

K, 1st, and 2nd Great Books List: Parent-Led Read Alouds

In order to foster an ongoing love of literature, parents are expected to read books from this list aloud to their students beginning in Kindergarten. Many titles are well above the independent reading levels of a K, 1st, or 2nd grade student, but not beyond their auditory comprehension. Reading aloud stimulates imagination, expands understanding of the wider world, develops language and listening skills, and prepares students to understand and appreciate the written word.

*If a book does not have an AR or Lexile level listed, it is because the score is unavailable.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Lexile</u>	<u>AR</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Ahlberg, Janet	The Jollypostman or Other People's Letters	--	2.5	
Aiken, Joan	The Moon's Revenge	--	--	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Emperor's New Clothes	650	3.4/5.5	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Little Match Girl	800	4.4	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Little Mermaid	1130	4.9/6.0	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Princess and the Pea	590	3.4	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Red Shoes	890	--	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Snow Queen: A Retelling of the Fairy Tale	720	4.3	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Steadfast Tin Soldier	760	4.9/5.1	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Swineherd	--	4.3	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Ugly Duckling	590	4.1/4.8 /4.4	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Wicked Prince	--	4.8	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Nightingale	--	5.5	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Wild Swans	--	5.4	

Andersen, Hans Christian	Thumbelina	--	4.1	*These titles have different AR levels because they are different editions
Andersen, Hans Christian	Thumbelina	630	4.8	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Emperor and the Nightingale	--	4.4	
Andersen, Hans Christian	For Sure! For Sure!	--	3.8	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Tinderbox	--	4.6	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Snow Queen	--	4.8	
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Fir Tree	--	4.8	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim All Alone	--	4.2	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim and Charlotte	--	4.3	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim and Ginger	--	4.4	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim and the Brave Sea Captain	--	4.5	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim In Danger	--	4.5	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim to the Rescue	--	4.8	
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim's Friend Towser	--	4.7	
Bennett, William	The Book of Virtues	960	--	
Bennett, William	The Children's Book of America	860	--	
Bennett, William	The Children's Book of Heroes	--	--	
Bennett, William	The Children's Book of Virtues	810	--	
Bennett, William	The Moral Compass	--	--	
Bennett, William	Our Country's Founders	--	--	
Beskow, Elsa	Children of the Forest	--	--	
Beskow, Elsa	Pele's New Suit	--	--	
Brooks, Walter	Jimmy Takes Vanishing Lessons	--	4.6	
Burgess, Gelett	Goops & How To Be Them	--	--	
Burton, Virginia Lee	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	580	4.4	

Burton, Virginia Lee	The Little House	610	4.2	
Carrick, Donald	Harald and the Giant Knight	--	--	
Carrick, Donald	Harald and the Great Stag	--	--	
Carroll, Lewis	The Hunting of the Snark	--	--	
D'Aulaires, Ingri & Edgar	Book of Greek Myths	--	6.6	
D'Aulaires, Ingri & Edgar	Book of Norse Myths	--	--	
dePaola, Tomie	Legend of Indian Paintbrush	840	4.4	*Any book by Tomie DePaola is acceptable. See the list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
dePaola, Tomie	Strega Nona	730	3.9	
dePaola, Tomie	The Art Lesson	590	3.6	
dePaola, Tomie	Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story	660	3.3	
dePaola, Tomie	Fin M'Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill	670	4.1	
dePaola, Tomie	Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato	790	4	
dePaola, Tomie	The Clown of God	600	3.7	
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux	670	4.7	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt	--	6.0	*Any retellings by Fisher are acceptable. See the list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Fisher, Leonard Everett	William Tell	--	3.8	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	Moses	--	--	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	Rip Van Winkle Returns	--	--	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	The Olympians	--	--	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	The Two Mountains: An Aztec Legend	--	--	
Fisher, Leonard Everett	Theseus and the Minotaur	--	--	
Fowler, Susi Gregg	Circle of Thanks	620	3.5	
Fox, Mem	The Goblin and the Empty Chair	550	3	
Gannett, Ruth	My Father's Dragon		5.6	

Gannett, Ruth	The Dragons of Blueland		4.9	
Gannett, Ruth	Elmer and the Dragon		4.6	
Gerrard, Roy	Croco'nile	--	5.3	*Any book by Gerrard Roy is acceptable. See list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Gerrard, Roy	Mik's Mammoth	--	--	
Gerrard, Roy	Rosie and the Rustlers	--	5.4	
Gerrard, Roy	Sir Cedric	--	--	
Gerrard, Roy	The Roman Twins	--	--	
Gerrard, Roy	Wagons West!	--	5.6	
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows	1060	8.2	
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon		6.5	
Hall, Donald	The Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America	--	--	
Hall, Donald	The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems	--	--	
Harris, Joel Chandler	The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus	--	--	
Harrison, Michael	The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems	--	--	
Harrison, Michael	The Oxford Book of Story Poems	--	--	
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	Many Luscious Lollipops: A Book About Adjectives	--	3.9	
Heller, Ruth	Merry-Go-Around: A Book About Nouns	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	Kites Sail High: A Book About Verbs	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	Up, Up and Away: A Book About Adverbs	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	A Cache of Jewels and Other Collective Nouns	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	Mine, All Mine!: A Book About Pronouns	--	--	
Heller, Ruth	Behind the Mask: A Book About Prepositions	--	--	

Heller, Ruth	Fantastic! Wow! And Unreal!: A Book About Interjections and Conjunctions	--	--	
Herriot, James	Blossom Comes Home	830	4.5	
Herriot, James	Only One Woof	970	4.5	
Herriot, James	The Market Square Dog	840	4.4	
Herriot, James	Treasury for Children	--	--	
Hoban, Russell	The Little Brute Family	670	4.4	
Hodges, Margaret	The Hero of Bremen	990	4.9	
Hodges, Margaret	The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed	860	4.3	
Hodges, Margaret	Don Quixote and Sancho Panza	--	--	
Hodges, Margaret	Gulliver in Lilliput	--	--	
Hodges, Margaret	The Kitchen Knight	--	4.9	
Hodges, Margaret	Saint George and the Dragon	--	5.6	
Hort, Lenny	The Boy Who Held Back the Sea	840	4.5	
Hughes, Shirley	Dogger	550	3.1	
Hunt, Irene	Trail of Apple Blossoms	--	--	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Greta the Strong	--	--	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Swan Lake	--	--	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Sleeping Beauty	--	5.5	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Bearskin	--	4.7	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Snow White	--	5.1	
Hyman, Trina Schart	Little Red Riding Hood	--	4.4	
Irving, Washington	Rip Van Winkle	1280	11.1	
Jansson, Tove	The Book About Moomin, Mymble and Little My	--	--	

Jarrell, Randall	The Animal Family	--	--	
Jarrell, Randall	The Fisherman and His Wife	--	--	
Joyce, William	Dinosaur Bob and his Adventures with the Family	580	4.0	
Joyce, William	Santa Calls	480	3.5	
Joyce, William	The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs	--		
			4.1	
Kimmel, Eric	Iron John-Adapted from Brothers Grimm	680	4.0	
Kimmel, Eric	The McElderry Book of Greek Myths	--	--	
Kimmel, Eric	The Two Mountains: An Aztec Legend	--	4	
Kimmel, Eric	Cactus Soup	--	3.5	
Kimmel, Eric	Rip Van Winkle Returns	--	3.8	
Kimmel, Eric	Easy Work! An Old Tale	--	3.5	
Kimmel, Eric	Gershon's Monster	--	3.6	
Kimmel, Eric	Even Higher	--	3.8	
Kimmel, Eric	The Spider's Gift	--	3	
Kimmel, Eric	The Story of Esther: A Purim Tale	--	4.1	
Kimmel, Eric	The Flying Canoe: A Christmas Story	--	3	
Kipling, Rudyard	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	810	5	
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories	1060	6.4	
Lang, Andrew	All of the Color-Fairy books	--	--	
Lawson, Robert	They Were Strong and Good	780	4.1	
Lear, Edward	Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear	--	4.2	
Lester, Julius	Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales	--	--	
Lester, Julius	John Henry (Any Folktale Retellings)	620	4.0	
Lester, Julius	The Knee-High Man & Other Tales	630	3.5	
Lester, Julius	The Last Tales of Uncle Remus	--	--	
Lester, Julius	The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brehr Rabbit	--	--	
Lester, Julius	The Further Tales of Uncle Remus	--	--	

Lester, Julius	Black Folktales	--	--	
Lester, Julius	Sam and the Tigers	--	3.1	
Lewis, C.S.	Out of the Silent Plant (Cosmic Trilogy #1)			*Any book by C.S. Lewis is acceptable. See list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Lewis, C.S.	Perelandra (Cosmic Trilogy #2)			
Lewis, C.S.	That Hideous Strength (Cosmic Trilogy #3)			
Lewis, C.S.	The Magician's Nephew (Chronicles of Narnia #1)	970	5.4	*Chronicles of Narnia books are listed in chronological order rather than publication order. It is recommended to read the series in chronological order.
Lewis, C.S.	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia #2)	940	5.7	
Lewis, C.S.	The Horse and His Boy (Chronicles of Narnia #3)	970	5.8	
Lewis, C.S.	Prince Caspian (Chronicles of Narnia #4)	870	5.7	
Lewis, C.S.	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (Chronicles of Narnia #5)	970	5.9	
Lewis, C.S.	The Silver Chair (Chronicles of Narnia #6)	840	5.7	
Lewis, C.S.	The Last Battle (Chronicles of Narnia #7)	890	5.6	
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	Paul Revere's Ride	--	5.5	
Lurie, Alison	The Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales	--	--	
Macdonald, George	The Golden Key	--	5.3	
Macdonald, George	The Light Princess	--	6.3	
Macdonald, George	The Christmas Stories of George Macdonald	--	--	
Mark, Jan	The Oxford Book of Children's Stories	--	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Moby Dick: or The White Whale	--	--	

McCaughrean, Geraldine	1001 Arabian Nights	--	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	El Cid	950	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	God's People	--	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Silver Myths and Legends	--	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Stories from Shakespeare	--	6	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	The Bronze Cauldron	--	--	
McCaughrean, Geraldine	The Golden Hoard	--	--	
McCloskey, Robert	Blueberries for Sal	600	4.1	
McCloskey, Robert	Lentil	890	4.8	
McCloskey, Robert	Make Way for Ducklings	710	4.1	
McCloskey, Robert	One Morning in Maine	610	4.4	
McCloskey, Robert	Time of Wonder	940	5.1	
Milne, A.A.	Christopher Robin Leads an Expedition	--	--	
Milne, A.A.	The House At Pooh Corner	830	4.8	
Milne, A.A.	Kanga and Baby Roo Come to the Forest	--	--	
Milne, A.A.	Now We Are Six	--	--	
Milne, A.A.	Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting	--	--	
Milne, A.A.	Pooh Goes Visiting	--	3.4	
Milne, A.A.	When We Were Very Young	--	--	
Milne, A.A.	Winnie-the-Pooh	790	4.6	
Polacco, Patricia	The Keeping Quilt	830	4.4	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Samuel Whiskers	860	4.3	*Any book by Beatrix Potter is acceptable. See list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan	710	--	
Potter, Beatrix	The Roly-Poly Pudding	860	--	
Potter, Beatrix	Peter Rabbit and the Pumpkin Patch	--	4.3	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Benjamin Bunny	800	4.4	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of a Naughty Little Rabbit	--	3.2	

Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher	800	4	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle	--	4.2	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Mrs. Tittlemouse	--	3.5	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	660	4.2	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin	850	4.3	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Tom Kitten	690	--	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes	830	4.5	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Two Bad Mice	830	4.6	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck	770	4.7	
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Johnny Town Mouse	710	4.1	
Pyle, Howard	Bearskin	--	4.7	
Ransome, Arthur	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship	--	4.7	
Russell, William F.	Classic Myths to Read Aloud	--	--	
Salten, Felix	Bambi	700	4.9	
San Souci, Robert D.	Sister Tricksters	--	--	*Any book by San Souci is acceptable. See the list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
San Souci, Robert D.	Legend of Sleepy Hollow	--	5.9	
San Souci, Robert D.	The Secret of the Stones	--	4.5	
San Souci, Robert D.	Young Merlin	--	--	
San Souci, Robert D.	Fa Mulan	780	4.8	
San Souci, Robert D.	N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims	1030	6.6	
San Souci, Robert D.	Robin Hood and the Arrow	930	4.9	
San Souci, Robert D.	The Talking Eggs	--	4.4	
San Souci, Robert D.	A Weave of Words	720	4.7	
San Souci, Robert D.	Sukey and the Mermaid	760	4.8	
San Souci, Robert D.	Young Guinevere	1140	5.6	
San Souci, Robert D.	Young Lancelot	820	5.1	
San Souci, Robert D.	Young Arthur	840	5.1	

San Souci, Robert D.	Cendrillon: A Carribean Cinderella	670	3.7
San Souci, Robert D.	Little Gold Star: A Spanish American Cinderella Tale	840	4.6
San Souci, Robert D.	Brave Margaret: An Irish Adventure	790	4.6
Steig, William	Yellow and Pink	--	--
Steig, William	Brave Irene	630	3.9
Steig, William	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	780	4
Stockton, Frank	The Griffin and the Minor Canon	--	6.0
Wilde, Oscar	Stories for Children	960	6.4
Wilde, Oscar	The Selfish Giant	--	--
Williams, Margery	The Velveteen Rabbit	1050	4.9
Wisniewski, David	The Warrior and the Wiseman	--	4.7
Wisniewski, David	Elfwyn's Saga	--	--
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Wood, Audrey	A Cowboy Christmas	700	4.2
Wood, Audrey	The Bunyans	980	5.1
Zelinsky, Paul O.	Rapunzel	700	4.6
Zelinsky, Paul O.	Rumpelstiltskin	620	4.0
Zemach, Margot	It Could Always Be Worse	590	3.7
Zemach, Margot	The Three Wishes	610	3.7

K, 1st, and 2nd Great Books List: Independent Reading

Beginning in 2nd grade, students are expected to read independently from this list for their weekly reading log. Students may read up to the 3rd/4th or 5th/6th grade lists. Because books on higher lists may have more mature content, parents should carefully peruse options for the ones best suited for 2nd grade readers.

When choosing books from the 5th and 6th grade lists, parents should be aware that content

Author	Title	Lexile	AR	Notes
Ahlberg, Janet	The Jollypostman or Other People's Letters	--	2.5	
Burton, Virginia Lee	Katy and the Big Snow	520	2.9	
dePaola, Tomie	Charlie Needs a Cloak	500	2.3	*Any book by Tomie DePaola is acceptable. See the list for suggested
dePaola, Tomie	The Knight and the Dragon	650	2.7	
dePaola, Tomie	The Legend of Old Befana	540	2.9	
dePaola, Tomie	The Legend of the Bluebonnet	680	2.9	
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Magic Stick	500	2.4	*Any book by Eric Kimmel is acceptable. See the list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock	470	2.4	
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Talking Melon	500	2.6	
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi Goes Fishing	510	2.3	
Kimmel, Eric	Medio Pollito/Half Chick-Spanish Tale	560	2.9	
Kimmel, Eric	The Gingerbread Man	--	2.4	
Peterson, John	The Littles Get Lost	370	2.3	
Seuss, Dr.	Dr. Seuss's ABC	--	2.1	*Some titles are out of print and may not be available in the LCS library. *Any book by Dr. Seuss is acceptable. See list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Seuss, Dr.	Foot Book	--	0.6	
Seuss, Dr.	Fox in Socks	420	2.1	
Seuss, Dr.	Green Eggs and Ham	210	1.5	
Seuss, Dr.	Hop on Pop	190	1.5	
Seuss, Dr.	I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today!	--	2.9	
Seuss, Dr.	Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now	280	1.1	
Seuss, Dr.	McElligot's Pool	--	--	
Seuss, Dr.	Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?	--	1.8	
Seuss, Dr.	My Many Colored Days	190	--	
Seuss, Dr.	Oh, the Thinks You Can Think	360	1.8	
Seuss, Dr.	One Fish, Two Fish....	270	1.7	
Seuss, Dr.	The Cat in the Hat	430	2.1	
Seuss, Dr.	The Cat in the Hat Comes Back	450	2.1	
Seuss, Dr.	Shape of Me and Other Stuff	440	1.7	
Seuss, Dr.	Wacky Wednesday	370	1.3	
Seuss, Dr.	Dr. Seuss's 123	--	2	
Seuss, Dr.	I Can Read with My Eyes Shut	380	2.2	
Seuss, Dr.	What Was I Scared Of?	530	2.9	
Seuss, Dr.	Hunches in Bunches	570	2.9	

Seuss, Dr.	I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!	--	2.1	
Seuss, Dr.	There's a Wocket in My Pocket!	--	2.1	
Seuss, Dr.	What Pet Should I Get	350	1.9	
Seuss, Dr.	The Eye Book	200	0.8	
Seuss, Dr.	Come Over to My House	480	2.5	
Silverstein, Shel	Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems			*All verse by Shel Silverstein is acceptable. See the list for suggested titles available in the LCS Library.
Silverstein, Shel	Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook	--	4.2	
Silverstein, Shel	A Light in the Attic	--	--	
Silverstein, Shel	Falling Up	--	--	
Silverstein, Shel	Don't Bump the Glump and Other Fantasies	--	--	
Silverstein, Shel	Every Thing On It	--	--	
Silverstein, Shel	A Giraffe and a Half	--	2.3	