

Too Many Dogs! by *Lori Haskins* (J.E.P)

A man's barbecue is interrupted when he is visited by lots of dogs from the neighborhood.

Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery by *David Adler* (J.E.2)

Cam Jansen and her friends are in the park playing baseball. Suddenly something is missing. Cam and her friends must stop their game and find it.

Non-Fiction



Ants by the editors of *Time for Kids* (J595.796 T482a)

Ants rule! Lots of photos and early reader vocabulary describe how ants work together to find food and build colonies.

Dogku by *Andrew Clements* (J811 C591d)

A haiku poem about a loveable dog.

Honest Abe Lincoln: Easy to Read Stories About Abraham Lincoln by *David Adler* (JB L638ad2)



Retells the life of Abraham Lincoln, from his early childhood to his career as a lawyer and eventually, President of the United States.

Life in a Coral Reef by *Wendy Pfeffer* (J577.789 P475L)

Describes how coral reefs form and discusses the plants and animals that live in them.

Look-Alikes, Jr. by *Joan Steiner* (Jf793.73 St35L2)

Simple verses challenge readers to identify the everyday objects used to construct scenes, including a house, kitchen, bedroom, school bus, train, farm, and rocket.

Magic School Bus & the Climate Challenge

by *Joanne Cole* (J363.7387 C675m)

Ms. Frizzle takes her kids on a whirlwind tour, from the Arctic to the equator so they can see telltale signs of climate change.

Meet the Dinosaurs by *DK Publishers* (J567.9 M472)

Simple text and color photographs introduce young readers to dinosaurs.

Rufus and Friends: School Days by *Iza Trapani* (JE)

A collection of traditional rhymes in a school setting, with hidden objects for the reader to find in the illustrations.

Storms by the editors of *Time for Kids* (J551.55 T482s)

Learn about different kinds of storms.

Where Do Polar Bears Live? by *Sarah Thomson* (J599.786 T386W)

Learn about the life cycle of a polar bear.



You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! by *Jonah Winter* (Jf796.357 K849w)

An old-timer tells us what made Sandy Koufax so amazing, from his rocky beginning with the Brooklyn Dodgers to his discrimination as one of the only Jews in the game.

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SUMMER READING

Recommendations 2010



KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE

Picture Books



A Very Big Bunny by *Marisabina Russo* (JE)

Amelia is so big that she is always last in line at school and no one will play with her, but a special new classmate teaches her that size is not always the most important thing.

All the World by *Liz Garton Scanlon* (JE)

Follow a circle of family and friends from morning til night as they discover the importance of all things in our world.

Birds by *Kevin Henkes* (JE)

Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.



Cats' Night Out by *Caroline Stutson* (JE)

Cats dance the night away out on the town, doing such dances as the tango, rumba, twist, and fox trot.

Chicken Little by *Rebecca Emberley* (JE)

A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey, to tell them the sky is falling.

Dark Night by *Dorothee de Monfreid* (JE)

When he wanders into the forest at night, Felix, terrified by the ferocious animals he sees, finds refuge in an unusual underground house.

Dinosaurs Love Underpants by *Claire Freedman* (JE)

Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the Mighty Underpants War as the true reason dinosaurs are extinct.

Dog's Colorful Day: A Messy Story about Colors and Counting by *Emma Dodd* (JE)

In this colorful story of a sloppy dog, you can count on a happy ending.

Every Cowgirl Needs A Horse by *Rebecca Janni* (JE)

Nellie Sue, who fancies herself a real cowgirl, wants a horse for her birthday, but she discovers that a brand new bicycle takes almost as much taming as a filly.

Have I Got a Book for You! by *Melanie Watt* (JE)

Mr. Al Foxwood is an avid salesman and gives very persuasive reasons why someone should buy the book he is selling.

Higher! Higher! by *Leslie Patricelli* (JE)

An ingenious picture book of very few words that expresses the giddy glee of being pushed in a swing.



Horace and Morris Say Cheese (Which Makes Dolores Sneeze!) by James Howe (JE)

The timing could not be worse for Dolores the mouse when she develops a food allergy to yummy cheese right before the Everything Cheese festival.

It's Your First Day of School, Annie Claire by Nancy White Carlstrom (JE)

Annie Claire, excited but nervous about her first day of school, is reassured by her mother, whose love always goes with her.

Jellybeans and the Big Book Bonanza by Laura Numeroff (JE)

The Jellybeans-four friends who have different strengths and talents-work together to make their book reports a success and to promote a love of reading.

Little Chick by Amy Hest (JE)

Three full color tales about a special intergenerational bond, featuring Little Chick and his loving Old Auntie.

Mama Cat Has Three Kittens by Denise Fleming (JE)

While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.



Nothing But A Dog by Bobbi Katz (JE)

A young girl imagines what it would be like to have a dog.

Peanut by Linas Alsenas (JE)

Mildred is very lonely until she finds a stray animal and takes him home as her pet dog, but Peanut is very different from the other dogs in the park.

Tacky Goes to Camp by Helen Lester (JE)

Tacky the penguin and his friends go to camp where they tell ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true.

Silly Tilly by Eileen Spinelli (JE)

Tilly drives the other barnyard animals crazy with her silliness, but after gruffly telling her to stop, they discover that they miss her old ways.

Sloppy Joe by Dave Keane (JE)

Sloppy Joe determines to do everything he can to surprise his family by becoming Neat Joe.

Sue McDonald Had a Book by Jim Tobin (JE)

When A, E, I, O, and U jump off the page, reader Sue McDonald pursues the renegade vowels.



The Super Hungry Dinosaur by Martin Waddell (JE)

Ferociously hungry and in search of food, a giant dinosaur chases after Hal, his family, and his loveable dog, Billy, to make them his next meal until quick-thinking Hal grabs a big plate of spaghetti to save the day!

Think Happy! by Nancy Carlson (JE)

Various animals illustrate the importance of keeping a positive outlook.

Whoop Goes There by Jennifer Ericsson (JE)

Cumulative rhythmic story of a hungry owl watching for his dinner.

Woof: A Love Story by Sarah Weeks (JE)

Despite a language barrier, a dog and cat fall in love with the help of a buried trombone.



Beginning to Read

Amanda Pig & the Wiggly Tooth by Jean Van Leeuwen (J.E. 2)

When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it.

Big Max by Kin Platt (J.E.1)

Someone has stolen the great gray beast. The King calls in Big Max, the world's greatest detective, but the clues are very puzzling. Could this be too big a mystery even for Big Max?

Biscuit Meets the Class Pet by Alyssa Capucilli (J.E.P)

When Nibbles, the new class pet, gets lost during a visit, Biscuit the puppy helps find him.



The Case of the Desperate Duck by Cynthia Rylant (J.E.2)

Animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room.

Elephants Cannot Dance by Mo Willems (J.E.P)

Gerald the elephant is certain that he cannot dance but his friend Piggie convinces him to try.

Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris by Jane O'Connor (J.E.1)

Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend, then discovers that this Parisian is not quite as fancy as she had thought.

The Garden That We Grew by Joan Holub (J.E.1)

Children plant pumpkin seeds, water and weed the garden patch, watch the pumpkins grow, pick them, and enjoy them in various ways.

Goose and Duck by Jean Craighead George (J.E.1)

A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.

Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk by James Howe (J.E.2)

Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together.

I Am Going! by Mo Willems (J.E.P)

Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald the elephant that she is going, sending him into a panic.

I Spy Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (J.E.1)

While playing hide-and-seek with Buzz, Fly Guy is taken away by a garbage man.



Pigs Make Me Sneeze! by Mo Willems (J.E.P)

Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from Piggie forever?