



## Books for Your Classroom: A Rolling Readers Resource Guide for Teachers and Volunteers

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## RECOMMENDED ONLINE RESOURCES

### ***Book Selection***

Guide to Children's Read Aloud Books

[www.childrensbooks.about.com/cs/readalouds/](http://www.childrensbooks.about.com/cs/readalouds/)

Treasury List: Recommended Books for Children

[www.trelease-on-reading.com/rah\\_treasury.html](http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/rah_treasury.html)

Toddlers to Teenagers: Books for Reading Aloud

[www.geocities.com/sueincyprus/parenting/readaloud.htm](http://www.geocities.com/sueincyprus/parenting/readaloud.htm)

Database of Children's Literature

[www.dawcl.com](http://www.dawcl.com)

Children's Literature Publishers

[www.acqweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/acqweb/pubr/child.html](http://www.acqweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/acqweb/pubr/child.html)

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS ON READING ALOUD

Find these books in your public or school library and evaluate them for yourself.

*The New Read Aloud Handbook (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.)* by Jim Trelease

*Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever* by Mem Fox

*Games for Reading: Playful Ways to Help Your Child Read* by Peggy Kaye

*Cover to Cover: Evaluating and Reading Children's Books* by Kathleen T. Horning

*Through the Eyes of a Child: An Introduction to Children's Literature (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.)* by Donna Norton

*The New York Times Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children* by Eden Ross Lipson

*The New Press Guide to Multicultural Resources for Young Readers* by Daphne Muse

## VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDED BOOKS

**Book Recommendations for Kindergarten**

Old Black Fly (Alphabet Book)- Jim Aylesworth  
Seals on the Bus – Lenny Hart  
Pig Pig Serves – David McPhail  
Today I Feel Silly – Jamie Lee Curtis  
Guess How Much I Love You - Sam McBratney  
Mama, Do You Love Me? - Barbara Josse  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas – Dr. Seuss  
Kipper’s Snowy Day - Mick Inkpen  
Caps for Sale - Esphyr Slobodkina

**Book Recommendations for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

Anything by Bill Peet  
No Jumping on the Bed – Tedd Arnold  
Andrew’s Bath – David McPhail  
The Puppy that wanted a Boy – Jane Thayer  
The Adventures of Taxi Dog – Debbie and Sal Barracca  
Make Way for Ducklings – Robert McCloskey  
A Sky Full of Dragons – Mildred Whatley Wright  
Harry the Dirty Dog – Gene Zion  
Curious George Goes to the Hospital – H.A. Rey  
Prince Cinders – Babbette Cole  
King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub – Audrey Wood (Caldecott Award Winner)  
Leprechaun Gold – Teresa Bateman (St. Patrick’s Day)  
Miss Nelson has a Field Day – James Marshall  
Miss Rumphius – Barbara Cooney  
Moon Tiger - Phyllis Root  
Tikki Tikki Tembo – Mosel (Chinese New Year)  
Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak (Caldecott Award Winner)  
Hidden Places – Phyllis Root  
Little Penguin’s Tale – Audrey Wood  
Loud Mouth George – Nancy Carlson (she has a web page)  
Lyle the Crocodile – Bernard Waber  
Rotten Ralph – Jack Gantos  
Loop the Loop – Barbara Dugan  
Caps for Sale – Esphyr Slobodkina  
Curious George Books – H.A. Rey  
Foolish Rabbit’s Big Mistake – Rafe Martin and Ed Young  
Katie and the Big Snow – Virginia Lee Burton  
Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel – Virginia Lee Burton  
Pirate Queen – Emily Arnold McCully  
Edward and the Pirate – David McPhail  
Officer Buckle and Gloria – Peggy Rathmann  
Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse – Kevin Henkes  
Chicken Soup with Rice – Maurice Sendak  
Little Bear – Elsa Holmelund Minarik

**Book Recommendations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

Daddy Plays Music for the Cows – Maryann Weidt  
Hooway for Wodney Wabbit – Helen Lester  
George and Martha Books – James Marshall  
Jumanji – Chris Van Allsburg  
The Garden of Abdul Gasazi – Chris Van Allsburg  
When Cats Dream – Dav Pilkey  
Moon Glow Roll-a-Rama – Dav Pilkey  
The First Strawberries – Cherokee Legend  
Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire – Gordon Korman  
Moon Lady – Amy Tan  
Fa Mulan – Robert San Souci  
The Talking Egg – Robert San Souci  
Suho and the White horse – Yuzo Otsuka  
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears – Leo and Diane Dillon (West African Legend)

The Gardener – Sarah Stewart  
Chato's Kitchen – Gary Soto  
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs – Judi Barrett  
Johnny Appleseed – Steven Kellogg  
The Quiltmaker's Gift – Jeff Brumbeau  
Legend of the Lady Slipper – Tomi de Paola  
Hot Air Henry (Any Henry Book) – Mary Calhoun

**Book Recommendations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

John Henry – Ezra Jack Keats  
Munsch Works – Robert Munsch ([www.robertmunsch.com](http://www.robertmunsch.com))  
Moon Lady-Gretchen Schields  
Five Chinese Brothers-Claire Huchet Bishop  
Sam and the Lucky Money – Karen Chinn  
Lentil – Robert McCloskey  
Encyclopedia Brown- Donald J. Sobol  
Amelia Bedelia – Peggy Parish  
Tall Tales from Paul Bunyan  
The Widow's Broom – Van Allsberg  
Heartland - Diane Siebert (Fall harvest book)  
The Wonderful Towers of Watts – Patricia Zilver  
Snowflake Bentley – Jacqueline Martin  
Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like – Jay Williams  
King Krakus and the Dragon – Janina Domanska  
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie – Peter Roop  
Saint George and the Dragon  
The Great Kapok Tree (Rainforest) - Lynne Cherry  
Books by Patricia Polacco  
A New Coat for Anna – Harriet Ziefert  
The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks – K. Paterson  
Angel Child, Dragon Child – Surat  
The Black Snowman – Phil Mendez  
The Most Beautiful Place in the World – A. Cameron  
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume  
Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto (Christmas)  
Dragon in the Rocks – Marie Day  
The Checkers Players – Alan Venable  
Finding the Titanic by Robert Ballard  
Samuel's Choice by Richard Berleth  
George Washington's Breakfast – Jean Fritz (others by her are also good)  
Three Names by Patricia MacLachlan  
Let's Go Traveling by Krupp  
City Green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan  
By the Dawn's Early Light by Steven Kroll (Story of the Star-Spangled Banner)  
The Armadillo from Amarillo by Lynn Cherry

**Poetry:**

Jack Prelutsky Books  
Shel Silverstein Books