



Recommended Authors:

- Mac Barnett
- Dr. Seuss
- Oliver Jeffers
- Adam Rubin
- Cythia Rylant
- Mo Willems

Chapter Read Aloud Books:

- The Boxcar Children by Patricia MacLachlan
- Charlotte's Web by E.B White
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

Fiction:

Henry and Mudge (series) by Cynthia Rylant

Henry is a boy and Mudge is a dog with a love of crackers and a tremendous loyalty to his fun-loving owner. The 25 books in the "Henry and Mudge" series will amuse your child and allow her to learn small life lessons right alongside the giant dog and his boy. Each book typically contains three chapters which, much like the "Frog and Toad" books, are standalone stories.

First Grade Here I Come by Nancy Carlson

Henry's uncertainty about first grade lessens as he tells his mother about his first day and realizes that for every bad thing that happened, there was something good as well. With easy to read print and text full of common sight words, this book should not only ease your child's mind about the first grade but also give him/her the opportunity to show off his/her reading skills at their best.

Crysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loves her name, but the other children make fun of her. The dilemma this book poses is a one all first-graders need to figure out: How can you be yourself when the kids around you don't always appreciate it? If your child likes this book, it's time to move on to other Kevin Henkes books: "Owen," "Wemberly Worried" and the series of stories about Lilly (and her purple plastic purse).

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

This beautifully illustrated, predictable textbook is just the first in a whole series of "If you..." books, including "If You Give a Moose a Muffin," "If You Take a Mouse to School" and "If You Give a Cat a Cupcake." Each book explores a circular theme that keeps your child guessing. What happens if you give a mouse a cookie? What will he want next, and how will it lead back to wanting a cookie? Your child will have a lot of



fun trying to figure out how the animals in these books will work back to the original item they were given.

Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel

The "Frog and Toad" books are classics that have appealed to children for generations. The books about this lovable and goofy pair are split into chapters, each one containing a complete story. This makes it easy to read a little about their antics and put the book down for later.

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

A perfect book to accompany those summertime walks. In this book, a little girl and her father go for a walk together and discover the amazing sounds that the world around them makes. "We're going on a listening walk. Shhhhh. Do not talk. Do not hurry..."

NONFICTION:

Inside-Outside Dinosaurs by Roxie Munro

Snakes Slither and Hiss by Dorothy Kindersly

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant

Rocks and Minerals by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie

Animal Mouths by Mary Holland

Grasshopper and the Ants by Jerry Pinkney