

## Early Childhood Reading List

### Picture Books

Agee, Jon. Terrific

Eugene Mudge wins a free trip to Bermuda, but ends up with nothing but trouble, including a wrecked cruise ship, a deserted island and a talking parrot.

Cunnane, Kelly. For You Are a Kenyan Child

A young boy in Kenya, who should be tending his herd, instead finds other things to keep himself occupied.

de Haan, Linda. King & King

When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

Grossman, Bill. My Little Sister Ate One Hare

Little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she ends up with quite a mess.

Lehman, Barbara. Red Book

A wordless story in which a little girl finds a red book in the snow that holds an astonishing surprise.

Lionni, Leo. Swimmy

Swimmy, a small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.

McLeod, Bob. Superhero ABC

Superheroes with funny names, such as Goo Girl and the Volcano, represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

Nevius, Carol. Karate Hour

Rhyming text portrays a young girl's exuberance for an hour of karate class. Includes nonfiction information at end.

O'Connor, George. Kapow!

A young boy with a super-heroic imagination realizes what it really means to be a superhero.

Parr, Todd. It's Okay to Be Different

A book about all kinds of differences that are "okay," such as being a different color, needing some help, being adopted, and having a different nose.

Robbins, Jaqui. The New Girl -- And Me

New girl Shakeeta's pet Iguana intrigues shy Mia enough to reach out to a new friend.

Dr. Seuss. Daisy Head Mayzie

Young Mayzie McGrew becomes a worldwide sensation when a daisy grows out of the top of her head and everyone attempts to get rid of it.

Teague, Mark. Dear Mrs. Larue: Letters from Obedience School

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, begging her to let him leave the Canine Academy and come back home.

Wellington, Monica. Apple Farmer Annie

Annie the apple farmer saves her most beautiful apples to sell fresh at the farmers' market.

Willems, Mo. Knuffle Bunny, Too

Trixie's first day of pre-kindergarten gets off to a bad start when she and another girl discover they have the very same "one-of-a-kind" Knuffle Bunnies.

## **Chapter Books**

Barrie, J.M. Peter Pan

Wendy and her brothers are guided through Neverland by the eternally young Peter Pan and meet his greatest enemy, the nefarious Captain Hook.

Dahl, Roald. The BFG

Kidnapped from her orphanage by a Big Friendly Giant who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling giants.

DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson goes for a Ride

Every Saturday, Mr. Watson takes his pig Mercy for a ride in his convertible. But one day, while an unexpected passenger distracts Mr. Watson, Mercy gets her chance to take the wheel.

Schwartz, Alvin. In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories

Seven stories based on traditional folktales from various countries filled with age appropriate ghosts, skeletons, pirates, and other things that go bump in the night.

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great

Boy detective Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture. The first book in the popular series.