

**Wesleyan School**  
**Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising Second Grade Students**  
**Students must read a minimum of ten books.**

Other books may be chosen with parental approval.  
Students should read independently with parental support.

*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

**Lexile** = Lexile Framework for Reading

*The ♥ symbol indicates the book received a “highly recommended” endorsement from one or more review sources.  
The term “Notable Book” indicates the book is highly recommended by the American Library Association.  
The Caldecott Medal/Honor is given for outstanding illustrations.*

**Picture Books**

Agee, Jon: *Terrific*

Eugene wins a trip to Bermuda, but when his ship sinks, and he ends up stranded on a tiny island with only a parrot, he wonders how he will ever get back home. AR 2.9 ♥

Best, Cari: *Three Cheers for Catherine the Great!*

Sara's Russian grandmother has requested that there be no presents at her seventy-eighth birthday party so Sara must think of a gift from her heart. AR 3.2 RC 2.6 Lexile 360 Notable Book ♥

Blake, Robert: *Togo*

Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. AR 3.8 RC 3.3 Lexile 420 Notable Book ♥

Boland, Janice: *A Dog Named Sam*

A dog named Sam fetches the wrong things, swims in the wrong places, and keeps everyone in the house awake when he can't go to sleep at night. RC 1.4

Brett, Jan: *Comet's Nine Lives*

Comet the cat uses up eight of his nine lives trying to find the right place to live on Nantucket Island. AR 4.0 RC 4.2

Child, Lauren: *But Excuse Me That Is My Book*

When Lola's favorite book is not on the library's shelf, her older brother, Charlie, tries to find another book she will enjoy. AR 2.3 RC 2.8

Coles, Robert: *The Story of Ruby Bridges*

For months six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. AR 4.4 RC 5.4

DiPucchio, Kelly: *Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!*

The entire town of Up Yonder joins in to help their favorite teacher clean up her messy classroom. AR 4.4

Fleming, Candace: *Big Cheese for the White House*

In 1801, the townspeople of Cheshire, Massachusetts, create a gigantic cheddar cheese to present to President Jefferson at his New Year's Day party. AR 4.1 RC 3.5 Lexile 450

Fleming, Candace: *Sunny Boy! The Life and Times of a Tortoise*

In this fictionalized account, Sunny Boy, a 100-year-old tortoise, describes various events in his long life including the dangerous barrel ride over Niagara Falls that he takes with his daredevil owner on July 5, 1930. AR 2.9 RC 2.6

- Henkes, Kevin: *Lilly's Big Day*  
Lilly the mouse, upon hearing that her teacher is getting married, sets her heart on being the flower girl at the wedding. AR 2.5
- Knudsen, Michelle: *Library Lion*  
A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend. AR 2.7 RC 2.3 ♥
- Lester, Helen: *Listen Buddy*  
A lop-eared rabbit named Buddy finds himself in trouble with the Scruffy Varmint because he never listens. AR 2.7 RC 2.8
- Levine, Ellen: *Henry's Freedom Box*  
A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. AR 3.0 RC 1.8 ♥ Caldecott Honor
- Long, Melinda: *How I Became a Pirate*  
Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life. AR 3.1 RC 2.3 Lexile 470 Notable Book
- Manushkin, Fran: *Shivers in the Fridge*  
One-by-one, the members of the Shivers family disappear from the inside of their chilly refrigerator home. AR 3.1 RC 3.3 Lexile 620 ♥
- McBrier, Page: *Beatrice's Goat*  
A young girl's dream of attending school in her small Ugandan village is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat. Based on a true story about the work of Project Heifer. AR 4.0 RC 3.5 Lexile 640
- McPhail, David: *Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore!*  
A rowdy group of pigs invade the house of a man as he quietly reads, in simple, rhyming text with illustrations, the pigs carry out mischievous behavior all over the house. AR 2.0 RC 1.9 ♥
- Mora, Pat: *Tomas and the Library Lady*  
While helping his family in their work as migrant laborers far from their home, Tomas finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library. AR 2.7 RC 3.5 Lexile 440
- Moss, Lloyd: *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin!*  
Ten instruments take their parts one by one in a musical performance. AR 3.3 RC 3.5 Caldecott Honor ♥
- O'Connor, Jane: *Fancy Nancy*  
A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night. AR 2.1 RC 2.4 Notable Book
- O'Neill, Alexis: *The Recess Queen*  
Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen. AR 3.0 RC 1.9 ♥
- Palatini, Margie: *Piggie Pie!*  
Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker. AR 2.5 RC 2.7 ♥ Notable Book
- Pitzer, Susanna: *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 ♥
- Polacco, Patricia: *Thank you, Mr. Falker*  
At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem. AR 4.1 RC 4.8 Lexile 650
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse: *Duck! Rabbit!*  
Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck. AR 1.4 ♥
- Spinelli, Eileen: *Six Hogs On a Scooter*  
The Hog family tries various modes of transportation to get to the opera with decidedly unexpected results. RC 2.1

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. Caldecott Honor.  
AR 3.2 RC 3.8 ♥

Stevenson, James: *The Mud Flat Mystery*

When a large box is delivered to Duncan while he is away, the other animal inhabitants of Mud Flat are consumed with curiosity about what might be inside. AR 2.8

Teague, Mark: *Pigsty*

When Wendell doesn't clean up his room, a whole herd of pigs comes to live with him. AR 2.8 RC 2.9 ♥

Tidd, Louise Vitellaro: *Did You Hear About Jake?*

Jake tells his friend Hank that he's learning to bake, but Hank misunderstands and begins a chain of misinformation that spreads throughout school. AR 1.7 RC 1.8

Van Allsburg, Chris: *Probuditi!*

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it. AR 3.4 Notable Book

Watt, Melanie: *Scaredy Squirrel*

Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to leave his nut tree, but when he is finally one day forced out of his home, he discovers some interesting things about the great unknown. AR 3.6 RC 2.9 ♥

Wiesner, David: *Flotsam*

A colorful picture book that features a young, science-minded boy who goes to the beach to collect and examine anything floating that has been washed ashore and discovers an underwater camera that contains a collection of unusual pictures. Caldecott Medal ♥

Willems, Mo: *Leonardo the Terrible Monster*

Regardless of all his efforts, Leonardo the monster simply cannot seem to frighten anyone, until he meets the perfect nervous little boy AR 2.3 RC 2.1 ♥

## Fiction Chapter Books

Cameron, Ann: *Gloria's Way*

Gloria shares special times with her mother and father and with her friends Julian, Huey, and Latisha. AR 3.1 RC 2.9 Lexile 410

Fine, Anne: *Jamie and Angus Stories*

Six stories about Angus, a toy bull, and Jamie, the boy who owns him. AR 4.3 RC 4.3 Lexile 770 ♥

Gardiner, John Reynolds: *Stone Fox*

Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.  
AR 3.2 Lexile 650

Grimes, Nikki: *Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel!*

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home. AR 3.3 RC 3.5 Lexile 620

Haas, Jessie: *Jigsaw Pony*

Twins Kiera and Fran have never agreed on anything but when their dream comes true and their father surprises them with a pony, they must learn to work together to care for their new pet. AR 2.3 Lexile 450 ♥

Hannigan, Katherine: *Emmaline and the Bunny*

Everyone and everything in the town of Neatasapin is tidy, except Emmaline who likes to dig dirt and jump in puddles, and wants to adopt an untidy bunny. AR 2.0 Lexile 410 ♥

Mead, Alice: *Isabella's Above Ground Pool*

Nine-year-old Isabella doesn't like to share, until a tornado destroys a neighbor's house and she realizes that the money she has earned to buy a swimming pool might be put to a better use. AR 3.5 RC 3.3 Lexile 600

## Fiction Series

Adler, David: *Andy Russell*

Andy is an endearing fourth grader who stirs up good-natured mischief without even trying. AR 3.0 – 4.0

Adler, David: *Cam Jansen*

Follow girl detective Cam Jansen, who has a photographic memory, as she solves mysteries AR 3.0 - 4.0

Bemelmans, Ludwig: *Madeline*

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis. AR 3.8 Caldecott Honor

Bruel, Nick: *Bad Kitty Takes a Bath / Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty*

Takes a humorous look at cat and human behaviors in a graphic art style. AR 3.8 RC 3.3 Lexile 610

DiCamillo, Kate: *Mercy Watson*

Mercy the pig is much loved by the Watsons, and she is treated just like a member of the family. AR 1.5-2.0.

Giff, Patricia: *The Kids of the Polk Street School*

Follow these elementary students as they cope with everyday sorts of problems. AR 3.0

Holm, Jennifer: *Babymouse*

Features the comical and adventurous stories about the hopes and expectations of a very imaginative mouse. AR 2.0 – 3.0

Howe, James: *Houndsley and Catina*

Friends Houndsley and Catina solve their differences in thoughtful and creative ways. AR 2.5 – 3.5 Lexile 450-650

Howe, James: *Pinky and Rex*

Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda. AR 4.0

Hurwitz, Johanna: *The Riverside Kids*

Nora; her little brother, Teddy; her neighbor Russell; and his little sister, Elisa, live in an apartment building in New York City, have loads of fun and learn what being a good neighbor is all about. AR 2.5-3.5

Jacobson, Jennifer: *Andy Shane*

Andy Shane has problems at school, mainly because of a tattletale, know-it-all named Dolores, but Andy has friends who help him solve his problems. AR 3.0-3.5 Lexile 550-600

Keene, Carolyn: *Nancy Drew Clue Crew*

See how Nancy Drew, everyone's favorite super sleuth, got her start! Using simple chapter-book language and deductive reasoning to piece together each case, this series will appeal to junior mystery buffs and chapter-book readers alike. AR 3.0 – 4.0 Lexile 500 – 600

Klein, Abby: *Ready, Freddy!*

Join Freddy and his friends for a great first-grade adventure! Content, humor, characters, and vocabulary are perfect for the chapter-book reader. AR 2.0-4.0

Kline, Suzy: *Horrible Harry*

Harry and his detective classmates try to find clues relating to a mystery in Room 3B. AR 3.0

Krensky, Stephen: *Lionel*

Lionel faces such ordeals as having to eat green beans, going to the doctor, and looking for the snake his sister lost in his room. AR 2.2

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee: *Zelda and Ivy*

Each book features three fresh, funny stories about the fabulous fox sisters, perfect for beginning readers. AR 2.5 – 3.0

Landon, Lucinda: *Meg Mackintosh*

Meg gets excited by the challenge of solving a good mystery--once she starts a case, she works on it steadily. Even if she grows confused, she never gives up, and with the help of the reader, each case will be solved! AR 3.5 – 4.5

Lobel, Arnold: *Frog and Toad*

Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone. AR 2.1

Marshall, James: *George and Martha*

Hippo companions George and Martha learn simple lessons about friendship in these adventures. AR 2.5 – 3.5

Mills, Claudia: *Gus and Grandpa*

Gus receives expert guidance from his grandfather through many everyday events. AR 2.5-3.0

Nolan, Lucy: *Down Girl and Sit: Smarter Than Squirrels*

Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty. AR 2.9 ♥

Osborne, Mary Pope: *The Magic Tree House*

Follow the adventures of Annie and Jack as they travel through time via their magical tree house AR 3.0-4.0

Parrish, Peggy: *Amelia Bedelia*

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

Pennypacker, Sara: *Flat Stanley's World Wide Adventures*

Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he has captured imaginations with his ability to travel by mail. Now, he's off on a global tour in an all-new, geography-themed chapter book series packed with physical high jinx and geographical detail. AR 4.0-4.5 Lexile 650 – 700

Pilkey, Dav: *Little Dragon*

Pilkey's series about a little blue dragon who keeps house. AR 2.8 RC 1.7

Sachar, Louis: *Marvin Redpost*

Short, easy-to-read chapter books about comical nine-year-old Marvin and his buddies. AR 2.8-4.0 Lexile 300-400

Sharmat, Marjorie: *Nate the Great*

Nate the Great solves mysteries. AR 2.0

Thompson, Kay: *Eloise*

Stories about a little girl who lives on the top floor of the Plaza Hotel. AR 4.5

Various authors: *Bryer Stablemates*

A series that features fun facts about horses and a keepsake card of a real pony. With Stablemates, every horse has a story. AR 2.5 – 4.0 Lexile 400-600

Zion, Gene: *Harry the Dog*

The adventures of a little dog. AR 3.5

## Math

*Remember to include math in your everyday activities.*

Alerod, Amy: *Pigs Will Be Pigs*

The hungry Pig family learns about money and buying power as they turn the house upside down looking for enough money to buy dinner at the local restaurant. AR 2.7 RC 2.2 Lexile 490

Demi: *One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale*

A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl. AR 4.6 RC 4.2 Lexile 830

Fromenthal, Jean-Luc: *365 Penguins*

When a box containing a penguin arrives anonymously on New Year's Day, a family of four is puzzled, and as they continue to receive one penguin a day throughout the year, their problems--and food budget, and storage issues--multiply. AR 3.1

Goldstone, Bruce: *Great Estimations*

Photographs and easy-to-follow text teach children about estimations and offer tips to help them create accurate estimates.

Helakoski, Leslie: *The Smushy Bus*

When the regular schoolbus is in the shop, a clever driver must use all that he knows about addition and subtraction to ensure that seventy-six children get on--and off--of the four-seat substitute bus. AR 3.3 RC 2.6 Lexile 490

Jenkins, Steve: *Actual Size*

Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals. RC 2.8 RC 2.5 ♥

Leedy, Loreen: *Follow the Money!*

A quarter describes all the ways it is used from the time it is minted until it is taken back to a bank. AR 2.5 Lexile 130

Leedy, Loreen: *Measuring Penny*

Lisa learns about the mathematics of measuring by measuring her dog Penny with all sorts of units, including pounds, inches, dog biscuits, and cotton swabs. AR 3.2 RC 4.2 Lexile 500 ♥

McElligott, Matthew: *Bean Thirteen*

Two bugs, Ralph and Flora, try to divide thirteen beans so that the unlucky thirteenth bean disappears, but they soon discover that the math is not so easy. AR 2.4 RC 2.1

Pinczes, Elinor: *One Hundred Hungry Ants*

One hundred hungry ants head towards a picnic to get yummys for their tummies. They stop to change their line formation, showing different divisions of one hundred, causing them to lose both time and food in the end. RC 4.5

Schnitzlein, Danny: *The Monster Who Did My Math*

A monster offers to help a boy who is afraid of numbers do his math homework; but the first time the boy is asked to solve a problem in class and cannot, he realizes he has gotten no bargain. AR 3.5

Tang, Greg: *Math Appeal*

Rhyming anecdotes present opportunities for simple math activities and hints for solving. AR 3.5 RC 3.1

Tang, Greg: *Math for All Seasons*

Contains twelve riddles, each paired with a color illustration, that together pose math puzzles based on the seasons of the year. AR 3.4 RC 3.1

## Nonfiction

Arnosky, Jim: *All About Frogs* or any other nonfiction/animal book by the author

Introduces young readers to the lives of frogs, lizards, owls, sharks, and other animals. Various titles  
AR 4.0-5.0 RC 4.0-5.0

Borden, Louise: *America Is...*

Presents an illustrated celebration of the history, people, and natural and manmade wonders of the United States of America.  
AR 3.7 RC 1.5

Calmenson, Stephanie: *Shaggy, Waggy Dogs*

Brief rhymes describe more than two dozen dog breeds. Includes an author's note with advice on choosing a dog as a pet.  
AR 3.4 RC 2.2

Chandra, Deborah: *George Washington's Teeth*

A rollicking rhyme portrays George Washington's lifelong struggle with bad teeth. A timeline taken from diary entries and other nonfiction sources follows. AR 3.6 RC 3.5 ♥

Cheney, Lynne: *When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots*

Tells the story of how General George Washington led his exhausted, defeated troops across the Delaware on Christmas night 1776 to attack the Hessians and the British at Trenton and Princeton, turning the tide of the Revolution in favor of the Americans.  
AR 5.8 RC 5.6 Lexile 860 ♥

Christelow, Eileen: *Vote!*

Using a campaign for mayor as an example, shows the steps involved in an election, from the candidate's speeches and rallies, to the voting booth where every vote counts, to the announcement of the winner. AR 3.8 RC 3.7 Notable Book ♥

Fowler, Allan: *Animals in the Zoo*

Examines a variety of zoo animals and their housing, including elephants, bears, reptiles, and killer whales.  
AR 2.7 RC 2.6

George, Jean: *How to Talk to your Cat* or *How to Talk to your Dog*

Describes how cats communicate with people through their behavior and sounds and explains how to talk back to them using sounds, behavior, and body language. AR 4.2 RC 3.5 ♥

Greenstein, Elaine: *Ice Cream for Sale*

Reveals who really invented the ice cream cone, even before the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair where five people claim they did so. AR 3.8 RC 3.5 ♥

Gutelle, Andrew: *Baseball's Best: Five True Stories*

Examines the accomplishments of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, and Hank Aaron, all of whom were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. AR 4.4 RC 3.9

Hansard, Peter: *A Field Full of Horses*

Text and illustrations describe horse behavior, biology, and care. RC 2.3

Kudlinski, Kathleen: *Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!*

Describes how information and ideas about prehistoric dinosaurs are constantly changing as new discoveries are made. AR 5.0 RC 3.7 ♥

Osborne, Mary Pope: Nonfiction companions to *The Magic Tree House* books

Nonfiction companions to the "Magic Tree House" series provide all the facts behind the fiction. These chapter books are full of up-to-date information, exciting photos, fun illustrations, large type, and short sentences. AR 4.5- 5.5 Lexile 650-750

*Read and Wonder* nonfiction series

Read and Wonder books combine science and story, and reveal how big and Wonder-full the natural world really is. AR 3.5–4.5

Roop, Peter: *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself. AR 2.2 RC 2.7

Smith, Lane: *John, Paul, George, and Ben*

A humorous look at the early lives of five founding fathers of the United States, including George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson. AR 3.5 ♥

*Step into Reading* nonfiction series

An array of leveled stories for children who are just beginning to read.

Tang, Greg: *Math for All Seasons: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles*

Contains twelve riddles, each paired with a color illustration, that together pose math puzzles based on the seasons of the year. Includes an answer key. AR 3.5 RC 3.5 ♥

## Biography

Barber, Tiki: *Teammates*

A story of teamwork and perseverance based on the childhoods of National Football League stars and twin brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber. AR 3.1 RC 2.9 Lexile 560

DePaola, Tomie: *26 Fairmount Avenue*

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. AR 4.8 RC 3.8 Newbery Honor

Hopkinson, Deborah: *Fannie in the Kitchen*

Fannie Farmer is a mother's helper in the Shaw house, where the daughter gives her the idea of writing down precise instructions for measuring and cooking, which eventually became one of the first modern cookbooks. AR 3.9 RC 2.8 Lexile 380 ♥

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 ♥

McCarthy, Meghan: *The Story of Charles Atlas, Strong Man*

An illustrated account of the life of Angelo Siciliano, an Italian immigrant who, tired of being pushed around, developed a program of physical fitness that transformed his life and earned him the name Charles Atlas. AR 4.0 RC 3.8 ♥

McCully, Emily Arnold: *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*  
Describes inventor Margaret E. Knight's childhood, explaining how her interest in mechanical innovations began, and tells the story of her invention of a paper bag maker and her legal battle for the patent after someone stole her idea. AR 4.2 RC 4.2 Notable Book ♥

Ripken, Cal: *The Longest Season*  
An illustrated version of the story of how Cal Ripken and the Orioles broke their losing streak of twenty-one consecutive games in 1988. AR 4.5

Slaymaker, Melissa: *Bottle Houses: The Creative World of Grandma Prisbrey*  
An introduction to the world of folk artist Grandma Prisbrey. AR 4.4 RC 5.2 Lexile 850

St. George, Judith: *You're on Your Way, Teddy Roosevelt*  
As a young boy, "Teedie" Roosevelt was frequently ill, but worked hard to become strong and fit while also avidly reading and pursuing his love of natural history. AR 3.8 ♥

### Folk Tales and Fairy Tales

Brett, Jan: *Honey, Honey... Lion!*  
After working together to obtain honey, the African honey badger always shares it with his partner, the honeyguide bird, until one day when the honey badger becomes greedy and his feathered friend decides to teach him a lesson. AR 3.5 ♥

Brett, Jan: *The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale*  
Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. AR 3.9 RC 3.2

Carle, Eric: *The Rabbit and the Turtle*  
Fables originally published in: Eric Carle's treasury of classic stories for children. AR 3.8 RC 3.5 Lexile 650

De Paola, Tomie: *The Legend of the Bluebonnet*  
A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.

Kellogg, Steven: *Paul Bunyan*  
Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures. AR 5.7 RC 3.8 Lexile 1030

Mosel, Arlene: *Tikki Tikki Tembo*  
Adaptation of a Chinese folktale. When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names. AR 4.2 RC 3.7

Pinkney, Jerry: *The Lion and the Mouse*  
In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle. Caldecott Medal ♥

MacDonald, Margaret Read: *Go to Sleep, Gecko!: A Balinese Folktale*  
Retells the folktale of the gecko who complains to the village chief that the fireflies keep him awake at night but then learns that in nature all things are connected. AR 2.3

Willey, Margaret: *Clever Beatrice: An Upper Peninsula Conte*  
A small, but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold. AR 3.8 RC 2.7 Notable Book

Young, Ed: *Seven Blind Mice*  
Adaptation of: The Blind men and the elephant. Retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance. The illustrations depict the blind arguers as mice. AR 1.9