

Suggestions for Students entering Prekindergarten

Great Picks for Pre-K Students



Recommended Internet Website for Reading Suggestions:

[Ultimate Summer Reading \(100+ Best Recent Children's Books to Read Over and Over\)/The Welcome-Back-to-School Booklist for Younger Readers](http://www.readkiddoread.com/home)

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We also recommend exploring other books by these authors:

Sorted by Author / Title

- Aker, Suzanne. What comes in 2's, 3's, & 4's. New York : Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1990.
Introduces the numbers two, three, and four by enumerating the ways in which they occur in everyday life, from your two eyes and two arms to the four seasons of the year.
- Alborough, Jez. Duck in the truck. 1st U.S. ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, 2000.
Duck's truck gets stuck in mud and other animals try to help him.
- Alborough, Jez. Hug. 1st U.S. board book ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2002, c2000.
Bobo the chimp seeks hugs among various jungle animals and their young, but he does not get what he wants until he is reunited with his own parent. On board pages.
- Appelt, Kathi, 1954-. Bubba and Beau, best friends. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt, 2002.
When Mamma Pearl washes their favorite blanket it's a sad day for best friends Bubba and Beau, but it gets worse when she decides the baby boy and his puppy need baths, too. Enjoy the 2 sequels, also.
- Appelt, Kathi, 1954-. Oh my baby, little one / Kathi Appelt ; illustrated by Jane Dyer. San Diego : Harcourt, 2000.
A mother explains to her child all the ways her love remains even while she's away.
- Baker, Keith, 1953-. Hide and snake. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1991.
A brightly colored snake challenges readers to a game of hide and seek as he hides among familiar objects.
- Baker, Liza. Dinosaur days. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperFestival, c2003.
When Harold is unable to sleep, he uses his purple crayon to draw a jungle in which he hopes to find dinosaurs.
- Bang, Molly. Ten, nine, eight. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1983.
Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed.
- Bang, Molly. When Sophie gets angry--really, really angry... New York : Blue Sky Press, c1999.
A young girl is upset and doesn't know how to manage her anger but takes the time to cool off and regain her composure.
- Barton, Byron. The little red hen. New York : HarperCollins, 1993.
The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.
- Beaumont, Karen. Baby danced the polka. New York : Dial Books For Young Readers, c2004.
A very lively baby decides that there is no better time than nap time to dance, dance, dance.
- Bloom, Suzanne, 1950-. A splendid friend, indeed. 1st ed. Honesdale, Pa. : Boyds Mills Press, 2005.
When a studious polar bear meets an inquisitive goose, they learn to be friends.
- Brett, Jan, 1949-. The hat. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1997.
When Lisa hangs her woolen clothes in the sun to air them out for winter, the hedgehog, to the amusement of the other animals, ends up wearing a stocking on his head.
- Brett, Jan, 1949-. The mitten : a Ukrainian folktale. New York : Putnam, c1989.
Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.
- Brown, Ken. Mucky pup. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 1997.
A friendly but filthy puppy looks all over the farm for someone to play with who does not mind the fact that he is a very

dirty dog.

Bruel, Nick. Bad kitty. 1st ed. New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2005.

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

Burningham, John. Mr. Gumpy's outing. 1st Owllet ed. New York : Henry Holt and Company, 1970.

Mr. Gumpy, his children, and his animal friends go out for a nice day's boating on the river until they neglect his advice and the boat tips over.

Carle, Eric. 10 little rubber ducks. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2005.

When a storm strikes a cargo ship, ten rubber ducks are tossed overboard and swept off in ten different directions. Based on a factual incident.

Carle, Eric. The very busy spider. New York : Philomel Books, c1995.

The farm animals try to divert a busy little spider from spinning her web, in a book featuring thermographic pages and a raised spider web that can be felt as well as seen. On board pages.

Carle, Eric. The very clumsy click beetle. New York : Philomel Books, 1999.

A clumsy young click beetle learns to land on its feet with encouragement from various animals and a wise old beetle. An electronic chip with a built-in battery creates clicking sounds to accompany the story.

Carle, Eric. The very hungry caterpillar. 1st Scholastic printing /. New York : Scholastic, 1997.

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.

Carle, Eric. The very lonely firefly. New York : Philomel Books, 1995.

A lonely firefly goes out into the night searching for other fireflies.

Carle, Eric. The very quiet cricket. 1st board book ed. New York : Philomel Books, c1990.

A very quiet cricket who wants to rub his wings together and make a sound as do so many other animals finally achieves his wish. The cricket's sound is reproduced at the end of the book.

Carlstrom, Nancy White. Better not get wet, Jesse Bear. 1st ed. New York : Macmillan ; , c1988.

Jesse Bear is admonished not to get wet under a variety of tantalizing circumstances, until finally he receives permission in his own wading pool.

Carlstrom, Nancy White. Happy birthday, Jesse Bear! 1st ed. New York : Macmillan ; , c1994.

Rhyming text and illustrations describe all the activities associated with Jesse Bear's birthday party.

Carlstrom, Nancy White. Jesse Bear, what will you wear? 1st American ed. New York : Macmillan ; , c1986.

Rhymed text and illustrations describe Jesse Bear's activities from morning to bedtime.

Carlstrom, Nancy White. Let's count it out, Jesse Bear. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster, c1996.

On a trip to an amusement park, Jesse Bear counts things from one silly (giggle) to ten rocks, counting on up to twenty at the end of the book.

Cobb, Vicki. I face the wind. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2003.

Introduces the characteristics and actions of the wind through simple hands-on activities.

Cobb, Vicki. I fall down. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c2004.

Simple experiments introduce the basic concept of gravity and its relationship to weight. Also these titles: I get wet, and I see myself.

Crews, Donald. Freight train. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1978.

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

Crews, Donald. Parade. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1983.

Illustrations and brief text present the various elements of a parade--the spectators, street vendors, marchers, bands, floats, and the cleanup afterwards. Look for many other Donald Crews titles.

Crews, Nina. Neighborhood Mother Goose. New York : Greenwillow Books, c2004.

A collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, illustrated with photographs in a city setting.

Crews, Nina. One hot summer day. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1995.

Relates a child's activities in the heat of a summer day punctuated by a thunderstorm.

Cronin, Doreen. Click, clack, quackity-quack : an alphabetical adventure. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2005.

An assortment of animals gathers for a picnic.

Cronin, Doreen. Click, clack, splish, splash : a counting adventure. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2006.

While Farmer Brown sleeps, some of the animals who live on the farm go on a fishing expedition.

Cronin, Doreen. Wiggle. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2005.

Rhyming text describes the many ways to wiggle.

- Dillon, Leo. Mother Goose : numbers on the loose. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla : Harcourt, c2007.
Presents an illustrated collection of twenty-four counting rhymes, from "Baa, baa black sheep" to "Wash the dishes, wipe the dishes."
- Dunrea, Olivier. Gossie. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Company, 2002.
Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere. Look for several other titles in this Gossie series.
- Eastman, P. D. (Philip D.). Go, dog, go! Sp. ed. New York : Random House, c1989.
A story for beginning readers about busy dogs of all sizes and colors, engaged in all manner of silly activities.
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Miss Polly has a dolly. New York : Putnam, c2003.
Rhyming tale of a sick dolly, the care she receives from her doctor and Miss Polly, and the treat she is offered when she becomes well.
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan. Roar! : a noisy counting book. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2000.
A lion cub's roar frightens away other colorful animals, from one red monkey to eight brown gazelles, that he wants to come play with him-- until he encounters nine other lion cubs.
- Ehlert, Lois. Color farm. 1st ed. New York : Lippincott, c1990.
The rooster, dog, sheep, cow, pig, and other animals on a farm are made up of colorful shapes such as square, circle, rectangle, and triangle. Features die-cut pages.
- Ehlert, Lois. Color zoo. 1st ed. New York : Lippincott, c1989.
Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes on die-cut pages that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.
- Ehlert, Lois. Fish eyes : a book you can count on. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1990.
A counting book depicting the colorful fish a child might see if he turned into a fish himself.
- Ehlert, Lois. Growing vegetable soup. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace & Co., c1987.
A father and child grow vegetables and then make them into a soup.
- Ehlert, Lois. Leaf Man. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla : Harcourt, c2005.
A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him. On die-cut pages.
- Ehlert, Lois. Planting a rainbow. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1988.
A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden.
- Feiffer, Jules. Bark, George. 1st ed. [New York, N.Y.] : HarperCollins, 1999.
George is a puppy who does not sound like a puppy should, despite the efforts of his mother.
- Fleming, Candace. Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2002.
After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.
- Fleming, Denise, 1950-. Alphabet under construction. New York : Henry Holt, 2002.
A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."
- Fleming, Denise, 1950-. Barnyard banter. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, c1994.
All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.
- Fleming, Denise, 1950-. The cow who clucked. 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt, 2006.
When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.
- Fleming, Denise, 1950-. In the small, small pond. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, c1993.
Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.
- Fox, Mem, 1946-. Sleepy bears. 1st U.S. ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, 1999.
When winter comes, six sleepy bears are rhymed to sleep by Mother Bear.
- Fox, Mem, 1946-. Where is the green sheep? 1st ed. Orlando : Harcourt, c2004.
A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.
- Freeman, Don. Corduroy. New York : Viking Press, 1968.
A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

Freeman, Don. A pocket for Corduroy. Puffin Books, c1985.

Garfield, Valerie. Harold and his friends : a Harold and the purple crayon treasury. Barnes & Noble Books ed. New York : HarperCollins Children's Books, c2003.

Includes: The giant garden -- Animals, animals, animals -- The birthday present -- Harold finds a friend.

Gravett, Emily. Orange pear apple bear. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007, c2006. Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.

Guarino, Deborah. Is your mama a llama? New York : Scholastic, c1989.

A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.

Henkes, Kevin. Bailey goes camping. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1985.

Bailey is too young to go camping with the Bunny Scouts, but his parents take him on a special camping trip--in the house.

Henkes, Kevin. Kitten's first full moon. 1st ed. [New York, N.Y.] : Greenwillow Books, c2004.

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Henkes, Kevin. A good day. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2007.

A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day.

Henkes, Kevin. Owen. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1993.

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

Here's a little poem : a very first book of poetry. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass : Candlewick Press, 2007.

A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.

Hoban, Tana. Look up, look down. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1992.

Photographs present objects and scenes from different perspectives, some viewed from below and some from above.

Hoban, Tana. One little kitten. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1979.

Brief rhyming text and photographs follow a kitten as it explores its surroundings.

Hoban, Tana. Take another look. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1981.

By viewing nine subjects both in full-page photos and through die-cut pages, the reader learns that things may be perceived in different ways. Look for many more photograph essays by Tana Hoban.

Hutchins, Pat, 1942-. 1 hunter. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1982.

One hunter walks through the forest observed first by two elephants, then by three giraffes, etc.

Hutchins, Pat, 1942-. The surprise party. [New York] : Macmillan, [1969].

Rabbit confides to Owl that he is planning a party, but as the message is passed from animal to animal it gets more and more confused. Enjoy the many wonderful picture books by Pat Hutchins.

James, Simon, 1961-. Baby brains. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2004.

Even though the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brains is very intelligent, they realize that he is still just a baby.

James, Simon, 1961-. Little One Step. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2003.

As three duckling brothers cross forest and field to return to their mother, the older ones encourage the youngest by teaching him a game that earns him the name of Little One Step.

Johnson, Crockett, 1906-. Harold and the purple crayon. New York : Harper & Row, 1955.

Juster, Norton, 1929-. The hello, goodbye window. 1st ed. [New York] : Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

A little girl loves going to her Nanna and Poppy's house because their kitchen window is a magical portal to a world of discovery and imagination, in a delightful story that celebrates childhood and the love of family.

Keats, Ezra Jack. Whistle for Willie. [New York] : Puffin Books, c1977.

A little boy wishes so much he could whistle.

Krauss, Ruth. The carrot seed. New York : Harper & Row, c1945.

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants.

Lawrence, John. This little chick. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, C2002.

A little chick shows that he can make the sounds of the animals in his neighborhood.

- Lionni, Leo, 1910-. [A busy year](#). 1st board book ed. New York : A.A. Knopf ; , 2004, c1992.
Mouse twins befriend a tree and watch it grow and change throughout each month of the year. On board pages.
- Lionni, Leo, 1910-. [Fish is fish](#). New York, : Pantheon Books, [1970].
When his friend, the tadpole, becomes a frog and leaves the pond to explore the world, the little fish decides that maybe he doesn't have to remain in the pond either.
- London, Jonathan, 1947-. [Froggy learns to swim](#). New York : Viking, 1995.
Froggy is afraid of the water until his mother, along with his flippers, snorkle, and mask, help him learn to swim. Enjoy other Froggy titles.
- MacDonald, Suse. [Alphabatics](#). Bradbury, [c1986].
- Martin, Bill, 1916-2004. [Chicka chicka 1, 2, 3](#). 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2004.
Numbers from one to one hundred climb to the top of an apple tree in this rhyming chant.
- Martin, Bill, 1916-2004. [Chicka chicka boom boom](#). New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1989.
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.
- McCarty, Peter. [Hondo & Fabian](#). 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt, c2002.
Hondo the dog gets to go to the beach and play with his friend Fred, while Fabian the cat spends the day at home. Look for sequels.
- McCully, Emily Arnold. [Picnic](#). 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1984.
A little mouse gets lost on the way to a family picnic. Enjoy other titles about the mouse family.
- McMullan, Kate. [I stink!](#) 1st ed. [New York] : Joanna Cotler Books, c2002.
A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini. Also enjoy [I'm dirty!](#) and [I'm bad!](#)
- Neubecker, Robert. [Wow! America!](#) 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2006.
Izzy and her sister Jo take a trip that celebrates what makes America amazing, from cowboys and canyons to salmon and spaceships.
- Neubecker, Robert. [Wow! City!](#) 1st ed. New York : Hyperion, c2004.
Two-year-old Izzy takes her first trip from her mountain top home to the big city.
- Neubecker, Robert. [Wow! school!](#) 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2007.
Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school. Also enjoy [Wow! City!](#) and [Wow! America!](#)
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. [Beatrice doesn't want to](#). 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2004.
On the third afternoon of going to the library with her brother Henry, Beatrice finally finds something she enjoys doing.
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. [If you take a mouse to school](#). 1st ed. New York : Laura Geringer Books/HarperCollins Publishers, 2000.
Follows a boy and his mouse through a busy day at school. Enjoy several other "If you.." titles.
- Pfister, Marcus. [The rainbow fish](#). New York : North-South Books, 1992.
The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship. Enjoy the many sequels.
- Pinkney, Jerry. [The little red hen](#). New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2006.
A newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it.
- Polacco, Patricia. [G is for goat](#). New York, N.Y. : Philomel Books, c2003.
A rhyming celebration of goats and their antics, from A to Z.
- Polacco, Patricia. [Mommies say shhh!](#) New York : Philomel Books, c2005.
Animals make many different noises, but when they make too much noise their mommies quiet them down.
- Polacco, Patricia. [Oh, look!](#) New York : Philomel Books, c2004.
Three goats visit a fair but run home after they seem to encounter a troll.
- Portis, Antoinette. [Not a box](#). 1st ed. New York, NY : HarperCollins, c2006.
To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box. Also enjoy [Not a stick](#).
- Potter, Beatrix. [The tale of Peter Rabbit](#). Warne. Enjoy all the Beatrix Potter books.
- Rathmann, Peggy. [The day the babies crawled away](#). New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2003.

A boy follows five babies who crawl away from a picnic and saves the day by bringing them back.

Rockwell, Anne F. The toolbox. New York : Walker, 2004, c1971.

An easy-to-read description of the basic tools found in a toolbox.

Rohmann, Eric. A kitten tale. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2008.

As four kittens who have never seen winter watch the seasons pass, three of them declare the reasons they will dislike snow when it arrives, while the fourth cannot wait to experience it for himself

Rohmann, Eric. My friend Rabbit. 1st ed. Brookfield, Ct. : Roaring Brook Press, 2002.

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

Rosen, Michael, 1946-. We're going on a bear hunt. 1st Aladdin Books ed. New York : Aladdin Books ;, 1992.

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge and the great grandpas : the twenty-sixth book of their adventures. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2005.

When Henry and his dog Mudge go with Henry's parents to visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the home with lots of other grandpas, they lead them all on a wonderful adventure.

Rylant, Cynthia. Little Whistle. San Diego : Harcourt Brace & Co., 2001.

At night after the shades are drawn, a small guinea pig shares adventures with the toys in Toytown, the toy store where he lives.

Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter & Tabby see the stars. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2007.

Mr. Putter and Tabby find they are not the only ones awake when they go for a walk at midnight to cure Mr. Putter's pineapple-jelly-roll-induced insomnia.

Rylant, Cynthia. Puppy Mudge has a snack. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.

When Henry has a snack, his puppy Mudge wants one too. Enjoy all the Puppy Mudge books.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. Black? white! day? night! : a book of opposites. 1st ed. New Milford, Conn : Roaring Brook Press, 2006.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. Dog and Bear : two friends, three stories. 1st ed. New Milford, Conn : Roaring Brook Press, 2007.

Bear in the chair -- Play with me! Play with me! -- Dog changes his name. Contains three easy-to-read stories that reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. First the egg. 1st ed. New Milford, Conn : Roaring Brook Press, 2007.

Die-cut pages show the transformations of various animals and objects, such as a seed to a flower, paint to a picture, and a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Sendak, Maurice. Where the wild things are. 25th anniversary ed. New York : Harper & Row, 1988, c1963.

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Shannon, David, 1959-. David goes to school. New York : Blue Sky Press, 1999.

David's activities in school include chewing gum, talking out of turn, and engaging in a food fight, causing his teacher to say over and over, "No, David!" Enjoy all 3 "David" books.

Shannon, David, 1959-. Too many toys. New York : Blue Sky Press, c2008.

Although he finally agrees that he has too many toys and needs to give them away, there is one toy that Spencer absolutely cannot part with.

Shaw, Nancy (Nancy E.). Sheep in a shop. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1991.

Sheep hunt for a birthday present and make havoc of the shop, only to discover they haven't the money to pay for things.

Simmons, Jane. Come along, Daisy! 1st U.S. ed. Boston : Little, Brown, 1998.

Daisy the duckling becomes so engrossed in playing with dragonflies and lily pads that she temporarily loses her mother. Look for other books about Daisy the duckling.

Simont, Marc. The stray dog : from a true story by Reiko Sassa. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, 0001.

A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him.

Steig, William, 1907-. Pete's a pizza. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c1998.

When Pete is in a bad mood, his father turns him into a pizza by first rolling him like dough and then pretending to top him with ingredients until the final personal touch.

Taback, Simms. There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. New York : Viking, 1997.

Taback, Simms. This is the house that Jack built. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2002.

The classic children's rhyme is retold with a new twist, as Jack builds a house and fills it with cheese from around the

world, which attracts the rats that stir up the cat.

Tafari, Nancy. Snowy flowy blowy : a twelve months rhyme. New York : Scholastic Press, 1999.

Rhyming text provides a descriptive word for each month of the year and takes a country family through the changes and surprises of the year's cycle.

Udry, Janice May. A tree is nice. [New York] : Harper, c1956.

Briefly describes the value of a tree.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. Mouse count. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1991.

Ten mice outsmart a hungry snake.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. Mouse paint. San Diego : Harcourt, c1989.

Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

Wells, Rosemary. Edward in deep water. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995.

Edward, a shy young bear, is not ready for birthday pool parties with high-spirited, grade-school bears. Enjoy other titles about Edward the bear.

Wells, Rosemary. Max counts his chickens. New York : Viking, 2007.

Grandma must quickly think of a way to make things fair for Max after Ruby finds all ten of the hidden marshmallow chicks on Easter morning. Look several other titles about Max and Ruby.

Wells, Rosemary. Max's ABC. New York : Viking, 2006.

An alphabet book featuring bunny siblings Max and Ruby as they try to get rid of a bunch of pesky ants.

Wells, Rosemary. McDuff goes to school. 1st paper-over-boards ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 2005, c2001.

McDuff needs some additional help from his friend Marie-Antoinette if he is ever to graduate from obedience school. Enjoy several other McDuff titles.

Wells, Rosemary. My kindergarten. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2004.

Through a month-by-month review of a year in kindergarten, Emily shares the stories of the many happy experiences she has at her school with her new classmates.

Wells, Rosemary. Noisy Nora. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 1999, c1997.

Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.

Wells, Rosemary. Yoko. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c1998.

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats--until one of them tries it for himself. Look for other Yoko stories.

Willems, Mo. Don't let the pigeon drive the bus! 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2003.

A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. Look for other stories about "Pigeon" and many other Mo Willems books.

Willems, Mo. Knuffle bunny : a cautionary tale. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2004.

After a day with Daddy at the laundromat, Trixie quickly notices that her cherished Knuffle Bunny is missing and turns to her father to help her get him back.

Willems, Mo. Knuffle Bunny too : a case of mistaken identity. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2007.

When she arrives at school, excited to show off her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny, Trixie is quite upset when someone else has the exact same bunny.

Willems, Mo. Time to say "please"! 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2005.

Narrated by a group of friendly mice, an amusing book provides preschoolers with an introduction to manners through helpful demonstrations of when certain words and phrases, such as "excuse me" and "please," are used in social situations.

Willems, Mo. Your pal Mo Willems presents Leonardo the terrible monster. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

Losing all hope in his ability to scare people, which is sorely lacking, Leonardo, who is terrible at being a monster, discovers a nervous little boy who seems to be the perfect candidate for him to practice on.

Wilson, Karma. Bear feels sick. New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2007.

The forest friends all gather to help care for Bear when he feels sick, and when they come down with the same symptoms, the newly recovered Bear returns the favor.

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