

# ELEMENTARY RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

## Read Alouds for Younger Children

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* - Beverly Cleary  
*James and The Giant Peach* - Roald Dahl  
*Kenny and the Dragon* - Tony Diterlizzi  
*Melendy Quartet* - Elizabeth Enright  
*Wind in the Willows* - Kenneth Grahame  
*Moomin* - Tove Jansson  
*The Phantom Tollbooth* - Norton Juster  
*The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* - C.S. Lewis  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* - Wilson Rawls  
*Little House in the Big Woods* - Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Mary Poppins* - P.L. Travers  
*Catwings* - Ursula K. Leguin  
*The Tale of Despereaux* - Kate DiCamillo

## Picture Books for Older Children

*Extra Yarn* - Mac Barnett  
*In the Town All Year Round* - Rotraut Berner  
*The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* - Michelle Cuevas  
*The Hungry Lion or a Dwindling Assortment of Animals* - Lucy Ruth Cummins  
*Storm Whale* - Benji Davis  
*Rainbow Goblins* - UI De Rico  
*Sleep Tight Farm* - Eugenie Doyle  
*The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish* - Neil Gaiman  
*The Spider and the Fly* - Mary Howitt  
*Stuck* - Oliver Jeffers  
*Mirror* - Suzy Lee  
*The Secret Pizza Party* - Adam Rubin  
*Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats* - Alicia Potter  
*Battle Bunny* - Jon Scieszka  
*Widow's Broom* - Chris Van Allsburg  
*Mr Wuffles* - David Wiesner  
*Found* - Salina Yoon  
*Miss Suzy* - Miriam Young

## UNIS Teacher Recommendations

**Ms Christy**  
*Listen Slowly Inside Out and Back Again* - Thanhha Lai

**Mr Josh**  
*Diary of a Wombat* - Jackie French

**Ms Mindy**  
*Holes* – Louis Sachar

**Ms Nitasha**  
*James and the Giant Peach* – Roald Dahl

**Ms Megan and Ms Jenny**  
*Wonder* – R.C. Palacio

**Ms Keri**  
*Because of Winn Dixie* – Kate DiCamillo

**Mr Kenny**  
*Stone Fox*

**Ms Hoa**  
*The Carrot Seed*

**Mr Daniel**  
*Unreal- Short Stories* – Paul Jennings

**Ms Nicole**  
*Creepy Carrots* – Peter Brown

**Ms Sharon**  
*Caps for Sale*

**Ms Penny**  
*The Magic Faraway Tree* – Enid Blyton

**Ms Derbhile**  
*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* - J.K. Rowling

**Ms Anna**  
*The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* – William Joyce

**Ms Kristin**  
*A Squash and a Square* – Julia Donaldson

**Ms Andrea S**  
*Tuck Everlasting* – Natalie Babbitt

**Ms Chris**  
*Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle

**Mr Stef**  
*The Iron Giant*

**Mr David**  
*Alice in Wonderland*

## Wordless Picture Books

*Zoom* - Istvan Banyai  
*Journey* - Aaron Becker  
*In the Town ALL Year ROund* - Rotraut Berner  
*Flashlight* - Lizi Boyd  
*Fox's Garden* - Princesse Camcam  
*Wolf in the Snow* - Matthew Cordell  
*Good Dog, Carl* - Alexandra Day  
*Pancakes for Breakfast* - Tomie DePaola  
*A Ball for Daisy* - Chris Raschka  
*Snow Rabbit* - Camille Garoche  
*Little Fox in the Forest* - Stephanie Graegin  
*Only Child* - Guojing  
*Flora and the Flamingo* - Molly Schaar Idle  
*Sidewalk Flowers* - Jonarno Lawson  
*Pool* - Jihyeon Lee  
*Wave* - Suzy Lee  
*Lion and Mouse* - Jerry Pinkney

## Graphic Novels

*Adventures of Kung Fu Root* - Jason Bays  
*Amulet* - Kazu Kibuishi  
*The Baby Sitters Club* - Ann M Martin  
*Bera and the One Headed Troll* - Eric Orchard  
*Bad Guys* - Aaron Blabey  
*Bone* - Jeff SMith  
*Complete Chi's Sweet Home I* - Konami Kanata  
*Cowboy Dave* - Aaron Reynolds  
*El Deafo* - Cece Ball  
*Great Pet Escape* - Victoria Jamieson  
*Lowriders to the Center of the Earth* - Cathy Camper  
*Lumberjanes* - Noelle Stevenson  
*Mighty Jack* - Ben Hatke  
*Mouse Guard* - David Petersen  
*Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* - Ben Clanton  
*Plants vs Zombies* - Paul Tobin  
*Princess Princess Ever After* - Katie O'Neil  
*Roller Girl* - Victoria Jamieson  
*The Short Con* - Pete Toms  
*Space Battle Lunchtime* - Natalie Riess  
*Unicorn Crossing* - Dana Simpson  
*Yotsuba!* - Azuma Kiyohiko  
*Zita the Spacegirl* - Ben Hatke

### Ms Tina

*Freak the Mighty* – Rodman Philbrick

### Mr Nathan

*Among the Hidden* – Haddix

### Ms Ronke

*Oh the Places You'll Go* – Dr. Seuss

### Ms Sue

*Room on the Broom*

### Ms Angela M

*The Important Book* – Margaret Wise Brown

### Mr Aaron

*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* - Brian Selznick

### Ms Kristi

*The Great Kapok Tree*

### Ms Ania

*The Giver* – Lois Lowry

### Ms Angela B

*The Giving Tree* – Shel Silverstein

### Ms Julia

*The Hobbit* - Tolkien

### Mr Christophe

*La grande fabrique de mot* - DE LESTRADE & DOCAMPO

### Ms Julie

*Interrupting Chicken* - David Ezra Stein

### Ms Le

*Charlotte's Web* - E.B. White

### Ms Thuy

*Karlsson on the Roof* - Astrid Lindgren

### Ms Joan

*The End* -David La Rochelle

### Ms Michelle

*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* - C.S. Lewis

## Books for Children Learning English

*Pete the Cat - I Love My White Shoes* - Eric Litwin  
*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?*  
*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* - Bill Martin Jr.  
*Green Eggs and Ham* - Dr. Seuss  
*There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* - Simms Taback  
*Have You Seen My Cat?* - Eric Carle  
*Wemberly Worried* - Kevin Henkes  
*Not a Box* - Antoinette Portis  
*From Head to Toe* - Eric Carle  
*Are You My Mother?* - P.D. Eastman  
*It Looked Like Spilt Milk* - Charles G. Shaw  
*Click, Clack, Moo! Cows That Type* - Doreen Cronin  
*Please, Mr. Panda* - Steve Antony



### 3-5 Year Olds

### Quintessential

*Madeline* - Ludwig Bemelmans  
*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* - Virginia Lee Burton  
*Stellaluna* - Janell Cannon  
*Miss Rumphius* - Barbara Cooney  
*The Gruffalo* - Julia Donaldson  
*Corduroy* - Don Freeman  
*This is Not My Hat* - Jon Klassen  
*The Story of Ferdinand* - Munro Leaf  
*MAke Way for Ducklings* - Robert McCloskey  
*Paper Bag Princess* - Robert Munsch  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* - Laura Numeroff  
*Curious George* - H. A. Rey  
*Where the Wild Things Are* - Maurice Sendak  
*Amos and Boris* - William Steig  
*Alexander and the No Good, Very Bad Day* - Judith Viorst  
*The Little Mouse, the Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear* - Don Wood  
*Green Eggs and Ham* - Dr Seuss  
*Richard Scarry's Busy, Busy Town* - Richard Scarry

### 3-5 Year Olds

### Hip

*Thunder Boy, Jr.* - Sherman Alexie  
*The Princess and the Pony* - Kate Beaton  
*Ada Twist, Scientist* - Andrea Beaty  
*Lucy* - Randy Cecil  
*The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* - Michelle Cuevas  
*Dragon was Terrible* - Kelly DiPucchio  
*Chirri & Chirra* - Kaya Doi  
*Mr Post Mouse's Rounds* - Marianne Dubuc  
*Du Iz Tak?* - Carson Ellis  
*We Found a Hat* - Jon Klassen  
*Beautiful* - Stacy McAnulty  
*I Don't Want to Be a Frog* - Dev Petty  
*The Most Magnificent Thing* - Ashley Spires  
*Who What Where?* - Olivier Tallec  
*Tree* - Britta Teckentrup

<p><b>6-8 Years Old</b>                      <b>Quintessential</b></p> <p><i>Flat Stanley</i> - Jeff Brown  <i>Judy Moody</i> - Megan McDonald  <i>Clementine</i> - Sara Pennypacker  <i>Nate the Great</i> - Marjorie Sharmat  <i>Lighthouse Family</i> - Cynthia Rylant  <i>Jenny and the Cat Club</i> - Esther Averill  <i>Paddington</i> - Michael Bond  <i>Ramona</i> - Beverly Cleary  <i>Spiderwick Chronicles</i> - Tony Diterlizzi  <i>My Father's Dragon</i> - Ruth Stiles Gannett  <i>Pippi Longstocking</i> - Astrid Lindgren  <i>Betsy-Tacy</i> - Maud Hart Lovelace  <i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle</i> - Betty Macdonald  <i>Winnie the Pooh</i> - A.A. Milne  <i>The Borrowers</i> - Mary Norton  <i>Charlotte's Web</i> - E.B. White  <i>Mr Popper's Penguins</i> - Richard Atwater</p>	<p><b>6-8 Year Olds</b>                      <b>Hip</b></p> <p><i>Race the Wild</i> - Kristin Earhart  <i>Owl Diaries</i> - Rebecca Elliott  <i>Mango and Bambang</i> - Polly Faber  <i>The Magical ANimal Adoption Agency</i> - KAllie George  <i>Princess in Black</i> - Shannon Hale  <i>Backyard Witch</i> - Christine Heppermann  <i>Bunjitsu Bunny</i> - John Himmelman  <i>Sofia Martinez</i> - Jacqueline Jules  <i>Calpurnia Tate, Girl vet</i> -Jacqueline Kelly  <i>The Witches of Benevento</i> - John Bemelmans Marciano  <i>Lulu</i> - Hilary McKay  <i>Greetings from Somewhere</i> - Harper Paris  <i>Kingdom of Wrenly</i> - Jordan Quinn  <i>Rider Woodson</i> - Walker Styles  <i>The Whodunit Detective Agency</i> - Martin Widmark  <i>The Story of Diva and Flea</i> - Mo Willems  <i>Escape from Baxter's Bond</i> - Rebecca Bond  <i>Hamster Princess</i> - Ursula Vernon</p>
<p><b>9-11 Year Olds</b>                      <b>Quintessential</b></p> <p><i>Chronicles of Prydain</i> - Lloyd Alexander  <i>The House with a Clock in its Walls</i> - John Bellairs  <i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> - Judy Blume  <i>The ouse and the Motorcycle</i> - Beverly Cleary  <i>Matilda</i> - Roald Dahl  <i>Harriet the Spy</i> - Louise Fitzhugh  <i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i> - Hugh Lofting  <i>A series of Unfortunate Events</i> - Lemony Snicket  <i>The Secret Garden</i> - Frances Hodgson Burnett  <i>Treasure Island</i> - Robert Louis Stevenson  <i>Wind in the Willows</i> - Kenneth Graham  <i>Bud Not Buddy</i> - Christopher Curtis  <i>Island of Blue Dolphins</i> - Scott O'Dell  <i>Julie of the Wolves</i> - Jean Craighead George  <i>Hatchet</i> - Gary Paulsen  <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> - Katherine Paterson</p>	<p><b>9-11 Year Olds</b>                      <b>Hip</b></p> <p><i>Circus Mirandus</i> -Cassie Beasley  <i>The Glass Sentence</i> - S.E. Grove  <i>Serafina and the Black Cloak</i> - Robert Beatty  <i>The Thing About Jellyfish</i> - Ali Benjamin  <i>War That Saved My Life</i> - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  <i>The Wild Robot</i> - Peter Brown  <i>The Isle of the Lost</i> - Melissa De la Cruz  <i>Warren and the 13th All-Seeing Eye</i> - Tania Del Rio  <i>Hour of the Bees</i> - Lindsay Eagar  <i>Death by Toilet Paper</i> - Donna Gephart  <i>Bailey's Story</i> - W. Bruce Cameron  <i>Unusual CHickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer</i> -Kelly Jones  <i>Greenglass House</i> - Kate Milford  <i>Nest</i> - Kenneth Oppel  <i>Pax</i> - Sara Pennypacker  <i>Cartwheeling In Thunderstorms</i> - Katherine Rundell  <i>Counting by 7s</i> - Holly Goldberg Sloan  <i>Moonpenny Island</i> - Tricia Springstubb  <i>Graham Cracker Plot</i> - Shelley Tougas</p>

### If You Liked Diary of a Wimpy Kid

*The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* - Tom Angleberger  
*Terrible Two* - Mac Barnett  
*Worst Class Trip Ever* - Dave Barry  
*Kate the Great* - Suzy Becker  
*Last Kids on Earth* - Max Brallier  
*League of Unexceptional Children* - Gitty Daneshvari  
*Hero's Guide to Saving the Kingdom* - Christopher Healy  
*Mr. & Mrs. Bunny: Detective Extraordinaire* - Polly Horvath  
*Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder* - Jo Nesbo  
*Moone Boy* - Chris O'Dowd  
*Timmy Failure* - Stephan Pastis  
*Middle School: Worst Years of My Life* - James Patterson  
*Big Nate* - Lincoln Peirce  
*Dork Diaries* - Rachel Renee Russell  
*Trouble with Twins* - Kathryn Siebel

### If You Liked Harry Potter/Percy Jackson

*Loki's Wolves* - K.I. Armstrong  
*Peter and the Starcatchers* - Dave Barry  
*Iron Trial* - Holly Black  
*Sea of Trolls* - Nancy Farmer  
*Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* - Karen Foxlee  
*The Glass Sentence* - S. E. Grove  
*Theodosia and the Serpents Chaos* - R.L. Lafevers  
*The Unwanteds* - Lisa Mcmann  
*Valkyrie* - Kate O'Hearn  
*Map to Everywhere* - Carrie Ryan  
*Blackthorn Key* - Kevin Sands  
*The Expeditioners* - S.S. Taylor  
*Shadow Thieves* - Anne ursu  
*Hunters of Chaos* - Crystal Velasquez  
*The Last Dragonslayer* - Jasper Fforde  
*Fangirl* - Rainbow Rowell  
*Warrior Heir* - Cinda Chima

### If You Liked Wonder

*Skellig* - David Almond  
*London Eye Mystery* - Siobhan Dowd  
*Out of my Mind* - Sharon Draper  
*Nest* - Esther Ehrlich  
*Mockingbird* - Kathryn Erskine  
*Honest Truth* - Dan Gemeinhart  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* - Jack Gantos  
*Fish in a Tree* - Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Smile* - Raina Telgemeier  
*Counting by 7s* - Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*Okay for Now* - Gary Schmidt  
*Freak the Mighty* - Rodman Philbrick  
*Rules* - Cynthia Lord  
*Half a World Away* - Cynthia Kadohata  
*Categorical Universe of Candice Phee* - Barry Jonsberg

### If You Liked Warriors

*Ragweed* - Avi  
*Gregor the Overlander* - Suzanne Collins  
*Mouseheart* - Lisa Fiedler  
*Rats Calibur* - Josh Lieb  
*Appleblossom* - Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*The Cats of Tanglewood Forest* - Charles De Lint  
*Redwall* - Brian Jacques  
*Wolves of the Beyond* - Kathryn Lasky  
*The Last Dogs* - Christopher Holt  
*Firefly hollow* - Alison mcghee  
*Bramble Heart* - Henry Cole  
*Foxcraft* - Inbai Iseries  
*Mrs. Frisby & The Rats of Nimh* - Robert C. O'Brien  
*Racing in the Rain* - Garth Stein  
*My Life as a Dog* - Garth Stein

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