

## **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten**

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These genres are designated for use in Pre-K and Kindergarten.**

Nursery Rhymes  
Fables and Folktales  
Just So Stories  
Fairy Tales  
Poetry  
Concept Books  
Wordless Picture Books

### **Chapter Books:**

The Mouse and the Motorcycle  
Flat Stanley  
Boxcar Children

### **Books by the following authors:**

Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen  
Margaret Wise Brown  
Randolph Caldecott  
Eric Carle  
Jamie Lee Curtis  
Wanda Gag  
Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)  
Ruth Kraus  
Munro Leaf  
Robert McCloskey  
A.A. Milne  
Robert Munsch  
Beatrix Potter  
Jack Prelutsky  
H.A. and Margaret Rey  
Maurice Sendak  
Mo Williams

## First Grade

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These books are designated for use in First Grade.**

Charlotte's Web  
Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Corduroy  
Tacky the Penguin Series  
The Magic Finger  
Bunnicula  
Freckle Juice  
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing  
Rosie's Walk  
How to Eat Fried Worms  
100 Dresses

### **Books by the following authors:**

Judy Blume  
Daniel Pinkwater  
Gail Gibbons  
Kevin Henkes  
Jan Brett  
Eric Carle  
Tomie de Paola  
Robert Munsch  
Jerry Pinkney  
Patricia Polacco  
Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

## Second Grade

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These books are designated for use in Second Grade.**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great  
James and the Giant Peach  
Gooney Bird Greene  
Series of Unfortunate Events  
Fudge Series  
My Father's Dragon  
Julian, Dream Doctor  
Stories Julian Tells  
Frindle  
Freckle Juice  
Nate the Great Series  
Miteh and Amy  
World's Worst Fairygodmother  
Celery Stalks at Midnight  
Hardy Boys Series  
Nancy Drew Series  
American Girl Series  
Goosebumps  
Bailey School Kids  
Ramona Series  
Magic Tree House Series  
Boxcar Children Series  
A to Z Mysteries  
Alice in Wonderland  
Catwings  
Lily and the Runaway Baby  
Mouse and the Motorcycle  
Dear Mr. Henshaw  
Ralph S. Mouse  
The Little Prince  
Junie B. Jones Series  
My Weird School Series  
Wayside School Series

## Pre-K –Second Grade Suggested Literature

**The following list represents suggested authors for Pre-K through Second Grade. Although not included in the primary list of books used at these grade levels, books by the following authors may be used for small group or large group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. Books by these authors are also suggested to parents to help encourage independent reading.**

Aliki	Steven Kellogg
Mitsumasa Anno	Robert Lawson
Edward Ardizzone	Reeve Lindberg
Molly Bang	Leo Lionni
Ludwig Bemelmans	Arnold Lobel
Paulette Bourgeois	Gerald McDermott
Norman Bridwell	Patricia McKissack
Raymond Briggs	James Marshall
Marc Brown	Bill Martin
Margaret Wise Brown	Mercer Mayer
Eve Bunting	David McPhail
John Burningham	Else Holmelund Minarik
Virginia Lee Burton	William Pene du Bois
Ashley Bryan	Jerry Pinkney
Lucille Clifton	Alice and Martin Provensen
Joanna Cole	Faith Ringgold
Barbara Cooney	Glen Rounds
Joy Cowley	Cynthia Rylant
Donald Crews	Allen Say
Tomie dePaola	Marcia Sewall
Leo and Diane Dillon	Marjorie Sharmat
Tom Feelings	Peter Spier
Mem Fox	William Steig
Don Freeman	John Steptoe
Gail Gibbons	Tomi Ungerer
Kate Greenaway	Chris Van Allsburg
Eloise Greenfield	Jean van Leeuwen
Helen Griffith	Judith Viorst
Donald Hall	Rosemary Wells
Russell and Lillian Hoban	Vera Williams
Tana Hoban	Ed Young
Shirley Hughes	Margot and Harve Zemach
Thacher Hurd	Trina Schart Hyman
Gloria Huston	Charlotte Zolotow
Crockett Johnson	
Ezra Jack Keats	

**Poets:**

John Ciardi

Rachel Field

David McCord

A.A. Milne

Laura Richards

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## Third Grade

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These books are designated for use in Third Grade.**

Time Warp Trio – The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy

The BFG

Taste of Blackberries

Meg Macintosh Series

Stone Fox

Donavans Word Jar

The Meanest Doll in the World

Super Fast, Out of Control

Theif Lord

Shiloh

The Cricket in Times Square

Riding Freedom

Sarah Plain and Tall

The Boy Who Lost His Face

Hoot

Little House in the Big Woods

The School Story

Dogs Don't Tell Jokes

Class Clown

The Whipping Boy

Ali Baba Bernstein

The Doll People

Holes

Loser

When the Circus Came to Town

Lion Boy

The Goo

Esperanza Rising

Phantom Tollbooth

Ruby Bridges

The Other Side

Double Fudge

Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes

Click Clack Moo

I Wanna Iguana

Baseball Saved Us

Tar Beach

Ms. Rumbus

A Bad Case of Stripes

Ruby's Wish  
The Bat Boy and His Violin  
Teammates  
The 3 Questions  
Here Be Monsters  
Boxcar Children: Mystery in San Francisco

**Books by the following authors:**

Patricia Polacco  
Shel Silverstein  
Tiger Woods  
Jack Prelutsky  
Margie Palatini  
Ellen SAYS  
Louis Sachar  
Judy Blume  
Judith Viorst  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Joanna Hurwitz

## Fourth Grade

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These books are designated for use in Fourth Grade.**

Indian in the Cupboard  
Hatchet  
Al Capone Does My Shirts  
Tale of Desperaux  
Victory Garden  
The Westing Game  
Because of Winn Dixie  
The Cay  
Tuck Everlasting

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Joan Aiken	Marguerite Henry
Lynne Reid Banks	Johanna Hurwitz
L. Frank Baum	Peg Kehret
Raymond Bial	Dick King-Smith
Judy Blume	Jane Langton
Eve Bunting	Kathryn Lasky
Joseph Bruchac	Jacob Lawrence
Ashley Bryan	Patricia Lauber
Francis Burnett	Julius Lester
Betsy Byars	Gail Levine
Anne Cameron	David Macaulay
Lewis Carroll	Patricia MacLachlan
Beverly Cleary	Mary Mahy
Andrew Clements	Barry Moser
Shirley Climo	Edith Nesbit
Elizabeth Coatsworth	Mary Norton
Eleanor Coerr	Patricia Polacco
Paula Danziger	Daniel Pinkwater
Mary Mapes Dodge	Jack Prelutsky
Elizabeth Enright	Howard Pyle
Eleanor Estes	Carl Sandburg
Walter Farley	Alvin Schwartz
John Fitzgerald	John Scieszka
Louise Fitzhugh	George Selden
Paul Fleischman	Margery Sharp
Sid Fleischman	Shel Silverstein
Mem Fox	Seymour Simon
Jean Fritz	Louis Slobodkin
John Reynolds Gardiner	Robert Louis Stevenson
James Giblin	Mildred Taylor
Patricia Reilly Giff	P.L. Travers
Jamie Gilson	Ann Warren Turner
Paul Goble	Mildred Pitts Walter
Jean George	E.B. White
Kenneth Grahame	

**Poets:**

Stephen Vincent and Rosemarie Carr Benet

Lewis Carroll

John Ciardi

Rachel Field

Robert Frost

Langston Hughes

Edward Lear

Myra Cohn Livingston

David McCord

A.A. Milne

Laura Richards

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## Fifth Grade

**The following list represents books that may be used in class for the purpose of whole group instruction, small group instruction, read-aloud or independent reading. These books are designated for use in Fifth Grade.**

The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Bridge to Terabithia

Sign of the Beaver

Castle in the Attic

Where the Red Fern Grows

Caddie Woodlawn

“Paul Revere’s Ride”

Stripes

Excerpts from Uncle Tom’s Cabin

“Miss Louisa and the Outlaws” (Play)

The Giver

Tuck Everlasting

Chasing Vermeer

Walk Two Moons

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

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Louise May Alcott	Russell Freedman
Isaac Asimov	Jack Gantos
Lloyd Alexander	Leon Garfield
Avi	Sheila Gordon
Natalie Babbitt	Kenneth Grahame
James Barrie	Jean George
L. Frank Baum	Bette Greene
Nathaniel Benchley	Rosa Guy
James Berry	Mary Downing Hahn
Nancy Bond	Joyce Hansen
Lucy Boston	Virginia Hamilton
Ray Bradbury	Bret Harte
Carol Ryrie Brink	James Herriot
Bruce Brooks	Karen Hesse
Joseph Bruchac	S.E. Hinton
Frances Burnett	Felice Holman
Lewis Carroll	Irene Hunt
Alice Childress	Washington Irving
Vera and Bill Cleaver	Paul Janeczko
Elizabeth Coatsworth	Angela Johnson
James and Christopher Collier	Diana Wynne Jones
Carlo Collodi	Norton Juster
Caroline Coman	M.E. Kerr
Susan Cooper	E. L. Konigsburg
Robert Cormier	Kathryn Lasky
Bruce Coville	Madeleine L'Engle
Sharon Creech	Ursula LeGuin
Chris Crutcher	C.S. Lewis
Christopher Paul Curtis	Robert Lipsyte
Karen Cushman	Jack London
Daniel Defoe	Lois Lowry
Charles Dickens	George MacDonald
Michael Dorris	Anne McCaffrey
Arthur Conan Doyle	Robin McKinley
Paul Fleischman	Patricia McKissack
Esther Forbes	Margaret Mahy
Paula Fox	Albert Marrin

Milton Meltzer  
L.M. Montgomery  
Jim Murphy  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Edith Nesbit  
Mary Norton  
Sterling North  
Naomi Nye  
Scott O'Dell  
Philippa Pearce  
Richard Peck  
Daniel Pinkwater  
Edgar Allan Poe  
Philip Pullman  
Howard Pyle  
Arthur Rackham  
Ellen Raskin  
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
J.K. Rowling  
Cynthia Rylant  
Louis Sachar  
Anna Sewall  
William Shakespeare  
Isaac Bashevis Singer  
Elizabeth Speare  
Johanna Spyri  
Gary Soto  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Jonathan Swift  
Mildred Taylor  
Theodore Taylor  
Booth Tarkington  
James Thurber  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
Mark Twain  
Yoshiko Uchida  
Cynthia Voigt  
Yoko Kawashima Watkins  
E.B. White  
T.H. White  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Janet Wong  
Laurence Yep  
Jane Yolen  
Paul Zindel

Poets;  
Rosemarie Carr Benet  
Lewis Carroll  
John Ciardi  
Rachel Field  
Robert Frost  
Langston Hughes  
Edward Lear  
Henry Wadsworth Longfello  
David McCord  
Ogden Nash

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