

# Wesleyan School

## Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising Pre-First and First Grade Students

### Students must read a minimum of ten books.

*Numbers following each annotation are reading levels determined by commercial reading management programs. Creating reading levels is not an exact science. There is not a consensus among experts on the best way to determine a reading level for a book. Remember that the best books are those that are read and enjoyed by your child. These levels are guidelines only and should never be the sole consideration in determining if a book is appropriate for your child.*

**AR**=Accelerated Reader: managed by Renaissance Learning

**RC**=Reading Counts: managed by Scholastic

**L**= Lexile Measures: managed by MetaMetrics

*The ♥ symbol indicates a “highly recommended” endorsement from one or more review sources.*

*The term “Notable Book” indicates that the book is highly recommended by the American Library Association.*

*The Caldecott Medal/Honor is given for outstanding illustrations.*

### Picture Books

*May be enjoyed with an older reader*

Allard, Harry: *Miss Nelson is Missing!*

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. AR 2.7, RC 3.1, 340L

Asch, Frank: *Happy Birthday, Moon*

When a bear discovers that the Moon shares his birthday, he buys the Moon a beautiful hat as a present. 440L

Banks, Kate: *The Cat Who Walked Across France*

After his owner dies, a cat wanders across the countryside of France, unable to forget the home he had in the stone house by the edge of the sea. AR 3.6 Notable Book ♥

Berenstain, Stan: *The Bear's Picnic*

Papa Bear perseveres and finds the perfect spot for the Bear family picnic. 230L

Blake, Robert J.: *Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod*

Akiak the sled dog refuses to give up after being injured during the Iditarod sled dog race. AR 3.3, RC 2.9, 590L ♥

Brett, Jan: *The Hat*

When Lisa hangs her woolen clothes in the sun to air them out for winter, the hedgehog, to the amusement of the other animals, ends up wearing a stocking on his head. AR 2.6, RC 2.2, 440L ♥

Carle, Eric: *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle*

A clumsy young click beetle learns to land on its feet with encouragement from various animals and a wise old beetle. AR 2.8, RC 2.9, 210L

Cooney, Barbara: *Miss Rumphius*

After making her girlhood dreams of world travel and living by the sea come true, a retired librarian follows her grandfather's old advice of doing something to make the world more beautiful, and then passes that wisdom on to her grandniece. AR 3.8, RC 2.9

Cronin, Doreen: *Dooby Dooby Moo*

While Farmer Brown sleeps, his animals prepare for a talent show at the county fair. AR 3.1, 430L ♥

Falconer, Ian: *Olivia*

Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good. AR 2.0, RC 1.9, 270L ♥ Caldecott Honor

Falwell, Cathryn: *The Word Wizard*

Using her magical spoon to make new words by changing letters around, Anna embarks on a series of adventures with a lost little boy. 250L

Feiffer, Jules: *I Lost My Bear*

When she cannot find her favorite stuffed toy, a young girl asks her mother, father, and older sister for help. 320L Notable Book ♥

Frazer, Marla: *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever!*

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

AR 3.4, RC 3.7, 680L Caldecott Honor ♥

Friedman, Ina: *How My Parents Learned to Eat*

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating. AR 2.9, RC 3.5, 450L

Himmelman, John: *Katie Loves the Kittens*

Sara Ann brings home three little kittens, but Katie the dog's enthusiasm scares the kittens, until she learns that being more patient brings about friendship. AR 2.2, RC 1.2, 330L

Hobbie, Holly: *Toot & Puddle*

Toot and Puddle are best friends with very different interests, so when Toot spends the year travelling around the world, Puddle enjoys receiving his postcards. AR 2.5, 320L

Hoff, Syd: *The Horse in Harry's Room*

Although no one else can see it, Harry is very pleased to have a horse in his room. 470L

Kirk, Daniel: *The Library Mouse*

Sam, a shy but creative mouse who lives in a library, decides to write and illustrate his own stories which he places on the shelves with the other library books but when children find the tales, they all want to meet the author. AR 4.4 ♥

Lester, Helen: *Hooway for Wodney Wat*

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he cannot pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully. AR 3.1, RC 2.5, 360L Notable Book ♥

LaRochelle, David: *The End*

When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight. AR 3.5 Notable Book ♥

Lithgow, John: *Marsupial Sue*

Marsupial Sue, a young kangaroo, finds happiness in doing what kangaroos do. AR 3.0 RC 2.9

Lobel, Arnold: *Mouse Soup*

A mouse convinces a weasel he needs the ingredients from several stories to make a tasty mouse soup. 240L

Lumry, Amanda: *Adventures of Riley* (series)

Offers an entertaining and educational look at issues such as wildlife conservation. AR 3.5-5.5, 710L

Mayer, Mercer: *There's a Nightmare in My Closet*

A little boy decides to get rid of the nightmare in his closet. RC 3.4, 670L

McCarthy, Pete: *Hondo & Fabian*

Hondo the dog gets to go to the beach and play with his friend Fred, while Fabian the cat spends the day at home. 180L Caldecott Honor ♥

McCloskey, Robert: *Make Way for Ducklings*

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. RC 3.1 Caldecott Medal

Meddaugh, Susan: *Martha Blah Blah*

When the current owner of the soup company breaks the founder's promise to have every letter of the alphabet in every can of soup, Martha, the talking dog, takes action. AR 3.8, RC 4.2 ♥

Minarik, Else Holmelund: *No Fighting! No Biting!*

Sometimes Rosa and Willy behave like the two little alligators in the stories Cousin Joan tells them. AR 2.6, RC 2.9, 340L

Munsch, Robert N.: *Munschworks* (series)

Illustrated collection of quirky children's stories by Robert Munsch. 540L

Norton, Juster: *The Hello, Goodbye Window*

A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going. AR 3.4, RC 3.3 Caldecott Medal ♥

Numeroff, Laura: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To*

On the third afternoon of going to the library with her brother Henry, Beatrice finally finds something she enjoys doing. AR 2.2, RC 1.2, 140L ♥

O'Connor, Jane: *Fancy Nancy* (series)

A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night. AR 2.1, RC 2.4, 420L

Peet, Bill: *The Wump World*

The Wump World is an unspoiled place until huge monsters bring hordes of tiny creatures from the planet Pollutus. AR 5.3, RC 3.9

Pilkey, Dav: *The Paperboy*

A paperboy and his dog enjoy the quiet of the early morning as they go about their rounds. AR 2.9 RC 3.5 Caldecott Honor ♥

Pitzer, Susanne: *Not Afraid of Dogs*

Young Daniel must confront his fear of dogs when his mom agrees to dog-sit his aunt's pet. AR 2.2, RC 2.2, 350L ♥

Polacco, Patricia: *Thunder Cake*

Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms. AR 3.5 RC 3.5 ♥

Rathmann, Peggy: *10 Minutes Till Bedtime*

A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime. AR 1.5 Notable Book ♥

Rathman, Peggy: *Officer Buckle and Gloria*

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches. AR 3.4, RC 2.5, 510L Caldecott Honor ♥

Say, Allen: *Grandfather's Journey*

A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries. AR 3.6, RC 4.2 Caldecott Medal ♥

Scieszka, Jon: *Truckery Rhymes*

Collects illustrated rhymes about the trucks that reside in Trucktown. Lexile BR

Seuss, Dr.: *Horton Hears a Who!*

Horton the elephant goes to great trouble to protect some very small creatures who make their home on a speck of dust. AR 3.3, RC, 3.8, 490L

Shannon, David: *Good Boy, Fergus!*

Except for his bath, Fergus experiences the perfect doggy day, from chasing cats and motorcycles to being scratched on his favorite tickle spot. AR 1.3 ♥

Slobodkina, Esphyr: *Caps for Sale*

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. AR 3.1, RC 2.9, 480L

Spier, Peter: *Noah's Ark*

Tells the biblical rainy-day tale with practically no text and Peter Spier's signature delicate, detail-packed illustrations. RC 2.2 Caldecott Medal

Steig, William: *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

Sylvester the donkey finds a magic pebble that grants his every wish, but in a moment of fright he wishes he were a rock, and then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again. AR 4.0, RC 3.8, 700L Caldecott Medal

Stevens, Janet: *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco. AR 1.9, RC 2.3, 420L

Stevens, Janet: *Tops and Bottoms*

Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road. AR 3.2, RC 3.8, 580L  
Notable Book Caldecott Honor ♥

Stevenson, James: *“Could Be Worse!”*

Everything is always the same at Grandpa's house, even the things he says-until one unusual morning. AR 2.7 RC 3.1

Van Allsburg, Chris: *Jumanji*

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. AR 3.9 RC 4.4 Caldecott Medal ♥

Yorinks, Arthur: *Hey, Al!*

A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well. AR 2.1, RC 4.7, 320L, Notable Book Caldecott Honor ♥

Waber, Bernard: *Ira Sleeps Over*

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear. AR 2.2, RC 3.5, 310L

Whitcomb, Mary: *Odd Velvet*

Although she dresses differently from the other girls and does things which are unusual, Velvet eventually teaches her classmates that even an outsider has something to offer. AR 4.1, RC 4.8, 750L

Willems, Mo: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*

A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. AR .9, RC 1, 120L, Notable Book Caldecott Honor ♥

Wood, Audrey: *The Napping House*

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite. AR 2.8 RC 3.2

Yolan, Jane: *How Do Dinosaurs . . . ?*

Mother and child ponder the different ways a dinosaur perform various tasks, from saying good night to eating their food. AR 1.6, RC 2.2, 520L Notable Book ♥

Zion, Gene: *Harry By the Sea* (series)

The adventures of a little dog when he gets lost at the beach. AR 2.9, 430L

### **Fun Books to Share**

Hoberman, Mary Ann: *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together* (series)

A book of children's poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult. AR 2.9 RC 1.8

Schulman, Janet: *You Read to Me & I'll Read to You: 20th-Century Stories to Share*

The unabridged texts of twenty-six stories for children with original illustrations, featuring selections from a variety of twentieth-century authors including William Steig, Roald Dahl, Dr. Seuss, Judy Blume, Jon Scieszka, and others. ♥

### **Beginner Readers Series**

**Reading level vary significantly within a series. Lexile Measures posted are for the first book in the series or are an average of measures of books in the series.**

Arnold, Tedd: *Fly Guy!*

Hilarious, easy-to-read stories about a fly. 280L

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin: *Biscuit*

Read about Biscuit the puppy and his puppy friend, Puddles. AR 1.5, RC 1.5, 250L

Carle, Eric: *Stories for All Seasons*

Contains three stories written and illustrated by Eric Carle which provide young readers with lessons about numbers, the seasons, and the days of the week. AR 2.0-4.0

Cazet, Denis: *Minnie and Moo*

Contains brief chapters, colorful artwork, and humorous stories about two comical cows and their farm friends. AR 2.0-3.0, 260L

Clements, Andrew: *Pets to the Rescue*

Pet lovers will enjoy these simple, but satisfying tales of heroic and loyal pets. 80L

Cushman, Doug: *Aunt Eater*

Aunt Eater loves mystery stories so much that she sees mysterious adventures wherever she looks. 300L

DiCamillo, Kate: *Mercy Watson*

Have Mercy! She's not just the Watson's pet pig--she's a porcine wonder and loads of fun. AR 2.5 – 3.5, 390L

Egan, Tim: *Dodsworth*

Follow straight-man Dodsworth and his skylarking duck as they travel to major cities. 300L

Falconer, Ian: *Olivia*

Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good. AR 1.2 Caldecott Honor ♥

Gackenbach, Dick: *Hattie Rabbit*

Stories about Hattie Rabbit, who has a tendency to overlook possible consequences of her actions. AR 2.5, 330L

Guest, Elissa Haden: *Iris and Walter*

Iris and Walter discover that anything is easier when you have a best friend to help you. AR 2.5-3.5, 330L

Hoff, Syd: *Danny and the Dinosaur*

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him. AR 2.3 RC 2.7,

Holabird, Katharine: *Angelina*

A little mouse named Angelina wants to become a ballerina and loves to dance more than anything else in the world—including tidying her room, helping her mother, and getting to school on time. AR 3.5-4.5

Johnson, Crockett: *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Harold uses his fantastic purple crayon to draw himself some wonderful adventures. AR 3.0, RC 2.4

London, Jonathan: *Froggy*

Rambunctious Froggy has many plans for fun but is called back by friends and family members, who help keep things in order. AR 1.8, RC 1.5, 300L

Marshall, James: *Fox Outfoxed*

Fox competes in a big race, gives away his comic books, and goes trick-or-treating on Halloween with his friends. AR 2.2, RC 1.8, 120L

Marshall, James: *George and Martha*

Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. AR 2.7, RC 2.8

McDonald, Megan: *Beezy*

Presents stories about a girl called Beezy and her friends and pets. 40L

Milgrim, David: *Swing Otto Swing*

Easy-to-read stories about the robot Otto and his friends. AR 1.0 ♥

Miller, Sara Swan: *Three Stories to Read to Your Dog/ Cat*

Presents three stories addressed to dogs or cats and written from the animal's point of view. AR 1.5-2.1

Mills, Claudia: *Gus and Grandpa*

Gus and his grandfather share a special bond and many adventures. AR 2.0-3.5, 400-500L

Minarik, Else Holmelund: *Little Bear*

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party. AR 2.4, RC 1.8, 370L

Parrish, Peggy: *Amelia Bedelia*

A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions. AR 2.5, RC 2.5, 120L

Pennypacker, Sara: *Stuart's Cape*

Stuart makes a magical cape out of his uncle's ties and has a series of adventures. 300L

Preller, James: *Jigsaw Jones*

Puzzle-crazy Jigsaw Jones searches for clues and pieces them together to solve the mystery. 300L

Ross, Pat: *Meet M & M*

Best friends Mandy and Mimi enjoy adventures together. 300L

Rylant, Cynthia: *Henry and Mudge*

Henry and his dog Mudge enjoy adventures together. AR 2.0-3.0 RC 2.0-3.0

Rylant, Cynthia: *Mr. Putter and Tabby*

Warmhearted stories of elderly Mr. Putter and his favorite companion, Tabby, the cat. AR 2.0-3.0, 350-600L

Rylant, Cynthia: *Poppleton*

Poppleton the pig makes friends and has many humorous experiences. AR 2.5-3.0, 360L

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro: *Dog and Bear*

Easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between a dachshund named Dog and a stuffed bear. AR 1.5-2.0, 180L

Sharmat, Marjorie: *Nate the Great*

Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solves the mystery, and tracks down the culprits. 300L

Silverman, Erica: *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*

Saddle Up! Two pals have arrived on the scene--Cowgirl Kate and her stubborn but devoted cowhorse, Cocoa. They're partners through thick and thin. AR 1.5-2.5, 400L

Thomas, Shelley Moore: *Good Night, Good Knight*

A Good Knight helps three little dragons. AR 2.0-2.5, 50L ♥

Van Leeuwen, Jean: *Tales of Oliver Pig*

Meet the Pig family with Oliver, his sister Amanda and their parents. Everyday events are special with this loving family. AR 2.3, RC 2.4, 240L

Wells, Rosemarie: *Max and Ruby*

Funny things happen every day in the life of Max and his big sister, Ruby. AR 2.0-3.0

Willems, Mo: *Elephant and Piggie*

These sweet stories feature the interaction between two lovable and funny characters: an optimistic and sometimes reckless pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant. Each book has been vetted by an early learning specialist.

Wilson, Karma: *Bear and His Friends*

This lovable bear and his delightful animal friends have a great deal of fun sharing new experiences. Features endearing illustrations and descriptive rhyming text. AR 2.0-2.5, 600L

Wiseman, Bernard: *Morris Goes to School*

Morris the moose has an exciting day in school learning the alphabet, counting, singing, spelling, and doing other things that make him a unique moose. AR 2 RC 2.1, 190L

### **Feelings, Relationships, and Manners**

Bang, Molly: *When Sophie Gets Angry--Really, Really Angry*

When Sophie gets angry, she goes outside and runs, cries, climbs her favorite tree--and then, calmed by the breeze, she is soon ready to go back home. AR 1.4 RC 1.9 Caldecott Honor ♥

Bottner, Barbara: *Bootsie Barker Bites*

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game. AR 2.6, RC 2.8, 530L ♥

Curtis, Jamie Lee: *Today I Feel Silly And Other Moods That Make My Day*

A child's emotions range from silliness to anger to excitement, coloring and changing each day.

AR 2.4, RC 2.4, 250L

Davis, Jacky: *Ladybug Girl and the Bumblebee Boy*

Friends Sam and Lulu play Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy, saving the playground from hairy monsters and big mean robots.

AR 2.7, RC 2.3, 580L

Everitt, Betsy: *Mean Soup*

Horace feels really mean at the end of a bad day, until he helps his mother make Mean Soup. AR 1.7, RC 1.1, 310L

Keller, Laurie: *Do Unto Otters*

Mr. Rabbit worries about getting along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the Golden Rule.

AR 2.4, 460L

Lovell, Patty: *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*

Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself. AR 3.5, RC 3.1, 560L

Lucado, Max: *Because I Love You*

Shaddai, a wise and loving man, builds a wonderful village for his children, but when one of them chooses to go out into the dangerous wilderness, Shaddai does not abandon him. AR 3.4, RC 3.1, 370L

Munson, Derek: *Enemy Pie*

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend. AR 3.2, RC 3.1, 330L

Roberts, Bethany: *Monster Manners*

Three little monsters demonstrate good and bad manners, proving that even though they don't always show it, they can behave. AR 3.0, 520L

Rodman, Mary Ann: *My Best Friend*

Six-year-old Lily has a best friend all picked out for play group day, but unfortunately the differences between first-graders and second-graders are sometimes very large. AR 2.2, RC 1.9, 390L

Viorst, Judith: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

AR 3.7 RC 3.9

Willems, Mo: *Time to Say "Please"!*

Presents a children's book and board game on the reasons why it is important to say "please." ♥

## Nonfiction Books

Adamson, Heather: *Homes in Many Cultures*

Photographs and simple text describe homes in many different cultures including cabins in Switzerland, African huts, adobe homes of the American Southwest, houseboats in Asia, country farm homes, and big city apartments. AR 1.6 390L

Adler, David: *The Babe & I*

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth. AR 3.2 RC 2.8 330L

Anno, Mitsumasa: *Anno's Magic Seeds*

The reader is asked to perform a series of mathematical operations integrated into the story of a lazy man who plants magic seeds and reaps an increasingly abundant harvest. AR 3.5

Bishop, Nic: *Red-Eyed Tree Frog*

This frog found in the rain forest of Central America spends the night searching for food while also being careful not to become dinner for some other animal. 350L

Cole, Joanna: *Magic School Bus* series

Special field trips on the Magic School Bus allows Ms. Frizzle's class to experience many educational experiences.

Crane, Carol: *P is for Peach*

A rhyming alphabet that names people, places, and things from Georgia's history, culture, and natural world and provides background information on each one. AR 6.0

DePaola, Tomie: *The Cloud Book*

Introduces the ten most common types of clouds, the myths that have been inspired by their shapes, and what they indicate about the weather. AR 3.7 RC 3.5

Florian, Douglas: *In the Swim: Poems and Paintings*

A collection of humorous poems about such underwater creatures as the starfish, piranha, and clam. AR 3.2 RC 3.2

Hatkoff, Isabella: *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*

Illustrated text and full-color photographs tell the true story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise. AR 5.4, RC 4.7, 920L ♥

Jenkins, Steve: *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*

Presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age. AR 2.3, RC 4.8, 840L ♥

Kerby, Johanna: *Little Pink Pup*

Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies. 620L

Krull, Kathleen: *The Boy On Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss*

Introduces the life of renowned children's author and illustrator Ted Geisel, popularly known as Dr. Seuss, focusing on his childhood and youth in Springfield, Massachusetts. AR 5.7 RC 4.2 Notable Book ♥

Pinkney, Jerry: *Noah's Ark*

Retells the biblical story of the great flood and how Noah and his family faithfully responded to God's call to save life on earth. 360L Caldecott Honor ♥

Priceman, Marjorie: *Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride*

Presents a colorful children's story about the first passengers on the very first hot air balloon ride. AR 2.9 RC 2.5 Caldecott Honor ♥

Sattgast, Linda: *The Rhyme Bible Storybook*

A collection of Bible stories told in rhyme.

Sayer, April Pulley: *Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust*

Presents full-color illustrated drawings that describes what dust is, the different kinds of dust such as pollen, house dust, dirt from the farmer's plow, dust storms, fires, and ash from volcanoes. AR 4.6 RC 2.2 Notable Book ♥

Turner, Pamela S.: *Hachiko*

Relates the true story of a dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years. AR 4.2 RC 3.9 Lexile 830 ♥

## **Folk Tales & Fairy Tales**

***May be enjoyed with an older reader***

Bang, Molly: *Wiley and the Hairy Man: Adapted From an American Folktale*

With his mother's help, Wiley outwits the conjuring Hairy Man that lives in the swamp near their home. AR 3.1 Notable Book

Brett, Jan: *Town Mouse, Country Mouse*

After trading houses, the country mice and the town mice discover there's no place like home. AR 4.4 Lexile 530

Brown, Marcia: *Stone Soup*

When three hungry soldiers come to a town where all the food has been hidden, they set out to make soup of water and stones, and all the town enjoys a feast. AR 3.3 RC 3.2 Lexile 480

Demi: *The Empty Pot*

When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty. AR 3.8 RC 3.5

Goble, Paul: *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*

Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.  
AR 4.7 Caldecott Medal

Kellogg, Steven: *Paul Bunyan, A Tall Tale*

Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures. AR 5.7, RC 4.2, 1030L

MacDonald, Margaret: *Pickin' Peas*

Because a pesky rabbit picks peas from her garden, a little girl catches it and puts it in a box, but that doesn't solve the problem. 150L

McDermott, Gerald: *Anansi the Spider*

In trying to determine which of his six sons to reward for saving his life, Anansi the Spider is responsible for placing the moon in the sky. AR 2.8, RC 3.2, 290L Caldecott Honor

Osborne, Mary Pope: *Kate and the Beanstalk*

In this version of the classic tale, a girl climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where she uses her quick wits to outsmart a giant and make her and her mother's fortune. AR 3.6 RC 3.5 Notable Book ♥

Pinkney, Jerry: *Aesop's Fables*

A collection of nearly sixty fables from Aesop, including such familiar ones as "The Grasshopper and the Ants," "The North Wind and the Sun," "Androcles and the Lion," "The Troublesome Dog," and "The Fox and the Stork."  
RC 4.4, 760L Notable Book ♥

Pinkney, Jerry: *The Little Red Hen*

A newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it. 620L ♥

San Souci, Robert: *The Talking Eggs*

A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded. AR 4.4 RC 3.5, 940L Caldecott Honor ♥

Young, Ed: *Seven Blind Mice*

Retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance.  
AR 1.9, RC 3.3, 350L Caldecott Honor ♥

Zelinsky, Paul: *Rumpelstiltskin*

A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child. AR 4.0 RC 4.1, 740L Caldecott Honor

## Math

Aker, Suzanne: *What Comes in 2's, 3's, and 4's?*

Introduces the numbers two, three, and four by enumerating the ways in which they occur in everyday life, from your two eyes and two arms to the four seasons of the year. RC 1.7, 750L

Banyai, Istvan: *Zoom!*

A wordless picture book presents a series of scenes, each one from farther away, showing, for example, a girl playing with toys which is actually a picture on a magazine cover, which is part of a sign on a bus, and so on.

Burns, Marilyn: *Spaghetti and Meatballs for All!*

The seating for a family reunion gets complicated as people rearrange the tables and chairs to seat additional guests.  
AR 3.2, RC 3.5, 420L

Fisher, Valorie: *How High Can a Dinosaur Count?*

Presents fifteen story problems with wacky elements such as flapjack-flipping frogs, a daisy-chomping dragon, and a Laundromat whose washing machines mix frappes. AR 3.5 ♥

Harris, Trudy: *Jenny Found a Penny*

The reader can help Jenny count her pennies--and nickels and dimes and quarters--as she saves the money to buy herself a very special present. 650L

Hutchins, Hazel: *A Second is a Hiccup*

Playful rhyming text helps children comprehend units of time, presenting lively examples of what can happen in the span of a second, a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a month, a year, and a whole childhood. AR 2.4, 740L ♥

Hutchins, Pat: *The Doorbell Rang*

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.  
AR 1.9, RC 2.1, 340L ♥

Jonas, Ann: *Splash!*

A little girl's turtle, fish, frogs, dog, and cat jump in and out of a backyard pond, constantly changing the answer to the question "How many are in my pond?" RC 1.4

Merriam, Eve: *12 Ways to Get to 11*

Uses ordinary experiences to present twelve combinations of numbers that add up to eleven. AR .9 Lexile 60

Pallotta, Jerry: *Underwater Counting: Even Numbers*

Text and pictures of marine animals teach young readers to count the even numbers up to fifty. AR 3.7

Ziefert, Harriet: *You Can't Buy a Dinosaur With a Dime*

Pete uses the money he has saved to buy a toy dinosaur, then must earn and save more before making his next purchase. AR 2.3