

# 100 Books Every Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten

Reading aloud is the biggest literacy gift and boost we can give to our children. This list is a jumping off point for you to help children fall in love with reading, build vocabulary, and discover the world of books.

This list contains old classic favorites as well as newer diverse picks.

Enjoy using this handout to find great books to read to kids.

## Color Code:

Orange: Babies (all board books)

Pink: Toddlers (mix of board books and picture books)

Blue: Preschoolers (picture books)

Green: Beginning Chapter Book Read-Alouds for Preschoolers (chapter books)

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Yearly book based activity calendars to send home each month.

<https://growingbookbybook.com/homework-calendars/>

Over 20 ready to go take home book bags. You just need to add the books and bags.

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2020-2021  
BOOK BASED  
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	I Love You, Sun I Love You Moon, by Pandell		Alphablock by Franceschell		Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Car by Doprak		Lilly & Friends: A Picture Book Treasury by Henkes
	Indestructibles: Let's Go Outside! by Pixton		Bee Bim Bop by Park		Little Owl by Teckentrup		Tap the Magic Tree by Matheson
	Five Little Ducks Nursery Songs by Busby		Lola at the Library by McQuinn		Say Hello! by Isadora		Corduroy by Freeman
	Goodnight Moon by Wise Brown		Otis by Long		Let's Play Monsters by Peck		Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Litwin
	That's Not My Zebra by Watt		The Last Marshmallow by Lin		Bear Snores On by Wilson		When We are Kind by Gray Smith
	May We Have Enough to Share by Van Camp		Grandma's Tiny House by Brown-Wood		Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site by Duskey Rinker		Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away by Medina
	Tickle, Tickle by Oxenbury		Let's Find Momo by Knapp		Tinyville Town I'm a Firefighter by Briggs		The Little Red Fort by Maier
	Where is the Duck? by Arrhenius		Go Baby! Go Dog! by Vittur Kennedy		The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle		The Book With No Pictures by Novak
	Global Babies by The Global Fund for Children		Freight Train by Crews		The King of Kindergarten by Barnes		The Mitten by Brett
	I Love Me (Wonderful Me) by Grover		Hello, World Dinosaurs! by McDonald		Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Willems		Eating the Alphabet by Ehlert
	Tummy Time Friends by Brisson		In My Garden by Musgrave		What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Jenkins		Llama Llama Red Pajama by Dewdney
	Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Fox		The Wheels on the Bus by Williamson		Blueberries for Sal by McCloskey		Ada Twist, Scientist by Beaty
	Huggy Kissy by Patricelli		The Three Bears by Barton		Please, Mr. Panda by Antony		The New Small Person by Child
	Up Cat Down Cat by Light		Huff & Puff by Rueda		The Gruffalo by Donaldson		Hey, Water! by Portis
	Peek-a-Who? by Laden		The Gingerbread Man by Schmidt		Float by Miyares		One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree by Bernstrom
	Open the Barn Door by Santoro		Jump! By Matsuoka		Raindrops Roll by Pulley Sayre		They All Saw a Cat by Wenzel
	Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Cabrera		If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Numeroff		Harold and the Purple Crayon by Johnson		Mother Bruce by Higgins
	Dear Zoo by Campbell		The Busy Little Squirrel by Tafuri		Jabari Jumps by Cornwall		You Matter by Robinson
	Black & White by Hoban		Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Martin Jr.		Green Is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors by Greenfield Thong		It's OK to Be Different by Parr
	Blue Hat, Green Hat by Boynton		Mail Duck by Sirotich		The Paperbag Princess by Munsch		Saturday by Oge Mora
	Rosa Loves Cars by Spanyol		Making Tracks City by Hall		Frog on a Log? by Gray		Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Thomas
	Nest by Hurley		Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke		Before We Eat: From Farm to Table by Brisson		Winnie-the-Pooh by Milne
	So Much by Cooke		Giraffes Can't Dance by Andreea		The Snowy Day by Keats		Zoey & Sassafras Dragons and Marshmallows by Citro
	Little Blue Truck by Schertle		Guess Which Hand by Wilhelm		Under My Hijab by Khan		Mercy Watson to the Rescue by DiCamillo

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