

Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,

In response to parent requests, please find attached a list of selected books which are appropriate for your child's grade level. In an effort to better encourage your child's reading progress, we ask that you help your child to continue to read through the summer. You'll notice that the attached lists contain books focused on alliteration and rhyming, excellent resources to reinforce letters and letter sounds, as well as a variety of easy to read books. Many of these books may be available at a local library or bookstore.

Sincerely,

Sherri Chema, Reading Teacher / Literacy Coach
and the
Kindergarten Team

Recommended Books

Alliterations

- A My Name Is Alice* by Jane Bayer (Dial)
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- ABC of Monsters* by Deborah Niland (McGraw)
- Alfred's Alphabet Walk* by Victoria Chess (Greenwillow)
- Alligators All Around* by Maurice Sendak (HarperCollins)
- Alpha Beta Chowder* by Jeanne and William Steig (HarperCollins)
- Animalia* by Graeme Base (Abrams)
- Aster Aardvark's Alphabet Adventures* by Steven Kellogg (Morrow)
- Faint Frogs Feeling Feverish* by Lilian Obligado (Viking)
- Have You Ever Seen . . . ?* by Beau Gardner (Dodd)
- Six Sick Sheep: 101 Tongue Twisters* by Joanna Cole (Morrow)

Rhymes

- Across the Stream* by Mirra Ginsburg (Greenwillow)
- Animal Homes* by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford)
- The Annotated Mother Goose: Nursery Rhymes Old and New* by William and Ceil Baring-Gould (Potter)
- At the Crack of the Bat* by Lillian Morrison (Hyperion)
- Bears* by Ruth Krauss (Harper)
- Bears in Pairs* by Niki Yekta (Bradbury)
- Carrot/Parrot* by Jerome Martin (Simon & Schuster)
- Drummer Hoff* by Barbara Emberley (S&S Trade)
- Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg (Viking)
- Father Fox's Pennyrhymes* by Clyde Watson (Scholastic)
- The Foot Book* by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
- Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown (Harper)
- Have You Seen Birds?* by Joanne Oppenheim (Scholastic)
- Hide and Snake* by Keith Baker (Harcourt)
- Hop on Pop* by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
- Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
- A House Is a House for Me* by Mary Ann Hoberman (Viking)
- Hunches in Bunches* by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
- The Hungry Thing* by Jan Slepian and Ann Seidler (Scholastic)
- I Can Read with My Eyes Shut* by Dr. Seuss (Random House)

Arroz Con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes from Latin America by Lulu Delacre (Scholastic)

Baby Beluga by Raffi (Crown)

Buffalo Girls by Bobette McCarthy (Crown)

Butterscotch Dreams by Sonja Dunn (Heinemann)

The Cat Who Loved to Sing by Nonny Hogrogian (Knopf)

Down by the Bay by Raffi (Crown)

Eency Weency Spider by S. Schindler (Bantam)

Frog Went A-Courting by Wendy Watson (Lothrop)

Go Tell Aunt Rhody by Alike (Macmillan)

Hand Rhymes by Marc Brown (E.P. Dutton)

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Nadine Westcott (Little, Brown)

I Made a Mistake by Miriam Nerlove (Atheneum)

If You're Happy and You Know It by Nicki Weiss (Greenwillow)

In a Cabin in a Wood by Darcie McNally (E.P. Dutton)

Juba This and Juba That by Virginia Tashjian (Little, Brown)

Mary Wore Her Red Dress by Merle Peek (Clarion)

Miss Mary Mack by Joanna Cole (Morrow)

Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go by John Langstaff (Atheneum)

Old MacDonald Had a Farm by Tracey Pearson (Dial)

Peanut Butter and Jelly by Nadine Westcott (E.P. Dutton)

The Playtime Treasury by Pie Corbett (Doubleday)

Roll Over by Merle Peek (Houghton Mifflin)

Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi (McKay)

She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain by Robert Quackenbush (Lippincott)

Shimmy Shimmy Coke-Ca-Pop! by John and Carol Langstaff (Doubleday)

Singing Bee! A Collection of Favorite Children's Songs by Jane Hart (Lothrop)

Skip to My Lou by Nadine Westcott (Little, Brown)

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear: A Classic Action Rhyme by Michael Hague (Morrow)

There's a Hole in the Bucket by Nadine Westcott (HarperCollins)

This Old Man by Carol Jones (Houghton Mifflin)

Tingalayo by Raffi (Crown)

The Wheels on the Bus by Harriet Ziefert (Random House)

The Zebra-Riding Cowboy: Folk Songs from the Old West by Angela Medearis (Holt)

CONCEPT BOOKS

- Ahlberg, Janet and Allan. *The Baby's Catalogue*
Anno, Mitsumasa. *Anno's Faces*
Banchek, Linda. *Snake In, Snake Out*
Barton, Byron. *Machines at Work*
Carle, Eric. *The Grouchy Ladybug*
_____ *The Mixed-up Chameleon*
_____ *My Very First Book of Colors*
_____ *My Very First Book of Shapes*
Crews, Donald. *Carousel*
_____ *Freight Train*
_____ *Harbor*
Dubanevich, Ariene. *Pigs in Hiding*
Emberley, Ed. *Ed Emberley's Picture Pie: A Circle Drawing Book*
Emberley, Rebecca. *City Sounds*
_____ *Jungle Sounds*
Ernst, Lisa. *The Bee*
Fisher, Leonard. *Look Around! A Book About Shapes*
Fowler, Susi Gregg. *When Summer Ends*
Gibbons, Gail. *Trains*
Hoban, Tana. *Big Ones, Little Ones*
_____ *Circles, Triangles, and Squares*
_____ *Dig, Drill, Dump, Fill*
_____ *Look, Look, Look!*
_____ *Of Colors and Things*
_____ *Over, Under, Through and Other Spatial Concepts*
_____ *Push-Pull, Empty-Full*
_____ *Round and Round and Round*
_____ *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*
_____ *Take Another Look*
_____ *Dots, Spots, Speckles, and Stripes*
Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*
McMillan, Bruce. *Here a Chick, There a Chick*
_____ *Super Super Superwords*
_____ *Dry or Wet?*
_____ *Growing Colors*
Pamell, Peter. *Feet!*
Pluckrose, Henry. *Capacity*
_____ *Length*
_____ *Sorting*
Reiss, John. *Shapes*
Rockwell, Anne. *First Comes Spring*
_____ *Bear Child's Book of Hours*
Sattler, Helen. *Train Whistles*
Spier, Peter. *Fast-Slow, High-Low: A Book of Opposites*
Schwartz, David. *How Much Is a Million?*
Tafari, Nancy. *Early Morning in the Barn*
Ward, Cindy. *Cookie's Week*
Watanabe, Shigeo. *I Can Ride It!*
_____ *I Can Take a Walk!*
Yabuuchi, Masayuki. *Whose Baby?*
_____ *Whose Footprints?*