

The RCS Library List of Recommended Books for Beginning and Early Readers (Pre-K - Grade 2)

Key: P = Picture Book; E = Early Reader; C = Chapter Book; G = Graphic Novel; 1 = 1st in a Series

- 8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos ^{C/1}
– Vande Velde
- The 13-Story Treehouse ^{G/1} – Griffiths
- The Absent Author ^{C/1} – Roy
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants ^{G/1} – Pilkey
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,
Very Bad Day ^P – Viorst
- The Amazing Hamweenie ^P – Bowman
- Amelia Bedelia ^{E/1} – Parish
- Angelina Ballerina ^P – Holabird
- The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man ^P
– Chabon
- Babymouse: Queen of the World ^{G/1} – Holm
- A Bad Case of Stripes ^P – Shannon
- Bad Guys ^{G/1} – Blabey
- Bad Kitty Gets a Bath ^{C/1} – Bruel
- The Bad Seed ^P – John
- Battle Bunny ^P – Scieszka
- Be Quiet! ^P – Higgins
- The Bear Ate Your Sandwich ^P – Sarcone-Roach
- Bedtime for Batman ^P – Dahl
- Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares ^E – Murphy
- Bink & Gollie ^{G/1} – DiCamillo
- The Book With No Pictures ^P – Novak
- The Boss Baby ^P – Frazee
- The Boy of a Thousand Faces ^C – Selznick
- The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto ^E
– Standiford
- Brief Thief ^P – Escoffier
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? ^P
– Martin
- Caps for Sale ^P – Slobodkina
- The Cat in the Hat ^P – Seuss
- Chicken Cheeks ^P – Black
- Chrysanthemum ^P – Henkes
- Chu's Day ^P – Gaiman
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type ^P – Cronin
- Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs ^P – Barrett
- Corduroy ^P – Freeman
- Count the Monkeys ^P – Barnett
- Creepy Carrots! ^P – Reynolds
- Curious George ^P – Rey
- The Dark ^P – Snicket
- The Day the Crayons Quit ^P – Daywalt
- Dinosaurs Before Dark ^{C/1} – Osborne
- Dog Man ^{G/1} – Pilkey
- The Doghouse ^P – Thomas
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus ^P – Willems
- Don't Throw It to Mo ^{E/1} – Adler
- Dr. De Soto ^P – Steig
- Dragonbreath ^{G/1} – Vernon
- Dragon Was Terrible ^P – DiPucchio
- Dragons Love Tacos ^P – Rubin
- The Dumb Bunnies ^P – Pilkey
- Elmer ^P – McKee
- Eva's Treetop Adventure ^{E/1} – Elliott
- Fancy Nancy ^P – O'Connor
- Fangbone: Third-Grade Barbarian ^{G/1} – Rex
- The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore
^P – Joyce
- The Field Guide ^{C/1} – DiTerlizzi and Black
- Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! ^{C/1} – Brown
- Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom ^{G/1} – Wight
- Freckle Juice ^C – Blume
- Frog and Toad Are Friends ^{E/1} – Lobel
- Frog on a Log? ^P – Gray
- Gingerbread Man Loose in the School ^P – Murray
- Go, Dog. Go! ^P – Eastman
- Goldie ^{C/1} – Miles
- Good Night, Good Knight ^{E/1} – Thomas
- Goodnight Gorilla ^P – Rathmann
- Goodnight Moon ^P – Brown
- Green Eggs and Ham ^P – Seuss
- Gregory the Terrible Eater ^P – Sharmat
- The Gruffalo ^P – Donaldson
- Guess How Much I Love You ^P – McBratney
- Harold and the Purple Crayon ^P – Johnson
- Harriet the Invincible ^{C/1} – Vernon
- Harry the Dirty Dog ^P – Zion
- Henry and Mudge: The First Book ^{E/1} – Rylant
- Hi! Fly Guy ^P – Arnold
- The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet ^{C/1}
– Abbott
- Horrible Harry in Room 2B ^{C/1} – Kline
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? ^P – Yolen
- I Don't Want to Be a Frog ^P – Petty
- I Love You, Stinky Face ^P – McCourt
- I Need My Monster ^P – Noll
- I Yam a Donkey ^P – Bell

If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School,
Don't! ^P – Parsley
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie ^P – Numeroff
Interrupting Chicken ^P – Stein
It's Only Stanley ^P – Agee
Ivy + Bean ^{C/1} – Barrows
Job Wanted ^P – Bateman
John, Paul, George & Ben ^P – Smith
Juana & Lucas ^C – Medina
Judy Moody Was in a Mood. Not a Good Mood. A
Bad Mood. ^{C/1} – McDonald
Jumanji ^P – Van Allsburg
Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus ^{C/1} – Park
Kidnapped at Birth? ^{C/1} – Sachar
King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog
Treats ^{E/1} – Butler
Knuffle Bunny ^P – Willems
Last Stop on Market Street ^P – de la Peña
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors ^P – Daywalt
Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy ^P
– Thomas
The Lima Bean Monster ^P – Yaccarino
Lion vs. Rabbit ^P – Latimer
A Little Book of Sloth ^P – Cooke
The Little Engine That Could ^P – Piper
Llama Llama Red Pajama ^P – Dewdney
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye ^{C/1} – Stilton
Love Monster ^P – Bright
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile ^P – Waber
Madeline ^P – Bemelmans
Make Way for Ducklings ^P – McCloskey
Mercy Watson to the Rescue ^{E/1} – DiCamillo
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel ^P – Burton
Miss Daisy Is Crazy! ^{C/1} – Gutman
Miss Nelson Is Missing! ^P – Allard
The Mitten ^P – Brett
The Mixed-Up Chameleon ^P – Carle
Moldylocks and the Three Beards ^{G/1} – Jones
Mr. Duck Means Business ^P – Sauer
Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea ^{E/1} – Rylant
My Teacher Is a Monster! ^P – Brown
The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds ^{C/1} – Adler
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea ^{G/1} – Clanton
Nate the Great ^{E/1} – Sharmat
No, David! ^P – Shannon
Noodlehead Nightmares ^{E/1} – Arnold
Oh No, George ^P – Haughton
Olivia ^P – Falconer
Otis ^P – Long
Peanut Butter & Cupcake ^P – Border
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes ^P – Litwin
A Pig, a Fox, and a Box ^E – Fenske

Pinkalicious ^P – Kann
Plants vs. Zombies: Lawnmageddon ^{G/1} – Tobin
Potato Pants ^P – Keller
The Pout-Pout Fish ^P – Diesen
Press Here ^P – Tullet
Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover ^E – Bell
The Rainbow Fish ^P – Pfister
The Real Mother Goose ^E – Wright
The Runaway Bunny ^P – Brown
Rhyming Dust Bunnies ^P – Thomas
Rotten Ralph ^P – Gantos
Ruby: The Red Fairy ^{C/1} – Meadows
Scaredy Squirrel ^P – Watt
The School Is Alive! ^{C/1} – Chabert
The Secret Chicken Society ^C – Cox
The Secret Life of Squirrels ^P – Rose
Shh! We Have a Plan ^P – Haughton
Skippyjon Jones ^P – Schachner
Some Pets ^P – DiTerlizzi
Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid ^{C/1}
– McDonald
The Stinky Cheese Man ^P – Scieszka
Stone Soup ^P – Muth
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble ^P – Steig
Telephone ^P – Barnett
The Terrible Plop ^P – Dubosarsky
That Is Not a Good Idea ^P – Willems
There's a Nightmare in My Closet ^P – Mayer
This Book Just Ate My Dog ^P – Byrne
This Is a Ball ^P – Stanton
This Is a Moose ^P – Morris
This Is Not My Hat ^P – Klassen
Those Darn Squirrels! ^P – Rubin
The Three Billy Goats Gruff ^P – Galdone
Today I Will Fly! ^{E/1} – Willems
The Too-Scary Story ^P – Murguia
The Totally Secret Secret ^P – Shea
The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! ^P – Scieszka
Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots ^{C/1} – Dadey
The Velveteen Rabbit ^P – Williams
Waiting ^P – Henkes
Waking Beauty ^P – Wilcox
The Wall in the Middle of the Book ^P – Agee
The Watermelon Seed ^P – Pizzoli
We Are Growing ^E – Keller
What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night ^P – Tuma
Where the Wild Things Are ^P – Sendak
Wild About Books ^P – Sierra
The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse ^P – Barnett
Wolfie the Bunny ^P – Dyckman
The Worrywarts ^P – Edwards
Z Is for Moose ^P – Bingham