



Note: the following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books appropriate for your reader. .... " staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

## Fun Books to Share

- And I Mean It Stanley by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
- *Berenstain Bear series* by Jan & Stan Berenstain
- *Clifford series* by Norman Bridwell
- Corduroy by Don Freeman
- *Curious George in the Big City* by Margaret Rey
- Dinosaur Time by Peggy Parish
- The Eye Book by Theo LeSieg
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura J. Numeroff
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- *Nate the Great series* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- Snowy Day by Ezra J. Keats
- The Stray Dog by Marc Simont
- Swimmy by Leo Lionni
- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

## Learning to Read Series

- Dr. Seuss Series
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

## **Classics to Read to a First Grader**

- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin
- Frog and Toad are Friends By Arnold Lobel
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert
  McCloskey
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- When Will I Read? By Miriam Cohen
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

## **Caldecott Awards and Honor Books**

- A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead
- Alphabet City by Stephan Johnson
- Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.
- The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster & Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley