mayo

Miyakoshi, Akiko. The Way Home in the Night. 2017

This beautiful picture book captures the magical wonder a child feels at being outside in the night. It contains twice-told stories; once as they are observed and second as the bunny imagines them.

E Miyakoshi

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens. 2018

Fancy Nancy returns in a purr-fect story about felines, canines, and making new four-legged friends!

E O'Connor

Petty, Dev. Claymates. 2017

Claymation takes on a whole new meaning in this visually fun picture book illustrated by Lauren Eldridge.

E Petty

Portis, Antoinette. Now. 2017

Follow a little girl as she takes you on a tour through all of her favorite things, from the holes she digs to the hugs she gives.

E Portis

*Pym, Christine. **Little Mouse's Big Breakfast.** 2018*

Hungry Little Mouse is looking for some breakfast, and he knows just where he can find it - yum! - but he discovers that he's not the only one looking for breakfast.

E Pym

*Reynolds, Aaron. **Creepy Pair of Underwear!** 2017*

The author-illustrator team of Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown (**Creepy Carrots**) is back with more creepy surprises for Jasper Rabbit.

E Reynolds

*Shaskan, Stephen. **Toad on the Road: Mama and Me.** 2018*

As they hop down the road, Mama and Toad save the day for several friends who have gotten stuck one way or another. A simple, rhyming story for the earliest readers.

E Shaskan

*Snyder, Laurel. **Charlie & Mouse.** 2017*

Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks. Illustrated by Emily Hughes and winner of the 2018 Geisel Award.

E Snyder

*Sullivan, Mary. **Nobody's Duck.** 2018*

When a duck mysteriously arrives on an alligator's lawn, they set off to discover just who the duck belongs to. Along the way, they make an unexpected discovery about friendship.

E Sullivan

*Thomas, Jan. **My Toothbrush is Missing.** 2017*

Do you enjoy Jan Thomas's silly picture books? Then try one of her new early readers featuring her wonderfully wacky humor, rowdy repetitions, and hilarious characters.

Reader Thomas, eBook

*Venable, Colleen AF. **Amy the Red Panda is Writing the Best Story in the World.** 2017*

Amy the Red Panda starts to tell her best friend Mervin the Sloth a story when — uh-oh! — a rainstorm of letters pours down! When it stops, Amy reads a sentence in the sky: Amy the Red Panda is writing the best story in the world.

E Venable

*Ward, Lindsay. **Don't Forget Dexter!** 2018*

When his best friend, Jack, leaves him behind, Dexter T. Rexter panics. What if he's being replaced by another toy? It can't be! After all, he can STOMP, RAWR, and CHOMP! Right? Right?!

E Ward

Nonfiction *

*Bozzo, Linda. **I Like Pugs!** 2017*

Do you like pugs? Is a pug right for you? How do you exercise, feed, and groom a pug? "Discover Dogs with the American Canine Association" includes books about bulldogs, golden retrievers, Chihuahuas, and more!

J 636.7 Bozzo

*Dunn, Mary. **A Frog's Life Cycle.** 2018*

Pebble Plus presents "Explore Life Cycles" for children age 4-8. This one follows frogs from egg to tadpole to frog. Pebble Plus books are ideal nonfiction books for preschoolers, featuring simple text and full-page photographs.

J 597.89 Dunn

*Leighton, Christina. **High-Speed Trains.** 2018*

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

J 625.23 Leighton

*Meltzer, Brad. **I am Jane Goodall.** 2016*

Simple text and wording make these introductory-level biographies suitable for even preschoolers. The "Ordinary People Change the World" series includes biographies of Jim Henson, Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington, Amelia Earhart, Gandhi, Helen Keller, and more.

J Bio Goodall

*Messner, Kate. **Over and Under the Pond.** 2017*

Celebrates the forms of life that live above and under a pond, including turtles, red-winged blackbirds, blue herons, minnows, frogs, and catfish.

J 577.636 Messner

*Rustad, Martha. **Rainbows.** 2018*

Simple text and big illustrations introduce readers to the science behind rainbows. Pebble Plus* books can be found for most subjects in our nonfiction collection and are just the right level for preschoolers and kindergarteners!

J 551.567 Rustad

Ask the librarian for help finding **Pebble Plus books and **Blastoff Readers (Level One)** in the juvenile nonfiction section. These books are great for preschoolers and kindergarteners! A Pebble Plus book has a star on its spine and a Blastoff Reader has - you guessed it! - a little rocket.*

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