

Read-Aloud Suggestions for Incoming Kindergartners



Traditional Tales



Children should have these stories as part of their literary "backpack" when they come to school:

- * *The Three Little Pigs*
 - * *The Three Bears*
 - * *Little Red Riding Hood*
 - * *Three Billy Goats Gruff*
 - * *The Gingerbread Man*
 - * *Hansel and Gretel*
 - * *Stone Soup*
 - * *The Ugly Duckling*
 - * *The Emperor's New Clothes*
 - * *The Princess and the Pea*
- And last but not least . . .
- * *Nursery Rhymes!*

Classic Picture Books

- * *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- * *Make Way for Ducklings* and *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
- * *The Little Engine that Could* by Wally Piper
- * *Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- * *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- * *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
- * *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf
- * *The Little House* and *Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
- * *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel
- * *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant

When you read....

- **Look closely at the text*
- **Talk about the details in the illustrations*
- **Discuss the characters, setting, and problem*
- **Make predictions based on what you read together*
- **Demonstrate your enthusiasm for reading*



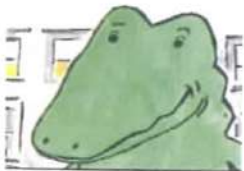
More Great Read-Alouds!

Chapter Books . . .

- * *James and the Giant Peach and The Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl
- * *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- * *The Wizard of Oz and The Land of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
- * *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Favorite Authors . . .

- * Mo Willems
- * Kevin Henkes
- * James Marshall
- * Cynthia Rylant
- * Robert McCloskey
- * Leo Lionni
- * Tomie DePaola
- * Bernard Waber



Some thoughts about reading . . .

"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." *Becoming a Nation of Readers, 1985*

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want your children to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." *Albert Einstein*

"I always advise children who ask me for tips on being a writer to read as much as they possibly can. Jane Austen gave a young friend the same advice, so I'm in good company there," *J. K. Rowling*

"So Matilda's young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea. These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone."

Roald Dahl, Matilda



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reading is fun!