

Great Books to Read-Aloud

Picture Books

Burach, Ross. [I Am Not a Chair.](#) (Easy Burach)

A giraffe's day goes from bad to worse when every animal he encounters mistakes him for a chair.

Burton, Virginia. [The Little House.](#) (Easy Burton)

A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

Daywalt, Drew. [The Day the Crayons Came Home.](#) (Easy Daywalt)

One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.

Dunlap, Cirocco. [Crunch the Shy Dinosaur.](#) (Easy Dunlap)

Advises the reader on how to interact with a very shy dinosaur.

Fliess, Sue. [Little Red Rhyming Hood.](#) (Easy Fliess)

Because Little Red only speaks in verse, the schoolyard bully, Big Brad Wolf, is always picking on her. When Grandma shows her a flyer for a poetry contest, Little Red thinks it could be her big chance. But on the day of the contest, Big Brad Wolf scares the rhyme right out of Red...and into him!

Higgins, Ryan. [Mother Bruce.](#) (Easy Higgins)

Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing but cooked eggs, but when some eggs he was planning to boil hatch and the goslings believe he is their mother, he must try to make the best of the situation.

Jarvis, Peter. [Alan's Big Scary Teeth.](#) (Easy Jarvis)

Alan is very scary. He says things like 'I'm big, scary Alan! Fear my razor-sharp teeth!' But all is not as it seems. Alan, you see, has a very BIG (not-so-scary) secret.

Jeffers, Oliver. [Stuck.](#) (Easy Jeffers)

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.

Klassen, Jon. [We Found a Hat.](#) (Easy Klassen)

Two turtles have found a hat. The hat looks good on both of them. But there are two turtles. And there is only one hat.

Novak, B.J. [The Book With No Pictures.](#) (Easy Novak)

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.

Scanlon, Elizabeth. [Bob, Not Bob!](#) (Easy Scanlon)

When a young boy gets a cold, he just wants his mommy. But his stuffy nose makes it difficult for him to call out to his mom--not "Bob", who happens to be the family dog.

Scieszka, Jon. [True Story of the 3 Little Pigs.](#) (Easy Scieszka)

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Van Dusen, Chris. [If I Built a House.](#) (Easy Van Dusen)

Imaginative Jack describes the kind of house he would build--one with a racetrack, a flying room, and a gigantic slide.

Wilcox, Leah. [Falling for Rapunzel.](#) (Easy Wilcox)

A prince tries to get Rapunzel to throw down her hair so he can rescue her, but she mishears him and throws down random objects from her room instead.

Willems, Mo. [The Pigeon Has to Go to School!](#) (Easy Willems)

The pigeon must go to school, but frets about math, learning the alphabet, heavy backpacks, and what the teacher and other birds will think of him.

Chapter Books

Atwater, Richard and Florence. [Mr. Popper's Penguins](#). (Juvenile Fiction Atwater)

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing a penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper.

Beasley, Kate. [Gertie's Leap to Greatness](#). (Juvenile Fiction Beasley)

Gertie Reece Foy is 100% Not-From-Concentrate awesome. So when her absent mother decides to move away from their small town, Gertie sets out on her greatest mission yet: becoming the best fifth grader in the universe to show her mother exactly what she'll be leaving behind.

Beck, W.H. [Malcolm at Midnight](#). (Juvenile Fiction Beck)

Malcolm, a smaller than average rat, loves life at McKenna School and the secret society of classroom pets that keep children out of trouble, but when Aggy the iguana disappears, Malcolm must use all of his ratty persistence to prove his innocence and save her.

Clements, Andrew. [No Talking](#). (Juvenile Fiction Clements)

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Colfer, Chris. [The Wishing Spell](#). (Juvenile Fiction Colfer)

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

Collins, Suzanne. [Gregor the Overlander](#). (Juvenile Fiction Collins)

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Creech, Sharon. [Love that Dog](#). (Juvenile Fiction Creech)

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Dahl, Roald. [Matilda](#). (Juvenile Fiction Dahl)

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

DiCamillo, Kate. [Tale of Despereaux](#). (Juvenile Fiction DiCamillo)

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Grabenstein, Chris. [Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library](#). (Juvenile Fiction Grabenstein)

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Hale, Shannon. [The Princess in Black](#). (Juvenile Fiction Hale)

Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Sachar, Louis. [Sideways Stories from Wayside School](#). (Juvenile Fiction Sachar)

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.