

Read Aloud List

You could never begin a list that never ends, so the best thing to do is begin a list that is just the beginning. We have attempted to list books that are ideal for a grade level, however, many of the books are used across grade levels. These are popular titles used to read aloud, teach strategies and skills in reading and language, and to integrate across the curriculum. As you build your classroom library, you will find many of these titles will become favorites. Enjoy!

KINDERGARTEN

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobadkov

Curious George by H.A. Rey

Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

The Mitten by Jane Yolen

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

The Rainbow Fish by Marc Pfister

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault

Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

I Know a Lady by Charlotte Zolotow

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

Pancakes, Pancakes! by Eric Carle

FIRST GRADE

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Quick As A Cricket by Don Wood

Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles by Leo Dillon

Junie B. Jones (series) by Barbara Park

In a Dark, Dark Wood by David Carter

In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming

Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox

Night in the Country by Cynthia Rylant

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Amelia Bedelia (series) by Peggy Parish

Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Night Sounds, Morning Colors by Rosemary Wells

Chair For My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McLerran

Armadillo Rodeo by Jan Brett

Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse by Leo Lionni

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McLerran

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

SECOND GRADE

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

The Chalkbox Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla

Gooney Bird Greene by Paula Danzinger

Magic Treehouse (series) by Mary Pope Osborne

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

Stellaluna by Jannell Cannon

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

You Read To Me, I'll Read To You by Mary Ann Hoberman

Alexander, and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

My Mama Had a Dancing Heart by Libba Moore Gray

Seven Kisses in a Row by Patricia MacLachlan

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Eloise by Kay Thompson

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Heckedy Peg Audrey Wood

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Popcorn Book by Tomie dePaola

THIRD GRADE

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Tales of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume

Sleeping Ugly by Jane Yolen

Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting

The Wise Woman and Her Secret by Eve Merriam

When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

Barn Dance by John Archambault

The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith

Island of the Skog by Steven Kellogg

Hank the Cowdog (series) by John Ericson

Bunnicula by James Howe

Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by E. Coerr

FOURTH GRADE

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DeCamillo

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Stone Fox by John Gardiner

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

The Paper Crane by Molly Bang

River Ran Wild by Lynne Cherry

The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg

Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman

My Great Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston

Max and Me and the Time Machine by Gery Greer and Bob Ruddick

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Patterson

Journey by Patricia MacLachlan

Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan

Amber on the Mountain by Tony Johnston

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

FIFTH GRADE

The Kid Who Ran For President by Dan Gutman

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Hatchet by Gary Paulson

Encounter by Jane Yolen

The Wretched Stone by Chris Van Allsburg

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

The Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell

Holes by Louis Sachar

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

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