

Friends School Haverford
2008 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 2
Shared or Family Reading List

This list suggests some books and authors for shared reading with your child. This is only the tip of a wonderful iceberg, of course; many other resources exist to help you find good read-aloud books, some of which are listed elsewhere in this website.

Whether or not your child enjoys reading on his/her own, please take time to read aloud with your child, and to discuss the books you read together. Choose books you yourself enjoy. This is extremely important – it will expand your child’s vocabulary, whet his/her appetite for more difficult books, and model the joy of reading and sharing literature.

Aardema, Verna	<i>Borreguita and the Coyote; Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears</i>
Abbott, Tony	<i>Secrets of Droon</i> series
Adler, David	<i>Picture Book</i> biography series; <i>Andy Russell</i> series
Agee, Jon	<i>Nothing; Terrific</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Fortunetellers; The House Gobbaleen</i>
Barefoot Books (publisher)	<i>The Barefoot Book of Pirates; ...of Heroic Children; ...of Tropical Tales; etc.</i>
Base, Graeme	<i>The Sign of the Seahorse; The Eleventh Hour</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>Paddington</i> series
Boulton, Jane	<i>Only Opal: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Brett, Jan	<i>Trouble with Trolls</i>
Brown, Jeff	<i>Flat Stanley</i>
Brown, Marc	<i>Arthur</i> series
Bulla, Clyde Robert	<i>Daniel’s Duck; My Friend the Monster; Singing Sam</i>
Cameron, Ann	<i>The Stories Julian Tells</i>
Cannon, Janell	<i>Stellaluna; Verdi</i>
Child, Lauren	<i>Charlie and Lola</i> series
Christian, M.B.	<i>Go West, Swamp Monsters</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona</i> series; <i>Henry Huggins</i> series
Cohen, Miriam	<i>See You in Second Grade</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>Ms. Frizzle’s Adventures</i> series; <i>Magic School Bus</i> series
Coombs, Patricia	<i>Dorrie</i> series
Cronin, Doreen	<i>Diary of a Fly; Diary of a Spider</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Enormous Crocodile; The BFG</i>
D’Aulaire, Ingri	<i>Norse Gods and Giants; Book of Greek Myths</i>
DeAngeli, Marguerite	<i>Jared’s Island; Skippack School; Thee, Hannah</i>
De Paola, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> series
Diaketé, Penda	<i>I Lost My Tooth in Africa</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson</i> series

Dorling Kindersley (publisher)	<i>Eyewitness Books</i> series
Enright, Elizabeth	<i>The Saturdays</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats</i>
Faulkner, Matt	<i>A Taste of Colored Water</i>
Flaherty, A.W.	<i>The Luck of the Loch Ness Monster</i>
Fleischmann, Sid	<i>McBroom</i> series
Freeman, Don	<i>Corduroy; A Pocket for Corduroy</i>
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	<i>My Father's Dragon</i> series
(various unattributed authors)	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i> series
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room</i>
Greenburg, Dan	<i>The Zack Files</i> series
Grifalconi, Ann	<i>Osa's Pride</i>
Gwynne, Fred	<i>The King who Rained</i> (homonyms)
Hoffman, Mary	<i>Amazing Grace, Boundless Grace</i>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i>
Howe, James	<i>Bunnacula; Howliday Inn</i>
Hurwitz, Johanna	<i>The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein; Busybody Nora</i>
Jansson, Tove	<i>Finn Family Moomintroll</i>
Johnson, Crockett	<i>Harold and the Purple Crayon; Ellen's Lion</i>
Juster, Norman	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
Keats, Ezra Jack	<i>Goggles; Dreams</i>
Keller, Holly	<i>Do unto Otters: a Book about Manners</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>Pinkerton</i> series; <i>The Christmas Witch</i>
Kloske, Geoffrey	<i>Once upon a Time, the End</i>
LaMarche, Jim	<i>Up</i>
Leaf, Margaret	<i>Eyes of the Dragon</i>
Le Guin, Ursula K.	<i>Catwings</i> series
Lendler, Ian	<i>An Undone Fairy Tale</i>
Levy, Elizabeth	<i>Something Queer</i> series
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; Prince Caspian; The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
Look, Lenore	<i>Ruby Lu, Brave and True</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Gooney Bird Greene</i>
MacDonald, Betty	<i>Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle</i> series
Marshall, Edward	<i>Three by the Sea; Four on the Shore</i>
Marshall, James	<i>George and Martha</i> series
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Spy</i> series
McCully, Emily	<i>The Escape of Oney Judge</i>
McDermott, Gerald	<i>Anansi, the Spider</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Mirandy and Brother Wind; Goin' Someplace Special</i>
McMullan, K.H.	<i>Dragonslayers' Academy</i> series
Monjo, F.N.	<i>The Drinking Gourd</i>

Munsch, Robert	<i>Mortimer, Angela's Airplane; David's Father</i>
Norton, Mary	<i>Bed Knob and Broomstick; The Borrowers</i>
Olswanger, Anna	<i>Shlemiel Crooks</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House</i> series
Parish, Peggy	<i>Amelia Bedelia</i> series; <i>Key to the Treasure</i>
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones</i> series
Peet, Bill	<i>The Wump World</i>
Pennypacker, Sara	<i>Clementine</i>
Peterson, John	<i>The Littles</i> series
Pinkney, Jerry	<i>Aesop's Fables</i>
Pinkwater, Daniel	<i>I Was a Second Grade Werewolf</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Babushka Baba Yaga; Mrs. Katz and Tush</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>New Kid on the Block</i> (poems); <i>The Dragons are Singing Tonight</i> (poems)
(collections)	<i>Random House Book of Poetry... of Fairy Tales... of Humor</i>
Ressner, Philip	<i>Jerome</i>
Rex, Adam	<i>Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich</i>
Reynolds, Peter	<i>Ish</i>
Rosenberg, Liz	<i>Monster Mama</i>
Roy, Ron	<i>A-Z Mystery</i> series
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Henry and Mudge</i> series; <i>Mr. Putter and Tabby</i> series
San Souci, Robert	<i>The Faithful Friend; Sukey and the Mermaid</i>
Say, Allen	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>In a Dark, Dark Room</i>
Selden, George	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> series
Seuss, Dr	<i>To Think that I Saw It on Mulberry St.; The Lorax</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> (poems)
(collection)	<i>Sing a Song of Popcorn</i> (poems)
Stanley, Diane	<i>Woe is Moe; Shaka, King of the Zulus; Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter</i>
Steig, William	<i>Amos and Boris; Doctor DeSoto; Sylvester and the Magic Pebble; Shrek</i>
Stevenson, James	<i>What's Under My Bed?; Yuck!</i>
Taylor, Sidney	<i>All-of-a-kind Family</i>
Terban, Marvin	<i>Eight Ate</i> (homonym riddles)
Trivizas, Eugene	<i>The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig</i>
Turkle, Brinton	<i>The Adventures of Obadiah</i>
Ungerer, Tomi	<i>No Kiss for Mother</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>The Polar Express; Mysteries of Harris Burdick; Probuditi</i>
Viorst, Judith	<i>The Tenth Good Thing about Barney</i>
Waber, Bernard	<i>Ira Sleeps Over; Ira Says Goodbye</i>

Watt, Melanie	<i>Scaredy Squirrel</i>
White, E. B.	<i>Trumpet of the Swan; Stuart Little</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> series
Willems, Mo	<i>Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct</i>
Williams, Margery	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>
Williams, Vera	<i>A Chair for My Mother</i>
Winter, Jeanette	<i>Elsina's Clouds</i>
Wood, Audrey	<i>King Bidgood's in the Bathtub</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Commander Toad</i> series
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>The Small Potatoes Club</i>
Zion, Gene	<i>Harry by the Sea; No Roses for Harry</i>

Fairy Tales - Andersen, Grimm, Perrault, African, Russian, etc.

Legends - Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Robin Hood, etc.

Many children love magazines such as Appleseeds, Click, Ask, Spider, Ranger Rick, National Geographic World, and Sports Illustrated for Kids; and harder articles can make excellent material for reading aloud.

The report of the Commission on Reading, Becoming a Nation of Readers, states, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."