



## Books To Read

Reading to children everyday helps develop literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading. There are so many wonderful books for story time that I thought it would be a great idea to share our favorites. You can go to Amazon.com and put the title of the book in the search bar and it will bring up the book you are looking for. You can also do this on Ebay and perhaps find the books a little cheaper. The ideas that follow came from the wonderful women on my yahoo email lists childcareand2 and shelleylovettsprintables.

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Some of my favorites include:

Goodnight Moon  
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom  
Rainbow Fish

If You Give A Pig A Pancake  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear  
5 Little Monkeys  
Ten In The Bed  
Caps For Sale  
The Hungry Caterpillar

Shelley Lovett  
childcareland.com

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My favorite story for story time:

Good Night Gorilla and  
There was an old Lady who Swallowed a Fly  
(can't seem to just read that one without singing it)

Marcia

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A few of our favorite books:  
Bread and Jam for Frances  
Where's the Baby?  
Moon Glows  
And a recent discovery: Paper Princess

Barbara Stein

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I have sooooo many favorites, but I will list a few.

Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley  
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood  
The Napping House by Audrey Wood  
Hooway for Wodney Wat! by Helen Lester  
She Did It! Jennifer A. Ericsson  
Jump Frog Jump! by Robert Kalan  
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood  
Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

**The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, And The Big Hungry Bear by Audrey and Don Wood**

**Enjoy!  
Keri-Lyn**

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**Our favorite books include**

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
You are Special  
Baby Faces  
Ten Little Ladybugs  
Ten Little Fireflies  
Ten Silly Monkeys  
Good Night Gorilla  
Baby Eat  
Animal Zoo**

**Lisa F.**

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**Some of my favorites (and the kids' too)...**

**Bear Snores On**

**The Grouchy Ladybug**

**The Very Busy Spider**

**The Noisy Cricket**

**\*\*\*okay, anything Eric Carle!**

**My Many Colored Days**

**Anna-Marie**

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I care for children 18 mos. - 4 yrs. A couple of our favorite books are.

1. Zigby Dives In by Brian Paterspm

2. Olive Octopus's Deep Sea Ditties by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowyez

3. Good Night Sweet butterflies by the creators of Ten Little Ladybugs

Carolyn Friederich

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10 apples on top  
Little Quacks Bedtime  
Snuggle up sleepy ones  
Chicka Chicka 1-2-3  
Underwear  
MR Brown can MOO can you  
Dr Suess ABC  
Biscuit the dog books

Special Blessings Daycare

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My favorite story is

**GO AWAY BIG GREEN MONSTER**

Deb Miller  
Tazewell Woodford Head Start

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Any books that come from favorite fingerplays/songs or stories or Mother Goose collections: Down by the Bay, The Lady with the Alligator Purse, Peanut Butter and Jelly, There Was an Old Lady are some. Don't forget to read children's poetry too. "Poems

Children Will Sit Still For" by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers is an old book my 2nd grade teacher read that sparked my love of rhythm and meter.

Sara K.

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The Napping House

Farmer Duck

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Whose Mouse Are You?

Ten Little Ladybugs

Little Red Hen

I Went Walking (I planned an entire curriculum around this book for my CDA class)

Linda

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My favorite books to read to kids...

Going on a Bear Hunt

The Very Lazy Ladybug

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom(boom boom to my kids)

If You Take a Mouse to School

If YOU Give a Pig a Pancake

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Where the Wild Things Are

The Napping HOUse

Brown Bear Brown Bear

Polar Bear Polar Bear

Panda Bear Panda Bear

This list could go on and on and on...but these have to be my all time faves.

Jennifer Brown

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Mortimer by robert munsch

Give a moose a muffin

Halloween ball- this is done to a rap tune with fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters, my children begged for this book all year long (i had a copy in my sub. file)

The bear wants more

the bear stays up

Mitten, Gingerbread baby, Daisy, Jan Brett

Hungry Catpillar

They busy spider

I am required to read at least two books a day, The children always choose one of them if not both.

Cathy

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Here are some of my favorites:

10 black dots

Moonbear

Popcorn

Froggy gets dressed

Froggy's first kiss

Bear snores on

Beep, beep, vroom vroom

Blueberries for Sal

Comets nine lives

The hat

The mitten

Honey, honey, lion

Brown bear, brown bear

The sunflower house

Very Hungry Caterpillar

Stephanie's haircut

Thomas's snowsuit

Caps for sale, circus caps for sale

Corduroy

Pocket for corduroy

The cow went oink

Click Clack Moo

Giggle giggle quack

Jamberry

Harry the dirty dog

Give a mouse a cookie

Give a moose a muffin

Give a pig a pacake

Good night moon, the important book

Mrs wishy washy

The napping house

Curious George

Just for you with Little Critter

Mousepaint

Rosie's Walk

The Little Old Lady who was not afraid of anything

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly

The Golden Egg

Ten apples up on top

The doorbell rang

The jacket I wear in the snow

The kissing hand

Where the wild things are

Koala Lou I do love you

Juday Santos

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The Napping House by Don and Audrey Wood

Daniel&Judy Frederick

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Here are a few of my favorites in no particular order:

The Enormous Carrot by Vladimir Vagin

There's a Hippopotamus On Our Roof Eating Cake by Hazel



Edwards

The Three Billy Goats Gruff - various authors

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Whatever Wanda Wanted by Jude Wisdom

Happy to be Nappy by Bell Hooks

Hilda Must Be Dancing by Karma Wilson

Barnyard Lullaby by Frank Asch

Beautiful Blackbird by Ashley Bryan

A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson

Today is Monday by Eric Carle

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson

Jeanie deMullet

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I would have to say three favorites of mine and the childrens is "Love You Forever", "Something From Nothing" and "Going On A Bear Hunt". We also love "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears (we do this one alot as we can also incorporate the song with the story as we are telling it and it has some of the best learning skill concepts then pretty much any other story, such as size discrimination, counting, safety, manners, emotion, opposites, etc.), Some of our favorite authors here are Dr. Seuss, Jan Brett, Audrey Wood and Mercer Mayer.

Happy Reading to you and the children!

Together in Childcare,

Sue

PRESCHOOL PLAYHOUSE

Brantford, Ontario, Canada

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How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Does A Kangaroo Have A Mother Too? by Eric Carle

Shirley/FL

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I love to read *The Napping House* and have the kids act it out. My students this year loved *Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*. They laughed so hard and was really into telling the pigeon NO.

Linda Froemke

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I teach a private preschool program. We use stories as themes. If we are doing a theme on seasons I'd use *Chicken Soup with Rice*. Then set up a web and find activities to use in all our centers. For Cooking and Math we'd make "Chicken Soup for snack" for Dramatic play we'd set up a restaurant and be chefs. For science we'd talk about the changes in the seasons and so on.

*Where The Wild Things Are*-Maurice Sendak  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*  
*My Little Sister Ate One Hare*-By Bill Grossman  
*Mouse Paint*  
*Draw Me A Star*-Eric Carle  
*Noisy Nora*  
*A House is a House For Me*.  
*Head to Toe*  
*Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See*-Eric Carle  
*We Went Walking*- Sue Williams  
*Chicken Soup With Rice*-Sendak  
*One Was Johnny*- Sendak  
*Pierre*-Sendak  
*Alligators All Around*- Sendak  
*In The Night Kitchen*- Sendak

I have so many favorites it's hard to list them all. I hope you have enjoyed my selections.

Julie Fitzpatrick  
Active Kids Discovery Group Preschool

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My 3 favorite stories are below, I read these every day and the children could tell the story word for word from memory.

The little mouse, the red ripe strawberry and the big hungry bear  
by Audrey Wood  
Quick as a Cricket  
Brown Bear Brown Bear

Other favorites included:

Good night Moon  
The Big Red Barn  
Love you forever  
The napping house

Teri in Kansas

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A few of my favorites...

The Hat  
The Mitten  
The Gingerbread Baby

The Very Grouchy Ladybug

Waiting for Wings  
Snowballs  
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Freight Train  
Inside Freight Train  
Rain

The Big Red Barn  
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

Bear's Bargain  
Mooncake  
Skyfire

Fresh Fall Leaves  
I am a Leaf  
The Cow that Went OINK

**Koala Lou  
Whoever You Are  
Time for Bed**

**Stellaluna**

**The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear**

**Over in the Meadow**

**Bunny My Honey  
All Together Now**

**Cat  
Kgn teacher in Colton, CA**

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**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**

**Joyce Finley**

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**My Nursery children love these books**

**The Hungry Monsters  
The Greedy Giant  
Ollie Bear  
The Hungry Caterpillar  
Good Night Gorilla**

**Joanna**

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**Here are some of our favorites that are not usually on the top ten lists:**

**The Way I Feel by Janan Cain  
I Believe In Me by Connie Bowen  
I Turn to the Light by Connie Bowen**

I Love You the Purplest by Barbara M Joosse - Illustrated by Mary Whyte

Any from the Curious George series

All I See Is Part Of Me by Chara M. Curtis - Illustrated by Cynthia Aldrich

I have a multigenerational class and some of the children who are not accustomed to reading books prefer the shorter books at first. However within a month they love storytime and enjoy the diversity and variety in both the words and artwork!

Ms. Amy

Amy's Little Friends Preschool

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If You Give a Moose a Muffin

The Grouchy Ladybug

Goodnight, Gorilla

The Kissing Hand

Brown Eyes, Bright Skin

Dog's Colorful Day

Versana

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About Birds- Cathryn Sill A very good introduction to a birds.

Covers the

basics of birds in simple phrases that you can use as a jumping board. An

older book but the children choose it over and over.

Jamberry- Bruce Degan A favorite among every age group. Fast moving,

rhyming

Food for Thought- Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers A personal favorite,

review of alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, opposites. All illustrations

are pictures of food.

How Are You Peeling?- Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers- Foods with Moods

Ten in the Bed- Penny Dale Similar to the familiar Ten in the Bed... illustrations have their own "story" going on as well as the story line.

Over in the Meadow- Paul Galdone as well as a version by Louise Voce- numbers/animals

The Itsy Bitsy Spider- Iza Trapani A great spin off of the rhyme.

I Spy ABC Vivian French and Sally Holmes Alphabet review or introduction.

Walking Through the Jungle- Julie Lacome Awesome rhythm and predictable

Amber  
Play 'n' Learn Family Child Care

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Anything by Jan Brett like The Mitten, The Umbrella Tree, etc.

Tana Hoban, photographer, pictures are worth a thousand words...she writes MANY books!!!

Eric Carle's book(s): there are so many!!! The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Firefly, How a Cameleon Changes his Colors, etc.

The Kapok Tree by???????????????? (Lynne Cherry, maybe???)

Shel Silverstein's, The Giving Tree

Any book by Lois Ehlert, "Hands", (for one) Her collages are extraordinary!!!

Any book by Robert Munsch

Been teaching for 28 years and I do have my favorites!

Susan

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Love You Forever

Karen

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Go Away Big Green Monster

Thomas' Snow Suit

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Stellaluna

Farmer's Hat

Elmer the elephant

Nightmare in my closet

Miss Bindergarten gets ready for Kindergarten

Miss Bindergarten celebrates the last day of Kindergarten

Polar Express

Night before Christmas

Stinky socks?? (Munch)

All P.K. Halligan ?? books (It's Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.)

Susan

KK Teacher

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Some of my favorite books are:

Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type

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Sherlock Chick's Peek a Boo Mystery

Where's my Baby?

Tie-a-bow book

An Adventure with Olivia Owl

Linda Ludwig

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The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister  
The Grizzly Sisters by Cathy Bellows  
The GigAntic Little Hero by Matt Whitlock  
Lost in the Mall by Jane L. Fryar  
Hermie A Common Caterpillar by Max Lucado  
If I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado

Debbie

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I teach special education to older kids, but my FAVORITE read aloud EVER is "Is Your Mama a Llama". Another great one (especially for discussing social skills) is "How are You Peeling".

Chrystal Valentine-Johnson

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My favourite book is THE GRUFFALO

Christine

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A Pet for Mrs. Arbuckle  
A Silly Snowy Day  
About Face  
Andrews loose tooth  
Animals should definitely not act like people  
Animals should not wear clothes  
Arctic Son  
Because You're Lucky  
Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain  
Celebrating  
Dont eat the teacher  
Familiies Share  
Giraffes Cant Dance  
Hot wheels evolution  
Im quick as a cricket  
Its zwibble and the big birthday party  
Kevin and his dad



Losing grandpa  
Sheep in a jeep  
Snowy day  
The chick and the duckling  
The littlest angel  
The mitten book  
The napping house  
The naughty sheep  
The old lady that swallowed a fly  
The popcorn shop  
Tobys decision  
Theres a hole in my pocket  
Tio Armando  
All of the Tonka book series  
Where the wild things are

We read at least 3 stories everyday! The kids love them! I have scanned some of them and have them in power point on my pc as well.. They love it!

Mary  
The Puzzle Place Home Daycare

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Brown Bear Brown Bear  
Wombat Stew  
Edward the Emu  
The Hungry Caterpillar  
Caps for sale  
3 Billy Goats Gruff  
The Rainbow Fish

Jennifer

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I teach kindergarten and LOVE books.....couldn't help but participate in this topic!

We Share Everything..Robert Munsch  
(I love to read all of Robert Munsch's books)  
Miss Tizzy by Libba Moore Gray

Thanks you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Pollacco  
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox  
Riki Tiki Tembo by Arlene Mosel (so much fun to read)  
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant  
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes (love all Kevin Henkes books)  
The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog by Mo Willems  
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems  
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late by Mo Willems  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by  
Judith Viorst

.....I could go on and on!

Melanie Henderson

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Pigeon like things that go  
Are you my mother?  
The Little Red Hen  
The Little Engine that Could

Jackie Oliver

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I have several Collections with most of them complete. Here is the list of those first.

Sesame Street Classics  
Dr. Suess (classics & new titles in the collection)  
Disney Collection  
Winnie the Pooh & Friends  
Clifford the Big Red Dog Collection  
A Serendipity Book Collection  
Curious George Books  
Little Golden Books (lots & lots)  
Berenstain Bears Collection  
Bobs Books Collection  
Mercer Mayer's Little Critter Collection  
Help Me Be Good book collection by Joy Berry  
....this may also be included  
Laura Numeroff's books (e.g. If you give a mouse a cookie)

Some of our favorite single books are:

Pigaroons ~ by Arthur Geisert

The Story of Noah and the Ark (Picture Book) ~ Paintings by Gennady Spirin

There are Rocks in my Socks said the Ox tot he Fox ~ by Patricia Thomas

Panda Cake ~ by Rosalie Seidler

Snakes & Lizards (a Read About Book)

Dinosaurs & Other First Animals (a Read About Book)

Donkey-Donkey ~ by Roger Duvoisin

Fire Fighters to the Rescue ~ by Jack C. Harris

My Big Word Book ~ Roger Priddy

The 3 Sillies ~ by Troll Associates

God Lives in My House ~ Melody Carlson

Stars, Stars, Stars ~ by Bob Barner

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs ~ by " "

Danny & the Dinosaur ~ Syd Hoff

Morris goes to School ~ by B. Wiseman

Little Toot ~ Hardie Gramatky

Sylvester & the Magic Pebble ~ by William Steig

Jamberry ~ by Bruce Degen

Little Whale ~ by Ann McGovern

Madeline ~ by Ludwig Bemelmans

The Hungry Fox and the Foxy Duck ~ by Kathleen Leverich

Going to Sleep on the Farm ~ Wendy Cheyette Levison

Cook-A-Doodle-Doo! ~ by Janet Stevens

Let's Do That Again ~ by Hiawyn Oram

Roses are Red. Are Violets Blue?? ~ by Alice and Martin Provensen

When I Feel Angry ~ by Cornelia Maude Spelman

.....and many, many others ~ including plenty of other more popular titles (e.g. The Mouse and the Strawberry, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, etc.)

DeAyn Greevers

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Here are our favorite books here at Nanna's Daycare in WV:

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Whatever happened to the dinosaurs? By Bernard Most

Red Fox and His Canoe by Nathaniel Benchley, pictures by Arnold

Lobel

The Romper Room Bedtime Storybook by B.N.S. Karnovsky,  
pictures by A.O. Williams

The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings by Carolyn Sherwin  
Bailey, illustrated by Chris Santoro

Cynthia Robin

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Any of the Tom and Pippo books, Miss Rumphius, Island Boy, Bye-  
Bye Pie, Parts, More Parts, I know an lady, and so many more.

Pam  
Pams Puddle Jumpers

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Here is a list that I am sending home with report cards to my K  
parents so they can check them out. they are books we've read  
and loved. There were more of course but these were some  
favorites ths year

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom - Bill Martin jr  
Murmel, Murmel - Robert Munsch  
Fifty Below Zero - Robert Munsch  
Moiras Birthday - Robert Munsch  
Show and Tell - Robert Munsch  
Mud Puddle - Robert Munsch  
Duck on a bike - David Shannon  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear - Eric Carle  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle  
The Grouchy ladybug - Eric Carle  
Rosie's Walk - Pat Hutchins  
The Mitten - Jan Brett  
The Hat - Jan Brett  
Gingerbread Baby - Jan Brett  
The Kissing Hand - Audrey Penn  
The Snowy Day - Ezra Keats  
Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister

Curious George Books - Rey  
Cookies Week - Cindy Ward  
Franklin Stories - Brenda Clarke  
Click, clack, moo, cows that type - Betsy Lewin  
Mrs. Wishy Washy

B. Osten

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Chicka chicka boom boom  
grouchy ladybug  
hungry caterpillar  
polar express  
auntie claus  
the three trees  
snowman (hallmark book)  
laura's star  
No David!  
Skip to My Lou  
Miss Mary Mack  
Eency wency spider  
old woman that swallowed a fly  
summertime song  
goodnight moon  
5 little pumpkins  
Lady with the Alligator Purse  
Yankee Doodle Dandy  
Olivia  
Angelina Ballerina (all)  
the adventures of Toad & frog  
Little Bear  
Rainbow Fish  
Mia Hamm Winners never quit  
Miss Spider's Tea Party  
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (allt)  
Put me in the Zoo  
Dr. Suess' ABC Book  
Inside, Outside, upside down  
1 fish, 2 fish, red fish, blue fish  
Green eggs and ham  
A fly went by

Mwenye Hadithi & Adrienne Kennaway (Books I bought in Kenya-Africa):

Crafty Chameleon

Greedy Zebra

Hot Hippo

Curious Clownfish

Leopard's Coat

Tricky Tortoise

Awkward Aardvark

Lazy Lion

Gina

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Mud Soup by Judith Head --

This is the story of a little boy who has a little friend whose abuela (grandmother) makes mud soup. Through the story the little girl repeatedly offers the little boy a taste of the mud soup. He thinks it looks like worms and bugs are in it and actually at one point believes it is made with mud, so he finds ways to refuse. Finally, he tries it and finds out as his friend had told him it is delicioso!

The cultural diversity in the book is a lot of fun, and the recipe for mud soup is at the end of the book. Have the ingredients ready and make the soup after reading the book. The kids loved both the book and the soup. It went well with a theme we were doing at the time about The World Underground since we'd been talking a lot about worms, mud, etc.

Eric Carle's Head to Toe is a favorite. We are working hard to get our kids up and moving whenever possible because of the problems with childhood obesity our state is having. Head to Toe is a great example of a book we read standing and moving.

Dinosaurumpus by is another good movement book as the children mimic the movements of the dinosaurs as they are dancing.

The Bear Snores On and Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson are great favorites with our kids.

All the Froggy series (Froggy's Sleepover, Froggy Goes to a Restaurant, Froggy Goes to the Doctor, etc.) by Johnathan London are well-loved.

Lisa Westburg Peters When the Fly Flew In

Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go To Sleep and Tell Me What It's Like to Be Big by Joyce Dunbar

There's An Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer. We use it with nutrition units a lot because of all the food, also use it for several other themes like emotions because it deals with the issue of fear and imagination.

Piggy's Belly Button by Keith Faulkner is a total hoot to read. The kids will demand it over and over again.

Time for Bed by Mem Fox is one of the best nap or anytime stories on my shelf, I think.

It's The Bear! and the sequel (I can't think of the name of it right now) by Jez Alborough is nearly worn out because the kids pull it off the shelf for reading anytime it's available.

Those are just a very few of my favorites.

Rita at Mother's Touch

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Other books are informative but it takes a little bit of work to get through them. All in all, the best books to read are the ones that are easy to digest. Whether you are hoping to find a book that scratches the adventure itch or you want to find the next riveting comic book, the best books to read are here. The following books are some of the best books due to sheer quality, captivation, and content. There is something here for nearly anyone. If you choose to read a book from this list, be sure to share your plan in the comments section so I can check on you and support you. How to start reading in English. Lesson by Annemarie. My Recommended Books to Read in English. In this list, I have provided 12 books that I think are wonderful stories to read. The original list (from July 2016) included 9 books but I've updated this lesson with three new recommendations. The books are listed from the easiest to the most difficult, from the shortest to the longest. Books, books, books. They will increase your lifespan, lower your stress and boost your intelligence. They will give you fuller, thicker hair. Whatever the breathless claims about reading, one thing is certain: losing yourself in a great novel is one of life's most enduring and dependable joys. Job satisfaction comes and goes, partners enrapture and abscond, but you can always fall back on the timeless ability of literature to transport you to a different world.



Other books are informative but it takes a little bit of work to get through them. All in all, the best books to read are the ones that are easy to digest. Whether you are hoping to find a book that scratches the adventure itch or you want to find the next riveting comic book, the best books to read are here. The following books are some of the best books due to sheer quality, captivation, and content. There is something here for nearly anyone. I'm sharing my reading list with the best books I recommend everyone to read. I strongly believe that reading, and educating yourself, is the answer to a better life. And ultimately, freedom. Nelson Mandela said it best: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Out of the hundreds of books I've read in my lifetime, I have a small number of favorite books that I recommend. On this page, you will find the best books that I've read "selected from the 600+ I've read until now. Looking for good books to read? This reading list shares the best books of all-time organized by category. You'll find many great book recommendations. The page is a reading list sharing the best books to read in various categories based on many hours of reading and research. You'll find more than 100 good books to read, organized by category. This is a reading list for people who don't have time for unimportant books. I only list the best books to read in each category. The Top 50 greatest fiction books of all time determined by 128 lists and articles from various critics, authors and experts. Ulysses chronicles the passage of Leopold Bloom through Dublin during an ordinary day, June 16, 1904. Books, books, books. They will increase your lifespan, lower your stress and boost your intelligence. They will give you fuller, thicker hair. Whatever the breathless claims about reading, one thing is certain: losing yourself in a great novel is one of life's most enduring and dependable joys. Job satisfaction comes and goes, partners enrapture and abscond, but you can always fall back on the timeless ability of literature to transport you to a different world.