



### Required Reading:

At RCDS we love to live our pillars: Kind, Honest, Responsible, Respectful. Last year, students read a book themed on Honest, and this year we are moving on to the theme of Responsibility. **We ask that all students in Beginners-4th grade read, *The Good Egg* by Jory John.** Some students will read the community book with their parents, while others will breeze through it on their own. We will then kick off the school year with this focus and discuss responsibility and how it impacts all of us at school and in the world. In addition to the required reading we are asking students to read and enjoy as many books as they can. Please see below for a suggested reading list to choose from.

# 100 Book Suggestions for Beginners

A suggested reading list for incoming Beginners:

1. *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* - Verna Aardema
2. *Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!* - Jez Alborough
3. *Madeline* - Ludwig Bemelmans
4. *A Splendid Friend Indeed* - Suzanne Bloom
5. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* - Jan Brett
6. *The Mitten: a Ukrainian Folktale* - Jan Brett
7. *Goodnight Moon* - Margaret Wise Brown
8. *Bad Kitty* - Nick Bruel
9. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* - Eric Carle
10. *Maisy Goes to the Library* - Lucy Cousins
11. *Freight Train* - Donald Crews
12. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* - Doreen Cronin
13. *A Ball for Daisy* - Chris Raschka
14. *Are You My Mother?* - P.D. Eastman
15. *Go, Dog, Go* - P.D. Eastman
16. *Leaf Man* - Lois Ehlert
17. *Color Zoo* - Lois Ehlert
18. *Go Away, Big Green Monster* - Ed Emberley
19. *Olivia* - Ian Falconer
20. *Bark, George* - Jules Feiffer
21. *In the Tall, Tall Grass* - Denise Fleming
22. *Mama Cat Has Three Kittens* - Denise Fleming
23. *Tiger Can't Sleep* - S.J. Fore
24. *Where is the Green Sheep?* - Mem Fox
25. *Corduroy* - Don Freeman
26. *Millions of Cats* - Wanda Gag

27. Three Billy Goats Gruff - Paul Galdone
28. I Spy With My Little Eye - Edward Gibbs
29. Is Your Mama a Llama? - Deborah Guarino
30. Maybe a Bear Ate It - Robie Harris
31. Kitten's First Full Moon - Kevin Henkes
32. Off to School, Baby Duck! - Amy Hest
33. Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? - Tana Hoban
34. Over, Under & Through - Tana Hoban
35. Rosie's Walk - Pat Hutchins
36. The Ugly Duckling - Rachel Isadora
37. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* - Crockett Johnson
38. *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* - D.B. Johnson
39. *Hello, Goodbye Window* - Norton Juster
40. *The Snowy Day* - Ezra Jack Keats
41. *Whistle for Willie* - Ezra Jack Keats
42. *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* - Eric Kimmel
43. *Leo and the Late Bloomer* - Robert Kraus
44. *The Carrot Seed* - Ruth Krauss
45. *The Story of Ferdinand* - Munro Leaf
46. *Tacky the Penguin* - Helen Lester
47. *Swimmy* - Leo Lionni
48. *Froggy Gets Dressed* - Jonathan London
49. *The Croaky Pokey* - Ethan Long
50. *Zoopa: An Animal Alphabet* - Gianna Marino
51. *George and Martha, Tons of Fun* - James Marshall
52. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* - Bill Martin
53. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* - Bill Martin
54. *The Squeaky Door* - Margaret Read McDonald
55. *Goin' Someplace Special* - Patricia McKissack
56. *Martha Speaks* - Susan Meddaugh
57. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* - Laura Numeroff
58. *Little Red Riding Hood* - Jerry Pinkney
59. *The Lion and the Mouse* - Jerry Pinkney
60. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* - Beatrix Potter
61. *Goodnight Gorilla* - Peggy Rathmann
62. *Officer Buckle and Gloria* - Peggy Rathmann
63. *Curious George* - H.A. Rey
64. *My Friend Rabbit* - Eric Rohmann
65. *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* - Michael Rosen
66. *Where the Wild Things Are* - Maurice Sendak
67. *Hop on Pop* - Dr. Seuss
68. *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* - Dr. Seuss
69. *Duck on a Bike* - David Shannon
70. *No, David!* - David Shannon
71. *It Looked Like Spilt Milk* - Charles G. Shaw
72. *Sheep in a Jeep* - Nancy E. Shaw
73. *Come Along Daisy* - Jane Simmons
74. *The Stray Dog* - Marc Simont
75. *Fire Truck* - Peter Sis
76. *Caps for Sale* - Esphyr Slobodkina
77. *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* - Philip Stead

78. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble - William Steig
79. Dinosaur Roar - Paul Strickland
80. There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly - Simms Taback
81. The Doghouse - Jan Thomas
82. Rhyming Dust Bunnies - Jan Thomas
83. Polar Express - Chris Van Allsburg
84. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,  
Very Bad Day - Judith Viorst
85. Ira Sleeps Over - Bernard Waber
86. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile - Bernard Waber
87. *Mouse Paint* - Ellen Stoll Walsh
88. *Jazz Baby* - Lisa Wheeler
89. *Tuesday* - David Wiesner
90. *Max Cleans Up* - Rosemary Wells
91. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* - Mo Willems
92. *Today I Will Fly!* - Mo Willems
93. *I Went Walking* - Sue Williams
94. *A Chair for My Mother* - Vera B. Williams
95. *Bear Snores On* - Karma Wilson
96. *The Napping House* - Audrey Wood
97. *Silly Sally* - Audrey Wood
98. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* - Jane Yolen
99. *Rumpelstiltskin* - Paul O. Zelinsky
100. *Harry the Dirty Dog* - Gene Zion

BONUS! More Responsibility Stories:

- I Promise* - LeBron James
- David Gets in Trouble* - David Shannon
- The Magic of Me - My Magical Choices* - Becky Cummings
- But It's Not My Fault* - Julia Cook
- What If Everybody Did That?* - Ellen Javernick
- It's Not My Fault* - Jory John