

The Schenck School Summer Reading for Rising Kindergarten

Rhyming Books

Giraffes Can't Dance

Giles Andreae

The giraffe is made fun of by his friends when he can't dance, however he comes to realize he can dance when he follows his own tune.

Madeline

Ludwig Bemelmans

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

Clap Your Hands

Lorinda Bryan Cauley

Rhyming text instructs the listener to find something yellow, roar like a lion, give a kiss, tell a secret, spin in a circle, and perform other playful activities along with the human and animal characters pictured.

The Snatchabook

Helen Docherty

The woodland animals of Burrow Down are ready for a bedtime story, but where are the books?

The Flea's Sneeze

Lynn Downey

A flea with a cold startles all the animals in the barn when it sneezes unexpectedly.

The Terrible Plop

Ursula Dubosarsky

When a mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to discover what really happened.

Drummer Hoff

Barbara Emberley

A cumulative folk song in which seven soldiers build a magnificent cannon, but Drummer Hoff fires it off.

The Magic Hat

Mem Fox

A wizard's hat blows into town, but it changes people into different animals when it lands on their heads.

Frog on a Log

Kes Gray

In rhyming text, cat explains why frog has to sit on a log, even if he finds it uncomfortable.

Is Your Mama a Llama?

Deborah Guarino

A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.

The Seven Silly Eaters

Mary Ann Hoberman

The seven Peters children, each one a fussy eater, work together to make their weary mother a birthday surprise.

Chimps Don't Wear Glasses

Laura Numeroff

Even though animals don't normally wear glasses, cook, or read, if you use your imagination you can see them doing these and even more fantastic things.

I Saw an Ant on the Railroad Track

Joshua Prince

Jack, a railroad switchman, frantically tries to save an ant who is heading east on a westbound track, straight into the path of an oncoming freight train.

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site

Sherri Duskey Rinker

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

There's a Wocket in My Pocket

Dr. Seuss

A household of unusual creatures help beginning readers recognize common "household" words.

Sheep in a Jeep

Nancy Shaw

Records the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep.

My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes

Eve Sutton

Compares in cumulative verse the unusual activities of cats from different countries.

If I Built a Car

Chris Van Dusen

Jack describes the kind of car he would build--one with amazing accessories and with the capability of traveling on land, in the air, and under the sea.

Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash

Sarah Weeks

Mrs. McNosh hangs up her wash with such gusto that her clothesline ends up holding the dog, a Christmas wreath, a kite, and other odd items.

Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose

Leo & Diane Dillon

Presents an illustrated collection of twenty-four counting rhymes.

Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose

Tomie De Paola

Presenting a delightful collection of children's favorite Mother Goose rhymes by Tomie dePaola

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