

SUMMER READING LISTS

AWARD WINNING BOOKS

(1st Grade reading level)

Boo's dinosaur by Byars – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.

Claire and the unicorn happy ever after by Hennessy – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - One night, Claire and her toy unicorn, Capricorn, journey to a magical land filled with characters from fairy tales to find out what makes someone live "happy ever after."

Cork & Fuzz: short and tall by Chaconas – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - The friendship between Cork, a muskrat, and Fuzz, a possum, is in trouble when Cork decides that since he is older, he has to be taller than Fuzz.

Harvey the gardener by Klinting – 2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - Harvey and his friend Chip decide to plant some beans and watch them grow. Includes gardening tips.

In the doghouse: an Emma and Bo story by Kimmelman - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - When the Lewis family goes on vacation to the lake, Emily gets mad at her best friend Bo, the family dog, so he runs away to look for a new best friend.

It's a beautiful day! by Haddon - c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 – Illustrations and easy-to-read text show that different weather conditions can mean "a beautiful day" to different animals.

Moose tracks! by Wilson – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - A homeowner remembers visits from all the animals whose tracks, feathers, and other traces are left around the house, but he can not figure out who left all the moose prints everywhere.

One smart cookie by Nez – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - When Cookie, a dog who can read and write, goes to school, he not only inspires the children there, he also helps avert disaster.

Polar bear cub by Moody-Luther – 2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 – Describes in simple text a polar bear cub's first few seasons of life, presenting facts on where polar bears live, what they hunt, and how they rear their young.

Tae kwon do! by Pierce – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - Simple rhyming text describes a tae kwon do class, at which children learn to kick, punch, and spin, as well as cooperate and have fun.

Tuckerbean by Kalz – c2006 - On Book of the Year list for ages 5 – 9 in 2007 - Depicts the amazing adventures a dog might have while his owner is away at school.

OTHER GREAT BOOKS TO READ

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Amazing journeys by Kenah – 2007 - Contains photographs and brief descriptions of some of the world's most incredible animal migrations, including Canadian geese, desert locusts, caribou, and others.

Animals in the desert by Lambilly-Bresson – 2008 - Photographs and simple text describe seven animals that live in desert regions including the camel, meerkats, and the dingo.

At home in the desert by Gordon – 2006 - Simple text and color photos show what life is like in a desert, covering cacti, canyons, dust devils, and other topics.

Bag I'm taking to Grandma's, The by Neitzel – 1998, c1995 - In cumulative verses and rebuses a young boy and his mother have different views on how to pack a bag for a trip to Grandma's.

Benny's pennies by Brisson – 2002, c1993 - Benny sets off in the morning with five shiny new pennies to spend and eventually buys something for his mother, brother, sister, dog, and cat.

Best bug parade, The by Murphy – c1996 - A variety of different bugs compare their relative sizes while going on parade.

Best mouse cookie, The by Numeroff – 1999 - Mouse brings together all the ingredients he needs to bake a batch of cookies. Includes 10 easy to make cookie recipes.

"Buzz," said the bee by Lewison – 2003, c1992 - As one animal sits on another in an accumulating progression, the reader learns the sounds each animal makes.

Cat in the hat, The by Seuss – 2007, c1957 - Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games.

Circus shapes by Murphy – c1998 - Circus animals and performers getting ready for a show form basic geometric shapes.

Come out and play, little mouse by Kraus - 1995, c1987 - Little mouse is busy helping his family five days of the week, but he gets to play with them on weekends.

Cookie's week by Ward - 1997, c1988 - Cookie the cat gets into a different kind of mischief every day of the week.

Corduroy makes a cake by Inches – 2003, c2001 - "Based on the characters created by Don Freeman." Corduroy sets out to make Lisa a special cake for her birthday, but baking turns out to be much harder than it looks.

Count on Clifford by Birdwell – c1985 - Activities at a birthday party for Clifford, the big red dog, provide opportunities for counting balloons, presents, and other objects from one to ten.

Dog and Bear : two's company by Seeger – 2008 - A sequel to her ALA Notable Children's Book honoree Dog and Bear (2007), which introduced a teddy bear and a dachshund who are very good friends. In this great sequel, Dog and Bear navigate the bumps in the road of friendship.

Does a kangaroo have a mother, too? by Carle - c2000- Shows the relationship between various wild animals and their mothers, in simple text with color illustrations. Includes the proper names of each animal baby, mother, father, and group.

Dollar for Penny, A by Glass – 2003, c2000 - Penny learns about currency when she sets up a lemonade stand to earn money for her mother's birthday card.

Draw me a star by Carle – c1992 - An artist's drawing of a star begins the creation of an entire universe around him as each successive pictured object requests that he draw more. A drawing lesson demonstrates how to make an eight-pointed star.

Fiesta Fiasco by Paul – c2007 - When shopping for Culebra's birthday, Conejo convinces his friends Iguana and Tortuga to buy all the wrong presents. Includes a glossary of Spanish words used.

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed - by Christelow – 2006, c1989 - A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.

Follow the moon by Weeks – 1995 – A young boy protects and encourages a newly hatched sea turtle until it finds its way to the sea.

Froggy gets dressed by London – 1994, c1992 - Rambunctious Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.

Good night gorilla by Rathmann – 2004, c1994 - An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Goodnight moon by Brown – 2005, c1947 - As a little bunny says goodnight to many familiar objects, the illustrations are progressively darker

Great day for up by Seuss – c1974 - Rhymed introduce the many meanings of "up."

Green eggs and ham by Seuss – c1988 - Sam-I-am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham.

Hi! Fly Guy by Arnold – c2005 - When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

I am smart by Taylor-Butler – 2005 - Although he is skinny and bookish and acts differently than other children, a young boy focuses on all the good things that make him special.

I went walking by Williams – c1989 - During the course of a walk, a young boy identifies animals of different colors.

If you take a mouse to the movies by Numeroff – c2000 - Taking a mouse to the movies can lead to letting him do other things, such as making a snowman, listening to Christmas carols, and decorating the Christmas tree.

If you're happy and you know it! by Cabrera – 2005 - An elephant, a monkey, and a giraffe join other animals to sing different verses of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

In my yellow shirt by Spinelli - 2001 - A boy wears his new yellow shirt and is transformed in his imagination into a duck, a lion, a daffodil, a trumpet, and other things.

Is your mama a llama? by Guarino - 2004, c1989 - A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.

It's about time! by Murphy – c2005 - Presents a children's story for young readers on telling time and follows the daily activities of a young boy from waking up in the morning, going to school, and bedtime.

Itsy bitsy spider by Trapani – c1993 - The itsy-bitsy spider encounters a fan, a mouse, a cat, and a rocking chair as she makes her way to the top of a tree to spin her web.

Jake baked the cake by Hennessy – 1992, c1990 - To prepare for the wedding, Sally Price buys the rice, the best man hires a band, Mr. Fine paints a sign, and Jake bakes a magnificent cake.

Knock, knock! Who's there? : my first book of knock-knock jokes by Hills – c2000 - A collection of knock-knock jokes. The punch lines are revealed by lifting the flaps on the pages.

Leaping lizards by Murphy – c2005 - A group of lizards are late for their big performance, until they start arriving in groups of five. Presented in simple rhyming text and illustrations and introduces the basic math concept of counting by five.

Little red hen, The by Barton – c1993 - The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.

Look out, bird! by Janovitz – 1997, c1994 - A snail starts a chain reaction involving many animals when it slips off a branch and hits a bird.

Mall mania by Murphy – c2006 - Teaches children addition strategies by following a math class and they count people entering the mall for a contest.

Missing mittens by Murphy – c2001 - As a farmer tries to find the correct number of mittens for his various farmyard animals, the reader is introduced to odd and even numbers.

Mom like no other, A by Taylor-Butler – c2004 - A young African-American girl describes the differences between herself and her mother and explains why they are best friends anyway.

My six book by Moncure – c2006 - Teaches addition and subtraction concepts through an interactive story about a young girl who goes for a walk and encounters several friendly animals.

Old MacDonald had a farm by Cabrera – 2008 - The inhabitants of Old MacDonald's farm are described, verse by verse. Children will enjoy pointing out the barnyard creatures and chanting the sounds that the animals make.

Pig in the pond, The by Waddell - 1996, c1992 - An overheated pig who doesn't swim, throws himself into a pond, throwing the farmyard into an uproar.

President George Washington by Adler – 2005 - Presents a simple, illustrated introductory biography of America's first president, George Washington.

Pup speaks up : a phonics reader, The by Hays – c2003 - After Bo and Pal, his silent new puppy, go for a walk & hear the various sounds of animals and objects around them, Pal finally speaks up.

Rattlesnakes by Macken – 2006 - Presents an introduction to rattlesnakes, in simple text with illustrations, describing their physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior.

Roadrunners by Macken – 2006 - Presents a children's book for early readers that describes roadrunners and how they live and survive in the desert regions.

Sheep in a shop by Shaw – c1991 - Sheep hunt for a birthday present and make havoc of the shop, only to discover they haven't the money to pay for things.

Step-by-step by Taylor-Butler – 2005 - A young boy learns, step-by-step, how to make flowers change color, and then presents his grandmother with a bouquet.

Tiny life on your body by Taylor-Butler – c2005 - Simple text and magnified photos introduce the microorganisms that live on the human body, describing the benefits of good bacteria and explaining how to protect oneself from bad bacteria and viruses.

Today is Monday by Carle – c1993 - The tune "Today Is Monday" ("Monday, string beans, Tuesday, spaghetti"), gets a new life in this book bursting with food, animals, and lots of energy. Each day of the week brings a new food, until on Sunday all the world's children can come and eat it up.

Vultures by Macken – 2006 - Presents a children's book for early readers that describe vultures and how they live and survive in the desert regions.

What time is it? by Regier – 2005 - Introduces forty-seven vocabulary words through a story about a little girl counting down the hours when her grandfather arrives for a visit.

What time is it? : a book of math riddles by Sheila Keenan - 2003, c1999 - Illustrations and rhyming questions and answers demonstrate how to tell time.

Who do I look like? by Taylor-Butler – c2006 – A young girl finds that she looks a little like everyone in her family, but mostly like herself.

Who needs friends? by Taylor-Butler – c2006 - A boy is pleasantly surprised that his friends remember his birthday. Repetitive text.

Who stole the cookies? by Moffatt – c1996 - This book extends the children's rhyme by introducing a cast of animal characters, each of which denies taking the cookies, but finally the true thief turns up in a cave.

Who took the cookies from the cookie jar? by Lass – c2000 - A raccoon tries to find out which of his animal friends stole the cookies. "Who took the cookies from the cookie jar?" is the repeated question. Directions for playing a game based on the rhyme, plus music for the rhyme, preface the story.

Who took the farmer's hat? by Nodset - 1988, c1963 - The wind blows away the farmer's hat and he finds it being used in a most surprising way.