

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- APPROVED READING LIST (revised 2003)

GRADE K

*The following supplemental titles are eligible for use in class instruction at this grade level. Please note that, in order to promote differentiated instruction in the classroom, there are titles included both below grade level and above grade level. Please **DO NOT** utilize any of these titles for instruction at a **higher** grade level.*

TITLE	AUTHOR	BRIEF SUMMARY <i>(Summaries from Book Source catalogue)</i>	POTENTIAL PROBLEMS	READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL	FICTION NONFICTION
Alphabet Adventure	Audrey Wood	Letter names, the letters must rescue i and the dot		2.0	K+	Fiction
Alphabet Riddles	Susan Joyce	Letter names and sounds, riddles and rhymes for each letter		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing	Judi Barrett	Fantasy, what it would be like if animals wore clothing		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Another Important Book	Margaret Wise Brown	Time line, a child grows from 1-6		2.3 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Beautiful Blackbird	Ashley Bryan	African folktale, new		R. A.	K+	Fiction
Ben's Trumpet	Rachel Isadora	Urban experiences, Ben plays an imaginary trumpet until he gets one		2.2 R. A.	K+	Fiction
A Birthday for Frances	Russell Hoban	Giving v. self-interest, jealousy of a birthday separates two sisters		3.6 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Boo to a Goose	Mem Fox	Rhyming, a boy talks about what to say to a goose instead of boo		2.3 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See	Bill Martin Jr.	Sequence, predictable, color words, a question and answer game with a teacher and class		1.0	K+	Fiction
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina	Sequence, drama, monkeys steal a peddler's caps while he sleeps		3.1 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens	Louise Borden	Seasons, poetic verses describe adventures children have each season		1.0	K+	Fiction
Chester's Way	Kevin Henkes	Friendship, to do everything the same until someone new moves in		3.4 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Bill Martin Jr.	Rhyming text, alphabet, rhyming text tells what happens when the letters try to climb a tree		2.0	K+	Fiction

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A Dark, Dark Tale	Ruth Brown	Predictable text, cat explores a sinister house		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Froggy Gets Dressed	Jack London	Sequence, prediction, a hibernating frog wants to play in the winter snow		1.8	K+	Fiction
Good Dog, Carl	Alexandra Day	Retelling, a dog baby-sits an adventurous toddler while its mother is out		WL	K+	Fiction
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	Picture cues, simple text, rabbit says goodnight to things in the room		1.8	K+	Fiction
The Grouchy Ladybug	Eric Carle	Math, Science, Social Studies, a ladybug learns to get along with others		2.8 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Henny Penny	Paul Galdone	Folk tale, Social Studies, hen and other animals are tricked by a fox		3.2 R. A.	K+	Fiction
A House Is a House for Me	Mary Ann Hoberman	Rhyming, habitats, anything containing something else is a house		3.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura J. Numeroff	If...then, a cycle of requests made by a mouse that starts with a cookie		2.7 R. A.	K+	Fiction
It's Okay to Be Different	Todd Parr	Social Studies,		R. A.	K+	Fiction
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow	Shirley Neitzel	Sequence, add-on text, a young girl names the clothes she needs to play in the snow		2.0	K+	Fiction
The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything		Sequence, add-on, predictable text, an old lady is followed through the woods by spooky things		3.5 R.A.	K+	Fiction
Lunch	Denise Fleming	Math, rhyming, hungry tries to find food		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Lunchtime for a Purple Snake	Harriet Ziefert	Art/colors, new		R. A.	K+	Fiction
Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	Rhyming, girl in orphanage has appendicitis on night		3.1 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Madlenka	Peter Sis	Social Studies, young girl shares her tooth with friends from around the world		1.4	K+	Fiction
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Virginia L. Burton	Community workers, a steam shovel loses its job due to updated equipment		4.4 R. A.	K+	Fiction

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Miss Spider's ABC	David Kirk	Vocabulary, letter names, animals gather to celebrate Miss Spider's birthday		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
My Place in Space	Robin & Sally Hirst	Social Studies, sequencing, a boy shares his place in space		4.3 R. A.	K+	Fiction
The Napping House	Audrey Wood	Sequence, add-on text, a flea causes problems for others sleeping		2.8 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathmann	Community helpers, safety policeman and his dog give safety talks		3.4 R. A.	K+	Fiction
On Market Street	Arnold Lobel	Letter sounds, picture cues, child buys presents from a to z		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
One Monday Morning	Uri Shulevitz	Days of the week, sequence,		R. A.	K+	Fiction
People	Peter Spier	Social studies, look at how people are different and how they are the same		3.9 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins	Directional words, a chicken out walking evades a fox		1.0	K+	Fiction
Seven Blind Mice	Ed Young	Asian folk tale, blind mice argue about the appearance an elephant after touching different parts		1.9	K+	Fiction
So Many Cats!	Beatrice deRegniers	Folktale, counting, a family has dozens of cats		2.7 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Sody Salleratus	Aubrey Davis	Cultures, a boy is eaten by a bear on his way home from the store while searching for sody salleratus		1.6	K+	Fiction
"Spot" series	Eric Hill	Readability, adventures of Spot a dog		1.0 +	K+	Fiction
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf	Being true to oneself, gentle bull is stung by a bee		3.7 R. A.	K+	Fiction
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter	Classic, the story of a rabbit who disobeys his mother and almost gets caught		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
There Was and Old Lady	Simms Taback	Add-on text, sequencing, rhyming story of what happens when a lady swallows a fly and other things		3.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction

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The Three Bears	Paul Galdone	Predictable text, three bears go for a walk and come home to find someone in their house		3.6 R. A.	K+	Fiction
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Mary Finch	Rhyming, math, three goats must get past a troll to get to a meadow		2.0-3.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Tomorrow's Alphabet	George Shannon	Letter sounds, critical thinking, the alphabet is used to tell where things come from		1.0	K+	Fiction
Who Sank the Boat?	Pamela Allen	Sequencing, animals get into a boat until it sinks		2.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Why Mosquitoes Buzz In People's Ears	Verna Aardema	African Folktale explains why mosquitoes buzz		4.0 R. A.	K+	Fiction
Yoko	Rosemary Wells	Asian culture, food, young girl is made fun of when she brings sushi for lunch until a classmate tries it for himself		2.9 R. A.	K+	Fiction