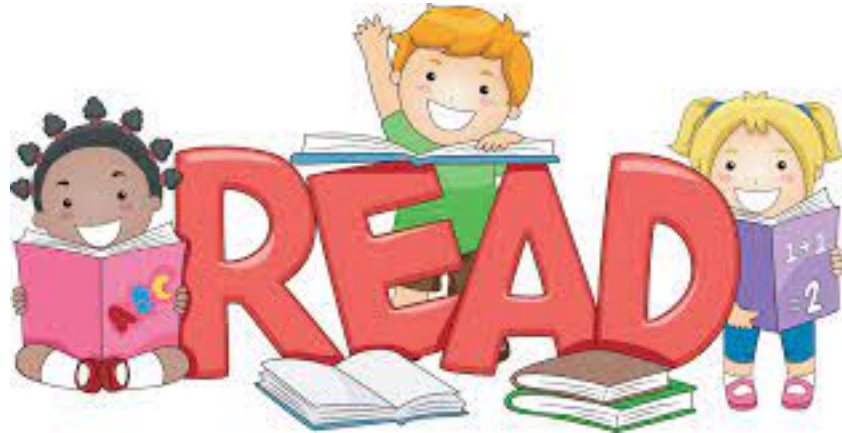


Edward V. Walton  
Early Childhood Center  
Recommended Reading List (2021-2022)  
PreK - Grade 2



# Great Read Aloud Stories for Pre-K

Pete the Cat Books by James Dean and Eric Litwin

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman

The Best Nest by P. D. Eastman

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight by Jane Yolen

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

Llama Llama Mad at Mama by Anna Dewdney

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Keats

No David! by David Shannon

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems

Guess How Much I Love You? By Sam McBratney

Good Night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

We're Going On a Bear Hunt by Michal Rosen

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

Harriet You'll Drive Me Wild by Mem Fox

The Night Before Preschool by Natasha Wing

Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins

Mixed by Arree Chung

Ellie by Mike Wu

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan and Mehrdokht Amini



# Great Read Aloud Stories for Kindergarten

Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Pigeon Wants to Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

There's a Nightmare in my Closet by Mercer Mayer

Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni

Click Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss

Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See by Bill Martin Jr.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Jaffe Numeroff

A Good Day for a Hat by T. Nat Fuller and Rob Hodgson

Curious George by H. A Rey

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard

Are You my Mother? by P.D. Eastman

Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton



Festival of Colors by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehga

I Got Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Ellie by Mike Wu

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Me & Mama by Cabrera Cozbi

Outside In by Deborah Underwood

The Cat Man of Aleppo by Irene Latham



**Edward V. Walton  
Suggested Summer Reading List  
Incoming First Grade**

Please note the following books are only suggestions. Feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's section of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you!

**Books About Me**

- *I Like Me!* By Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall

**Predictable Books-Rhyme or Rhythm**

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik
- *Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *We Are Family* by Patricia Hegarty

**Beginning, Middle, and End Concept**

- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* by Trinka Hakes Noble
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

**Caldecott/Newberry Winners and Honor Books**

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- "R-e-s-p-e-c-t: Aretha Franklin" by Frank Morrison
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena
- *Mommy's Khimar* by Jamilah Thompson-Bigelow

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- "What is Given from the Heart" by April Harrison
- "The Undefeated" by Kwame Alexander
- "Thank you, Omu" by Oge Mora

**Friends**

- *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- *George and Martha: The Complete Stories of Two Best Friends* by James Marshall
- *We are Best Friends* by Alike
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* By Sid Hoff
- *Welcome to my Neighborhood* by Quiara Alegria

**Poetry**

- *A Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech
- *Moon, Have You Met My Mother?* by Karla Kuskin
- *Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* by Jack Prelutsky
- *Shoe Magic* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Missing Piece* by Shel Silverstein
- *Touch the Poem* by Arnold Adoff
- *When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein

**Informational Text**

- *A Tree is a Plant* by Clyde Robert Bulla
- *A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver* by Alike
- *All the Water in the World* by George Ella Lyon by Joanna Cole
- *Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean* by Arthur Dorros

- *From Seed to Pumpkin* by Wendy Pfeffer
- *Magic School Bus On The Ocean Floor*
- *My Five Senses* by Alike
- *Starfish* by Edith Thacher Hurd
- *Weather Words and What They Mean* by Gail Gibbons

### **Early Chapter Books**

- *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- *My Best Friend* by Pat Hutchins
- *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems



## Incoming Second Grade Reading List

### Fiction Picture Books

- *Miss Nelson\** by Allard, Harry
- *Moonbear\** by Asch, Frank
- *Beautiful Oops* by Saltzberg, Barney
- *The Berenstain Bears\** by Berenstain, Stan and Jan
- *Franklin\** by Bourgeois, Paulette
- *See You in Second Grade* by Cohen, Miriam
- *Pirate School* by Dubowski, Cathy East
- *I Am books \** by Susan Verde
- *Lily and Her Purple Plastic Purse* by Henkes, Kevin
- *Chester's Way* by Henkes, Kevin
- *Sheila Rae, The Brave* by Henkes, Kevin
- *A Color of His Own* by Lionni, Leo
- *Froggy\** by London, Jonathan
- *Fish Had a Wish*, by Garland, Michael
- *Splat the Cat \** by Scotten, Rob
- *The Kissing Hand* by Penn, Audrey
- *Curious George\** by Rey, Margaret
- *Alligators All Around* by Sendak, Maurice
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Sendak, Maurice
- *Black Lagoon\** by Thaler, Mike
- *Noisy Nora* by Wells, Rosemary
- *Big Hungry Bear* by Wood, Audrey
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by de la Pena, Matt
- *Ruby's Chinese New Year* by Lee, Vickie and Chou, Joey
- *Pablo's Tree* by Mora, Pat and Lang, Cecily
- *The Undefeated* by Alexander, Kwame
- *Thank you, Omu* by Mora, Oge
- *Mommy's Khimar* by Thompson-Bigelow, Jamilah

### Nonfiction Picture Books

- *Picture Book of...* \* by Adler, David
- *Betsy Ross*, by White, Becky

- *Hurricanes*, by Gail Gibbons
- *A Tree for All Seasons*, by Robin Bernard
- *Vote!* by Christelow, Eileen
- *Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind* by Davidson, Margaret
- *The Story of Jackie Robinson: Bravest Man in Baseball* by Davidson, Margaret
- *Rookie Read-About Science\** by Fowler, Allan
- *The Moon Book* by Gibbons, Gail
- *Star Stuff*, by Sisson, Stephanie Roth
- *Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!* by Kudlinski, Kathleen
- *A Girl Named Helen Keller* by Lundell, Margo
- *Black Holes*, by Than, Ker
- *Bat Loves the Night*, by Davies, Nicola
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon* by McNulty, Faith
- *Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers*, by Johnson, Lady Bird
- *Wild Tracks: A Guide to Nature's Footprints* by Arnosky, Jim
- *Martin's Big Words* by Rappanport, Doreen
- *Childhood of Famous Americans\** by various authors
- *National Geographic Readers\** by various authors

### Fiction Chapter Books

- *Cam Jansen\** by Adler, David
- *Weird Schools Series* by Dan Gutman
- *Flat Stanley\** by Brown, Jeff
- *The Chalk Box Kid* by Bulla, Clyde Robert
- *Humphrey's Tiny Tales Series\** by Birney, Betty G.
- *Bob's & Tweets\** by Springfield, Pepper

### Fiction Chapter Books – Continued

- *Diary of a Worm* by Cronin, Doreen

- *Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew\** by Keene, Carolyn
- *Horrible Harry\** by Kline, Suzy
- *Judy Moody\** by McDonald, Megan
- *Stink\** by McDonald, Megan
- *Magic Tree House\** by Osborne, Mary Pope
- *Amelia Bedelia\** by Parish, Herman
- *Junie B. Jones\** by Park, Barbara
- *Jigsaw Jones\** by Preller, James
- *A to Z Mysteries\** by Roy, Ron
- *Henry and Mudge\** by Rylant, Cynthia
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby\** by Rylant, Cynthia
- *Nate the Great\** by Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman
- *Erie Elementary\** by Brailler, Max
- *Class Pets Series\** by Hale, Bruce
- *Bad Guys Series\** by Blabley, Aaron

### **Nonfiction Chapter Books**

- *Who Was? & Who Is? Books\** by various authors
- *What Was? & What Is? Books\** by various authors
- *50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet* by Denenberg, Dennis and Roscoe, Lorraine
- *Rosa* by Giovanni, Nikki
- *Magic Tree House Fact Tracker\** by Osborne, Mary Pope
- *Magic School Book Science Chapter Books\** by various authors
- *Who Would Win? Books* by Pallotta, Jerry

### **Graphic Novels**

- *Captain Underpants Series* by Pilkey, Dave
- *Dog Man Series* by Pilkey, Dave
- *Baby Sitter's Club* based on the novels by Ann Martin
- *Baby Sitter's Little Sisters* based on the novels by Ann Martin
- *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* by Simpson, Dana

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