

# Reading Recommendations for Primary Grades

(some for reading aloud to children and others for children to read themselves)

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan

The Jolly Postman

Aiken, Joan

The Moon's

Revenge

Andersen, Hans Christian

The Little Mermaid

The Ugly Duckling

The Emperor's New Clothes

The Little Match Girl

Princess and the Pea

The Red Shoes

The Snow Queen

Thumbelina

The Steadfast Tin Soldier

all

Ardizzone, Edward

Tim and Ginger

Tim and Charlotte

Tim and the Brave Sea Captain

Tim All Alone

Tim in Danger

Tim's Friend Towser

Tim to the Rescue

Bennet, William

The Book of Virtues

The Children's Book of Virtues

The Children's Book of Heroes

The Children's Book of America

Our Country's Founders

The Moral Compass

Beskow, Elsa

Pele's New Suit

Children of the Forest

Burgess, Gelett

Goops & How To Be Them

Burton, Virginia Lee

Katy and the Big Snow

The Little House

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel

Carrick, Donald

Harald and the Great Stag

Harald and the Giant Knight

Carroll, Lewis  
    The Walrus & the Carpenter  
    The Hunting of the Snark

Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar  
    Book of Greek Myths  
    Book of Norse Myths

dePaola, Tomie  
    Stega Nona  
    The Knight and the Dragon  
    The Art Lesson  
    Shh! We're Writing the Constitution  
    Legend of Indian Paintbrush  
    The Quilt Story  
    many

Fisher, Leonard Everett  
    Theseus and the Minotaur  
    The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt  
    The Two Mountains: An Aztec Legend  
    Rip Van Winkle Returns  
    William Tell  
    other retellings

Gannet, Ruth Stile  
    My Father's Dragon

Gerrard, Roy  
    Sir Cedric  
    Croco'nile  
    Wagons West!  
    Rosie and the Rustlers  
    The Roman Twins  
    Mik's Mammoth  
    others

Grahame, Kenneth  
    The Reluctant Dragon

Hall, Donald  
    The Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America  
    The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems

Harris, Joel Chandler  
    The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus

Harrison, M  
    . The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems  
    The Oxford Book of Story Poems

Hawthorne, Nathaniel  
    A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys

Heller, Ruth  
    books about words

Herriot, James  
    Blossom Comes Home  
    Only One Woof  
    The Market Square Dog

Hoban, Russell  
    The Mouse and His Child  
    The Little Brute Family

Hodges, Margaret  
    The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed  
    The Hero of Bremen  
    The Wind in the Willows  
    Gulliver in Lilliput  
    retellings

Hort, Lenny  
    The Boy Who Held Back the Sea (retold)

Hughes, Shirley  
    Dogger

Hyman, Trina Schart  
    many (retellings)

Irving, Washington  
    Rip Van Winkle

Jarrell, Randall  
    The Fisherman and His Wife  
    The Animal Family

Joyce, William  
    Dinosaur Bob and his Adventures with the Family  
    The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs  
    Santa Calls

Kimmel, Eric  
    Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock  
    Anansi and the Talking Melon  
    Anansi and the Magic Stick  
    Anansi Goes Fishing  
    The McElderry Book of Greek Myths  
    The Gingerbread Man  
    Medio Pollito/Half Chick-Spanish Tale  
    Iron John-Adapted from Brothers Grimm  
    retellings

Kipling, Rudyard  
    Just So Stories  
    Riki-Tiki-Tavi

Lang, Andrew  
    The Blue Fairy Book  
    (and all of several other colors)  
    (Andrew Lang's collections are considered the richest, widest in range, and best English versions of standard stories. His first-rate literary abilities make his collections unmatched in the English language.)

Lawson, Robert  
    They Were Strong and Good

Lester, Julius  
    John Henry  
    Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales  
    The Knee-High Man & Other Tales  
    folk tale retellings

Lear, Edward  
    Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear

Lewis, C. S.  
    The Chronicles of Narnia

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth  
    Paul Revere's Ride

Lurie, Alison  
    The Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales

MacDonald, George  
    The Golden Key  
    The Light Princess  
    The Lost Princess  
    The Christmas Stories of George MacDonald

Mark, Jan  
    The Oxford Book of Children's Stories

McCaughrean, Geraldine  
    The Golden Hoard  
    Stories from Shakespeare  
    El Cid  
    1001 Arabian Nights  
    God's People  
    Silver Myths and Legends  
    The Bronze Cauldron

McCloskey, Robert  
    Make Way for Ducklings  
    Blueberries for Sal  
    One Morning in Maine  
    Time of Wonder  
    Lentil  
    others

Milne, A. A.  
    When We Were Very Young  
    Now We Are Six  
    The House at Pooh Corner

Neil, Philip  
    The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse

Nesbit, Edith  
    The Deliverers of Their Country

Potter, Beatrix

Tale of Peter Rabbit  
Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher  
Jemima Puddle-Duck  
Benjamin Bunny  
Tale of Johnny Town Mouse  
Tale of Samuel Whiskers  
The Roly-Poly Pudding  
Tale of Timmy Tiptoes  
Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan  
Tale of Squirrel Nutkin  
all

Ransome, Arthur

The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship

Russell, William F.

Classic Myths to Read Aloud

San Souci, Robert D.

The Talking Eggs  
FA Mulan  
Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
Robin Hood and the Arrow  
N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims  
Young Merlin  
Young Arthur  
other retellings

Silverstein, Shel

verse

Steig, William

Brave Irene  
The Magic Pebble  
Yellow and Pink

Stockton, Frank

The Griffin and the Minor Cannon (Maurice Sendak illust.)

Suess, Dr

Green Eggs and Ham  
One Fish, Two Fish....  
Foot Book  
If I ran the Circus  
Yertle the Turtle  
Marvink Mooney Will You Please Go Now  
any

Wisniewski, David

Elfwyn's Saga  
The Warrior and the Wiseman

Wilde, Oscar

The Selfish Giant

Williams, Margery

The Velveteen Rabbit

Wood, Audrey

Elbert's Bad Word

others

Zelinsky, Paul O.

Rumpelstiltskin

Hansel and Gretel

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

retellings

Zemach, Margot

It Could Always Be Worse

The Three Wishes