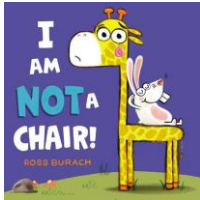




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KINDERGARTEN SUMMER READING LIST



I Am Not a Chair (2017) By Ross Burach

Could there be anything worse for Giraffe? Maybe being sat on by a skunk or smooshed by two hapless hippos, or worst of all—cornered by a hungry lion? No one seems to notice that Giraffe is not standing around just to be sat upon. Will he be able to find his voice and make his friends realize who he really is?



School's First Day of School (2016) By Adam Rex (author) and Christian Robinson (illustrator)

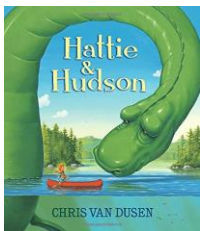
It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. What will the children do once they come? Will they like the school? Will they be nice to him?

The school has a rough start, but as the day goes on, he soon recovers when he sees that he's not the only one going through first-day jitters.



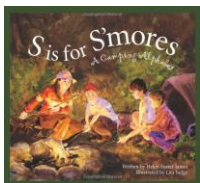
I Am (Not) Scared (2017) By Anna Kang (author) and Christopher Weyant (illustrator)

Two fuzzy friends go to an amusement park. They try to convince each other that there are much scarier things than the roller coaster. Hairy spiders! Aliens! Fried ants! They soon discover that sometimes being scared isn't as "scary" as they thought. With expressive illustrations and simple text, this giggle-inducing tale about (*not*) being scared features the endearing characters from the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award- winner *You Are (Not) Small*.



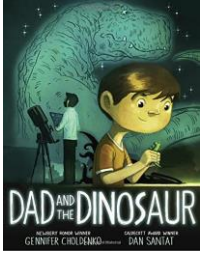
Hattie & Hudson (2017) By Chris Van Dusen

Hattie McFadden is a born explorer. Every morning she grabs her life jacket and paddles out in her canoe to discover something new on the lake, singing a little song on her way. When her singing draws up from the depths a huge mysterious beast, everyone in town is terrified — except Hattie, who looks into the creature's friendly, curious eyes and knows that this is no monster. So Hattie sneaks out at night to see the giant — whom she names Hudson — and the two become friends. But how can she make the frightened, hostile townspeople see that Hudson isn't scary or dangerous at all?



S is for S'mores: A Camping Alphabet (2017) By Helen Foster James (author) and Lita Judge (illustrator)

Next to Dawgs baseball and The STampede nothing says summer quite like a camping trip. From what to pack, where to go, and what to do when you get there, S is for S'mores: A Camping Alphabet takes readers on an A-Z trail exploring this outdoor pastime.

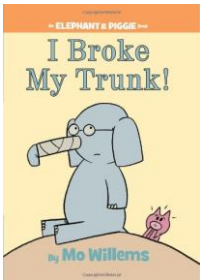


Dad and the Dinosaur (2017) By Gennifer Choldenko (author) and Dan Santat (illustrator)

Nicholas wants to be as brave as his dad, but he needs help. That's why he needs a dinosaur. After all, dinosaurs like the dark, bugs are nothing to them, and they eat manhole covers for lunch (and everything under them for dinner).

With his toy dinosaur, Nicholas can scale tall walls, swim in deep water, even score a goal against the huge goalie everyone calls Gorilla. But when the dinosaur goes missing, everything is scary again.

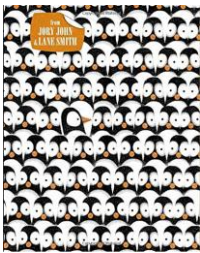
Luckily, his dad knows that even the bravest people can get scared, and it's okay to ask for help facing your fears. It's just guy stuff.



I Broke My Trunk (2011) By Mo Willems (author, illustrator)

Gerald and Piggie are best friends.
Gerald is careful. Piggie is not.
Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.

In *I Broke My Trunk!* Gerald tells Piggie the long, crazy story about breaking his trunk. Will Piggie end up with a long, crazy story of her own?

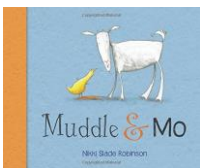


Penguin Problems (2016) By Jory John (author) and Lane Smith (illustrator)

Have you ever considered running away to Antarctica? Of course you have! Because it's a land free of worries and responsibilities! All of your problems will surely be blown away by the icy winds of that lawless paradise! . . . Won't they?

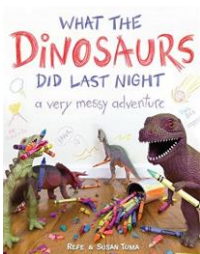
Think again, my friend. This penguin has come to tell you that his life down there is no more a picnic than yours is here. For starters, it is FREEZING. Also, penguins have a ton of natural predators. Plus, can you imagine trying to find your mom in a big ol' crowd of identical penguins? No, thank you.

Yes, it seems there is no escaping the drudgery of your daily grind, whatever it might be. Or perhaps we've just learned that grumps are everywhere. . . .



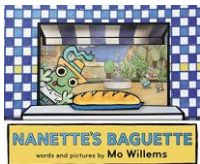
Muddle & Mo (2017) By Nikki Slade Robinson

Muddle (a duck) and Mo (a goat) are best friends, but Muddle is a bit confused about what type of animals they both are. Fortunately, during the course of their walk together, long-suffering Mo helps Muddle get his duck identity sorted out in this warm and funny tale of friendship, differences, and acceptance.



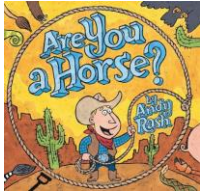
What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night: A Very Messy Adventure (2015) By Refe Tuma

You might have noticed weird things happening in your house. Unexplainable messes. Food all over the kitchen floor. Who could the culprits be? Dinosaurs!
Boasting bright and hilarious photographs, along with a story written from the point of view of an older, wiser sibling, Refe and Susan Tuma's picture book documents a very messy adventure that shows just what the dinosaurs did last night.



Nanette's Baguette (2016) By Mo Willems

Mo Willems' hilarious new picture book, *Nanette's Baguette*, follows our plucky heroine on her first big solo trip to the bakery. But . . . will Nanette get the baguette from baker Juliette? Or will Nanette soon be beset with regret?



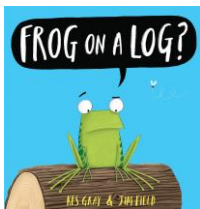
Are You a Horse (2009) By Andy Rash

For his birthday, Roy's friends give him a saddle and some very specific instructions:

1. Find a horse.
2. Enjoy the ride!

Roy has never met a horse, but he's game to try: A snake tells him to look for a creature with legs. A crab has six legs, but he's too unfriendly to be a horse. A friendly chameleon smiles at Roy, but horses don't change colour....

What's a horseless cowboy to do?

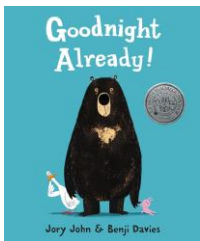


Frog on a Log (2015) By Kes Gray

"It's very simple, really. Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools, gophers sit on sofas, and frogs sit on logs."

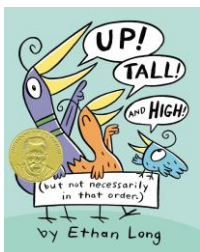
Each animal's designated seat rhymes with that animal's name. "It's not about being comfortable," explains the cat. "It's about doing the right thing."

The frog does not want to sit on a log. Doing his best to find an alternative place to sit, the frog asks the cat a litany of questions. For every answer the cat has, the frog has another question--until the frog finds out what dogs sit on!



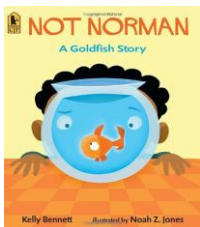
Goodnight Already (2014) By Jory John

Bear can't wait to go to sleep.
But Duck wants to hang out.
How will Bear ever fall asleep?



Up, Tall and High (2012) By Ethan Long

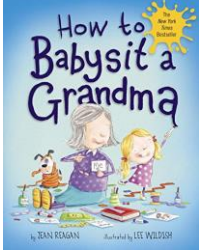
In three laugh-out-loud situations, an irresistible cast of colorful birds illustrate the concepts of "up," "tall" and "high." First, a short peacock proves that he may not be tall, but he definitely isn't small. Then, a resourceful bird helps his penguin friend find a way to fly. Finally, two birds want to live in the same tree, but what goes up must come down! Each short story features a flap that reveals a surprise twist. With fun fold-outs, easy-to-read text, and a hilarious cast of characters, these stories beg emerging readers to act them out again and again



Not Norman: A Goldfish Story (2015) By Kelly Bennett and Noah Z. Jones

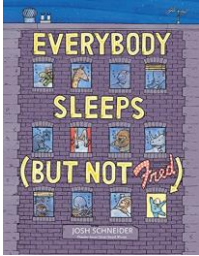
Norman the goldfish isn't what this little boy had in mind. He wanted a different kind of pet — one that could run and catch, or chase string and climb trees, a soft furry pet to sleep on his bed at night. Definitely not Norman. But when he tries to trade Norman for a "good pet," things don't go as he planned. Could it be that Norman is a better pet than he thought? With wry humor and lighthearted affection, author Kelly Bennett and illustrator Noah Z. Jones tell an unexpected — and positively fishy — tale about finding the good in

something you didn't know you wanted.



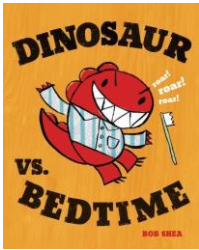
How to Babysit a Grandma (2015) By Jean Reagan and Lee Wildish

When you babysit a grandma, if you're lucky . . . it's a sleepover at her house! And with the useful tips found in this book, you're guaranteed to become an expert grandma-sitter in no time. (Be sure to check out the sections on: How to keep a grandma busy; Things to do at the park; Possible places to sleep, and what to do once you're both snugly tucked in for the night.)



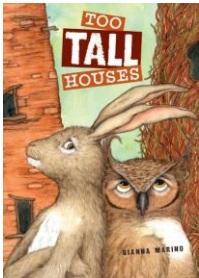
Everybody Sleeps (But Not Fred) (2015) By Josh Schneider

Every kind of bird and beast has to sleep, from the monkeys in the jungle to the whales in the ocean to the ants under the ground... but not Fred. His to-do list is far too long! Armed with plenty of imagination, this determined little boy and his attempts to resist bedtime are sure to strike a chord with today's over scheduled families. Drowsy animals of all stripes look on in disbelief as Fred keeps on going and going and going, until . . . Could it be that, after so much activity, even Fred needs to rest? *Shhh*. Close the book softly, and *please* let Fred sleep.



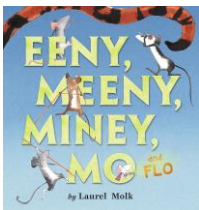
Dinosaur vs. Bedtime (2011) By Bob Shea

Nothing can stop little dinosaur--not talking grownups, spaghetti, or even bath time. But what happens when he faces the biggest challenge of all...bedtime? With spare text and irresistible dinosaur roaaars, little dinosaurs will be begging for this book to be read again and again. The sturdy board book format is ideal for strong-minded toddlers. Another great title in the Dinosaur Vs. series by Bob Shea.



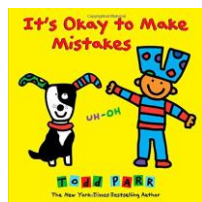
Too Tall Houses (2012) By Gianna Marino

Good friends learn a small but important lesson. Owl and Rabbit are good friends and live in two small houses next to each other. They are perfectly happy . . . until Rabbit's garden gets in the way of Owl's view. So Owl builds his house a little taller. Only that blocks the sun from Rabbit's vegetables. So Rabbit builds *his* house taller. And soon it's a house-building frenzy and the two now not-so-good friends have the two tallest houses in the world!



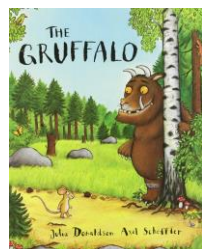
Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Mo and Flo (2015) By Lauren Molk

The mission: catch a tiger by the toe.
The team: brothers Eeny, Meeny, Miney, and Mo.
But what about little sister Flo? Can't she help, too?
Join these mischievous mice for a rollicking twist on a familiar nursery rhyme.
Just be sure to watch your toes!



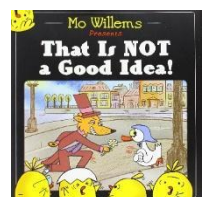
It's Okay to Make Mistakes (2014) By Todd Parr

It's Okay to Make Mistakes embraces life's happy accidents, the mistakes and mess-ups that can lead to self discovery. Todd Parr brings a timely theme to life with his signature bold, kid-friendly illustrations and a passion for making readers feel good about themselves, encouraging them to try new things, experiment, and dare to explore new paths. From coloring outside the lines and creating a unique piece of art to forgetting an umbrella but making a new friend, each page offers a kid-friendly take on the importance of taking chances, trying new things, and embracing life, mistakes and all.



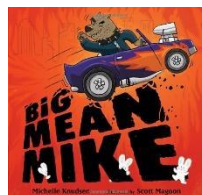
The Gruffalo (2006) By Julia Donaldson & Axel Schaffer

A mouse is taking a stroll through the deep, dark wood when along comes a hungry fox, then an owl, and then a snake. The mouse is good enough to eat but smart enough to know this, so he invents . . . the gruffalo! As Mouse explains, the gruffalo is a creature with terrible claws, and terrible tusks in its terrible jaws, and knobbly knees and turned-out toes, and a poisonous wart at the end of its nose. But Mouse has no worry to show. After all, there's no such thing as a gruffalo...



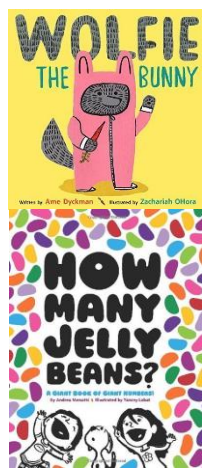
That is Not a Good Idea (2013) By Mo Willems

Inspired by the evil villains and innocent damsels of silent movies, Willems tells the tale of a hungry fox who invites a plump goose to dinner.



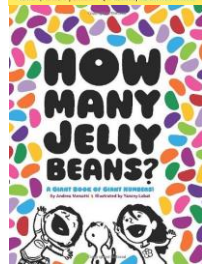
Big Mean Mike (2012) By Michelle Knudson and Scott Magoon

Everyone knows that Mike is big and mean, and that's just the way he likes it. But one day a tiny, fuzzy bunny shows up in his car. Mike can't believe it! Before anyone can see, he puts the bunny down on the sidewalk and drives away. When the tiny, fuzzy bunny shows up again — and this time brings a friend — Mike tells them both to get lost. Big mean dogs do not hang out with tiny, fuzzy bunnies! But gosh, those bunnies sure are cute. . .



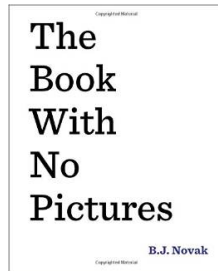
Wolfie the Bunny (2015) By Ame Dyckman and Zachariah Ohora

The Bunny family has adopted a wolf son, and daughter Dot is the only one who realizes Wolfie can--and might--eat them all up! Dot tries to get through to her parents, but they are too smitten to listen.



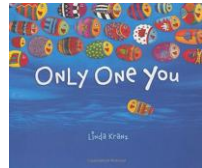
How Many Jelly Beans? (2012) By Andrea Menotti & Yancey Labat

How many jelly beans are enough? How many are too many? Aiden and Emma can't decide. Is 10 enough? How about 1,000? That's a lot of jelly beans. But eaten over a whole year, it's only two or three a day. This giant picture book offers kids a fun and easy way to understand large numbers.



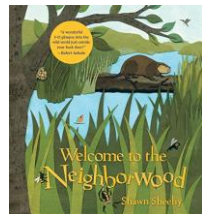
The Book With No Pictures (2014) By B.J. Novak

You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page *has* to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say . . .BLORK. Or BLUURF. Even if the words are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast, or just a list of astonishingly goofy sounds like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and GLIBBITY GLOBBITY. Cleverly irreverent and irresistibly silly, *The Book with No Pictures* is one that kids will beg to hear again and again. (And parents will be happy to oblige.)



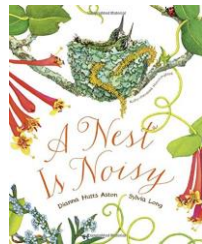
Only One You (2006) By Linda Kranz

There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place. Adri's mama and papa share some of the wisdom they have gained through the years with their eager son. Their words, simple and powerful, are meant to comfort and guide him as he goes about exploring the world. This exquisitely illustrated book explodes with color and honest insights.



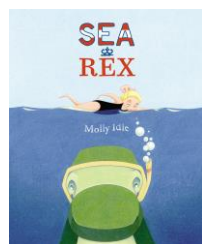
Welcome to the Neighbourhood (2015) By Shawn Sheehy

At the edge of the forest a spider spins her web, while nearby, a hummingbird uses strands of spider silk to build her nest. These are just two of the many animals who live side by side, sharing the resources they need to construct homes, traps, or places to store food.



A Nest is Noisy (2015) By Dianna Hutts Aston

From tiny bee hummingbird nests to orangutan nests high in the rainforest canopy, an incredible variety of nests are showcased here in all their splendor. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched book introduces children to a captivating array of nest facts and will spark the imaginations of children whether in a classroom reading circle or on a parent's lap.



Sea Rex (2015) By Molly Idle

What could that be down in the sea? Is it a fish? A snail? A mermaid's tail? No, it's bigger than that . . .a LOT bigger . . .it's Sea Rex!