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My first teaching job was in a Spanish-speaking kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten books and their reviews arent just entertaining but
also offer learning opportunities for your kindergartners, 5 and 6-year-olds. These are a mix of recommendations of books that Ive read aloud to my students, along with the newest published books. its important to read aloud to my students, along with the newest published books.
and informational tests, to expand a childs world, to spark curiosity, and to teach new concepts. You dont have to read aloud at bedtime. Try reading to your kids or students at breakfast or any time throughout the day! Kindergarten children are beginning to learn phonics and decoding so they can read. Find the best book recommendations for
growing readers, including 100 early reader books and good decodable book series. If youre wondering what age kindergarten children are in the United States, the answer is they must be five years old. Sometimes will be six years old. Sometimes will be six years old.
before enrolling their child in kindergarten. How do you know if your child is ready for kindergarten? Check this kindergarten readiness checklist. Ive made a free printable PDF of this book list. Sign up to get it emailed to you! Read these good picture books for the first week of kindergarten! Theyll show children what to expect at school. I highly
recommend these books. Check out the reviews below. This is the Day You Beginby Jaqueline Woodson, illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lush illustrations by Rafael LpezThe evocative, lyrical text with gorgeous, lyrical text with gorgeous, lyrical text with gorgeous and lyrical text with gor
this day at kindergarten filled with the many happy possibilities, including storytime, recess, playing with new friends, and a kind teacher. This is one of the best award winning kindergarten books! KINDergarten teacher, Ms.
Perry, but hes still feeling unsure about school. When he goes to school, his teacher helps Leo and his classmates decorate those kindness pledges
and his classmates give Leo compliments about his kind behavior. Just Itzyby Lana Krumwiede, illustrated by Greg PizzoliItzy combines all the nursery rhyme spider stories and songs into one funny story about Itzy going to kindergarten. First, he chases a fly and accidentally scares a little girl eating curds and whey on a tuffet, only to get swallowed by Greg PizzoliItzy combines all the nursery rhyme spider stories and songs into one funny story about Itzy going to kindergarten.
an old lady (who also swallowed a lot of other crazy things!) When hes coughed back up, he tries to build a web. As he does, it starts raining and he struggles to keep going up the waterspout. Hilarious, right?! We Dont Eat Our Classmatesby Ryan T. HigginsAfter a rough first day at school where this little dinosaureatsher classmates, Penelopes dad
explains while children might taste good, its not a good idea to eat them. But she does it again next day. Its not until the class goldfish chomps on Penelopes finger, and it HURTS that she realizes its not fun to be someone elses snack! Penelope tries to remember this valuable lesson so she can make friends and playmates at school. Good books for
kindergarten students include books that help children with social skills. Picture books on this list Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon IS THE BEST! Shes responsible, loving, kind, tells the truth, and speaks up for whats right, like stopping a classmate who teases a new student. The
illustrations are absolutely perfect and filled with tons of nuanced details that add depth and humor to the story. Turtle and Tortoise Are Not Friendsby Mike Reiss, illustrated by Ashley SpiresIf you like FUNNY picture books with a great lesson about friendship, this is a great kindergarten read aloud. The tortoise and turtle agree that since theyre
different, they cant be friends. Its too bad because theyre in the same pen, and they each have interesting adventures. Many silly antics happen that will crack you up. Eventually, these stubborn creatures learn that both are in the turtle familyand six years later, they decide to be friends. Jenny Mei Is Sadby Tracy SubisakNarrated by Jenny Meis
friend, we learn that Jenny Mei is sad, but she doesnt always show it. Sometimes she rips things, and sometimes she is quiet. And its ok. Her friend is always there for fun and not-fun and everything in between. This kindergarten book shows the importance of accepting a friends feelings and behaviors without judgment or
trying to fix things. How to Apologizeby David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike WohnoutkaUse this gentle, instructive guidebook to teach children about apologizing. It gives readers examples of what not to do (dont make excuses) and what to do (be sincere). The examples show animals acting out apologies and, because most of them arent good
apologies, end up being quite funny. When Charley Met Emmaby Amy Webb, illustrated by Merrilee LiddiardCharleys mom teaches him that Different is OK! But he hurts Emmas feelings and fixes it with an apology. Emma helps Charley know that even though shes a little differenter
than he is, shes a lot the same, too. This compassionate story shows the importance ofaccepting (physical) disabilities with kindness and openheartedness. You Will Be My Friendby Peter BrownI love how hilarious this picture book is! Lucy is very enthusiastic about making friends with a forest critter. Her good intentions go awry, and soon Lucy is
yelling at the forest animals Come back here and have fun with me and You WILL be my friend. This isnt a great way to make friends, either. Will Lucy ever make a friend? That Fruit Is Mine! by Anuska AllepuzThis is a charming story about learning to share and the power of cooperation. Youll crack up watching the elephants many failed attempts to
get delicious-looking fruit off a tree while simultaneously watching a tiny group of mice work together to get the yummy fruit, too. Who do you think succeeds? The mice! When the elephants see what the mice have accomplished, they love the idea of teamwork and try again. The More the Merrierby David Martin, illustrated by Raissa FigueroaAn
exuberant celebration of each animals uniqueness as one after the other joins bear in dancing through the forest in their own way. Moose galumphs, snake wiggles, deer leaps, owl flies. Rhythmic with repetition, this animal party is a delight to read aloud. As each animal is introduced they say something similar to this I like your beat. But Im not like
you. So Ill just do what I can do. What fun to celebrate individuality and dance together! Younger children is to learn social emotional skills and self-
regulation. Wemberly Worried by Kevin HenkesWemberly worries about many things, especially starting school. While this only touches on anxiety, its a reassuring story that sometimes things we worry about things turn out just fine. The Magical Yetby Angela DiTerlizzi, illustrated by Lorena AlvarezThis growth mindset story reminds children that
just because they cant do something, its not forever its just that they cant do it YET. The magical yet means that youll start to see the possibilities in the future. Yet doesnt mind mistakes or do-overs. With patience and an open mind to the magical yet, you can get where you want to be. The Little Butterfly That Couldby Ross BurachA distressed
butterfly gets lost from her migrating group. She talks with a whale about her fears and resistance. The whale encourages the reluctant butterfly to find its gumption and courage, kicking it out of his stomach and telling it to keep trying. Its funny, emotional, and relatable all narrated in dialogue bubbles. Kindergarteners will ADORE this cute little
creaturesadventuresand valuable life lessons. The Book of Mistakes by Corinna LuykenIt started // with a mistake shows a shift in expectation and a hefty dose of growth mindset. Lots of whitespacemakes Luykens exquisite artwork pop. Grumpy Monkeyby Suzanne Lang,
illustrated by Max LangThis is one of the best, most healthy emotional intelligence childrens books Ive ever read aboutfeeling your feelings. Jim Panzee wakes up, and nothing seems right. His jungle friends like Norman suggest that he might be grumpy. Yet Jim insists hes NOT grumpy. As Jim stomps around, bunching his eyebrows, not swinging, he
yells at the other animals that he is NOT grumpy. Later that day, Jim sits with Norman. For now I need to be grumpy, he explains finally. To which Norman responds, Its a wonderful day to be grumpy. This Sheep Needs Your Help written and illustrated by David LaRochelle and YOUI LOVE THIS BOOK! Kids will, too. Readers get to help Sheep return
to his flock using their drawing skills and the attached dry-erase marker. First, the Sheep asks readers to draw a boat to cross the lake, then help with skis and warm clothes for the next, snowy setting, and after that, a big flower to distract a bee. But there are more adventures and drawings on each subsequent page. Eventually, you will help Sheeps
return home AND become an honorary Sheep! HOW CUTE IS THIS?! Kevin the Unicorn: Its Not All Rainbowsby Jessica von InnerebnerA delightful book about feeling your REAL feelings, even if they are not happy ones! Kevin is supposed to have days filled with magical awesomeness. Except he isnt. He tries to pretend hes having a glittery and
fantastic day but his day is filled with not-so-great things and a lot of pretending that he is happy. Until he cant contain his emotions anymore and shouts out the truth, Today is not awesome or fantastic and its definitely NOT sparkly. Interestingly enough, hes not the only one feeling that way. Once Kevin stops pretending, other unicorns admit that
theyre not having perfect days either. And thats okay! I Forgive Alex A Simple Story About Understandingby KerascoetWordlesswith beautiful illustrations, this story tells about the time at recess when Alexs ball hit his classmates pictures, and they fell in a puddle. Everyone seems mad at Alex, but eventually, the boy to whom the drawings belonged,
shakes Alexs hand and forgives him. Reading kindergarten books like these picture books will do double duty. The books teach concepts through their stories while also sharing entertaining stories that children love. Ralph Tells a Storyby Abby HanlonStories are everywhere. In fact, Ralphs teacher helps his classmates and him find story ideas in
everyday things. Fiona the Fruit Batby Dan Riskin, illustrated by Rachel QiuqiRead this mesmerizing story of a young fruit bat who is ready to take her first flightand doesnt understand how echolocation helps her hear where she is. The illustrations go from dark to light
and the story models growth mindset. The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Explosion Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Explosion Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma by Diane and Christyan FoxCat begins to read the story of the fairy tale Little Red, The Explosion Eggs and the Story of the FoxCat begins to read the story of the fair tale Little Red, The Explosion Eggs and the Story of the FoxCat begins to read 
Dog just cant help himself, though. Your kids will love Dog and Cat and their unique and different personalities. Even better, use this book to teach asking questions and writing a story. The Donkey Egg by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens CrummelImpressively educational while being funny, charming, and warmhearted! Fox tricks Bear into hatching
a donkey egg for only $19.94. While Bear sits and sits on the so-called Donkey Egg, we learn helpful information about telling time. Read aloud this kindergarten book to introduce the passage of time and how to tell time. Pigeon Mathby Asia Citro, illustrated by Richard WatsonAddition and subtraction fun with birds!!An increasingly exasperated
narrator is TRYING to tell the story about ten pigeons, but its not going well. Visual support, goofy humor, and plenty of kid appeal make this a 100% must-read-aloud illustrated book. Bracelets for Binas Brothersby Rajani LaRocca, illustrated by Chaaya PrabhatTo celebrate the Raksha Bandham holiday, Bina makes bracelets for her brothers. First,
she surveys her brothers preferences for colors. Then, she makes bracelets with their favorite colors in patterns by problem-solving. Gorgeous illustrations and likable main characters make this math story a fun way to learn about patterns. How Rocket Learned to Readby Tad HillsRocket is a dog who accidentally becomes a birds reading student
when hes nearby the birds school. Rocket isnt interested in learning to read until he hears the bird read a story about an unlucky dog missing his favorite bone. Rocket learns the alphabet, letter sounds, and how to read words. Eventually, the bird must fly south for winter but will return for more reading. Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Doreen
CroninThe cows want changes electric blankets and that sort of thing. So they leave Farmer Brown notes with their demands . . . The picture book story is not only very creative and funny but also shows the power of persuasive letter writing. Do Not Bring Your Dragon to the Libraryby Julie Gassman, illustrated by Andy ElkertonDragons are rude,
they set things on fire, they break things, all in all, there are a lot of reasons why you shouldnt bring your dragon to the library. So, why not borrow books for your dragon to enjoy at home? Excellent rules for dragon owners! Dont Touch My Hair! by Sharee MillerAria loves her hair but doesnt love when people touch it. She hides in all sorts of
fantastical places a castle, outer space, underwater. Soon, Aria gets lonely and goes home. The next time someone touches her hair, she says, Dont touch my hair. When people ask, Aria feels comfortable saying either no or yes. What a beautiful book to help children learn about respectful boundaries. XO, Exoplanetby Deborah Underwood, illustrated
Owl Who Asks Whyby Michelle Garcia Andersen, illustrated by Ayesha L. Rubio Little Wolf, who asks When? questions. The other owls laugh because Owl doesnt ask Who? questions. The same thing happens to Little Wolf run away together. But they get lost and scared and
ask a variety of questions including to help them find the way home. This is a wonderful celebration of being true to yourself, staying curious, and filled with so many juicy things like counting and storytelling with a demanding reader,
this 2022 picture book begs for multiple readings. The narrator begins with a short, 2-sentence story about the three little pigs on the abacus and more short stories. Count all the pigs and notice the pigs grouped by colors and
numbers. Fantastic! Dodos Are Not Extinct! Theyre Just in Disguiseby Paddy DonnellyA playful introduction toextinct animals! Learn all about the dodo and other so-called extinct! Theyre Just in Disguise. Why are they in disguise? Because theyre so popular, of course! That means that the quagga wears striped pants or a brown sweater to
blend in, the Smilodon grows a mustache to hide his tusks, and dinosaurs are everywhere. Kindergarteners love fun books like these. Reading books that are funny hooks kids on good books! This Is a Taco! by Andrew Cangelose, illustrated by Josh ShipleyOur narrator wants to tell you about squirrels with the help of Taco, a squirrel who loves tacos.
Taco gets more irritated with the narrator when he hears the facts like squirrels love to eat nuts, acorns, and even tree bark. (He only agreed to be in the book because he thought there would be tacos!) This is a good nonfiction book with facts paired with hilarious commentary and a surprise ending. This Is a Moose by Richard T. Morris, illustrated by
Tom LichtenheldHilarious! This is a moose. Who wants to be an astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut? But the narrator gets more irked in this silly adventure with animals who want to do big things like be doctors and astronaut.
books in any order. In this story, Little Red Chicken loves to modify the stories his dad reads aloud. This morning, Little Red Chicken adds cookies to the nursery rhymes. Eventually, Papa suggests that instead of cookies for breakfast, they have cakea pancake. Entertaining, funny, and playful. We Found a Hatby Jon Klassen Two turtles. One hat. What
will they do? Klassenshows the friends together, one turtles internal struggling with wanting to sneak back for the hat and the otherfriend sharing a dream about them both having their own hats. Illustrations tell much of this story so pay close attention to this important sharing life lesson! Unicorns Are the Worstby Alex WillanGoblin is annoyed wher
unicorns move in next door maybe even jealous. Because unicorns just frolic all day long and they get their own themed birthday party supplies! AND THERES SO MUCH GLITTER and so many tea partiesto which they dont invite Goblin. Unicorns are really the worst! But Goblins opinion changes when the unicorns help him escape a dragon. Clearly,
dragons are really the worst. Exceptional, inviting artwork! Pacho Nacho by Silvia Lopez, illustrated by Pablo PinoThis hilarious story begs to be read aloud. Its about a family that has two sons, the oldest son has a VERY long name that his parents insist everyone use, Pacho-Nacho-Nico-Tico-Melo-Felo-Kiko-Rico. This name appears the family who
suggested all the names, but when he falls into the river, it takes so long for his brother Juan to say his name and get help that the parents decide to shorten his name. Based on an old Japanese folktale, youll love the retelling set in Mexico interspersed with Spanish words. The Little Blue Bridgeby Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia SanchezEchoing
the Three Billy Goats Gruff fairy tale, Ruby wants to cross the bridge and pick blueberries. But her brothers go without her because shes too little. When the boys tell Santiago to wait for the next sibling. Finally, Ruby builds her own
bridgeand Santiago helps her with. KEEP READING Decodable Books for Kindergarten Early Reader Books for Solutions, and freelance winning teacher & literacy trainer, author, author, author coach and publicist at Imaginarium Author Solutions, and freelance
education writer. She writes Imagination Soup, supports authors, and freelances for publications online and in print, including Penguin Random House's Brightly website. She is passionate about matching kids with books that they'll love. Welcome to Amys Bookshelf! Here, teachers will find carefully curated book lists for each grade level from
kindergarten to twelfth grade. Moving forward, new lists filled with book recommendations will be published weekly. Sometimes, these lists will be organized around a specific theme, like a holiday or seasonal event. Other times, they will feature rockstar books books practically guaranteed to get your students reading. Before jumping into reading
recommendations, a few words about how books are selected. First, it is so important that teachers prioritize reading level if they are particularly interested in a book or topic. Teachers only hurt students by limiting them to a specific selection of titles
grouped according to an arbitrary number or level. Think of the books on these lists as starting places for you and your students, but if a student wants to read up (or down), that is a-ok. Also, please note that these lists lean heavily toward modern selections as opposed to the classics many teachers are familiar with. A true renaissance is happening in
childrens literature today, and the books coming out are truly exciting. One of the factors that makes this such an exciting time for kid lit is how diverse the selections as well as graphic novels, novels written in verse, and more. Any book list
literature in other words, a book featuring a black character or gay character doesnt need to be about those individuals exploring their race or sexual orientation. Similarly, students should be encouraged to read stories featuring people of
diversity all year long not just during a month set aside to celebrate a specific heritage. One final note: Todays childrens literature does not shy away from these lists based on these controversial areas. What books you
recommend will depend on the specific district you work in and your clientele. I encourage you and your students to read widely without fear. Check out our best picks for other grade levels: This list features books perfect for children just beginning their school careers. The books on this list are excellent read-alouds, because most kindergarteners.
are just learning the fundamentals of reading and need to hear wonderful words read aloud on a daily basis. Part of everyday life. Young children, too!) love to be read to, so this list leans toward books that are fun to hear aloud. Youll also find books designed to help young
ones learn their ABCs, acclimate to their new school surroundings, and navigate the challenges of childhood. Just so you know, Bored Teachers may get a small share of the sales made through the links on this page. by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael Lpez Get it HERE. This book begins with the words There will be times when you walk into
a room and no one there is quite like you. These words are also the books premise that sometimes, we feel different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay. The Day You Begin is a celebration of diversity as the young children with news different, and that is okay.
school year jitters. by Audrey Penn, illustrated by Ruth E. Harper and Nancy M. Leak Get it HERE. The Kissing Hand is a soft story about a young racoon named Chester who worries about being away from his mother. He does not want to go to school. To help, his mother shares a family secret that comforts Chester and helps him feel safe even when
hes outside his comfort zone. by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin Get it HERE. This hysterical book begins when Farmer Brown! This book is a
Caldecott Honor Book, recognized for distinguised picture book art. by Bill Thomson(author, illustrator) Get it HERE. Chalkis a wordless picture book about young children who discover magical chalk. Whatever they draw on the playgrounds sidewalks comes to life. This is all fun and games until they draw a T-Rex, which also comes alive! Wordless
picture books are great read-alouds because young children can be encouraged to tell the story in their own way. by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers Get it HERE. Young Duncan opens his crayon box to color a picture only to find that his crayons have gone on strike! They are tired of only being used for one job. Blue wants to do more than
color water, Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. Duncan finds a clever solution to this problem that makes everyone happy. by Micahel Hall(author, illustrator) Get it HERE. This book is a great companion to The Day the Crayons Quit. Its about a blue crayon mistakenly wrapped in a red crayons wrapper. An identity crisis unfolds, and
the book has a nice message about what it means to be true to yourself. by Ezra Jack Keats(author,illustrator) Get it HERE. A funny book that features sparse prose. A zookeeper locks up the
zoo at night, but one of the clever animals steals his keys. The animals quietly parade home behind the zookeeper, leading to a laugh-out-loud conclusion. by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mark Teague Get it HERE. Another bedtime book, this one is about human mommies and daddies trying to get their dinosaur children to sleep. Children and adults alike
will recognize the stalling tactics of the dinosaurs, and little ones might just learn a lesson about what a peaceful bedtime routine means. by Audrey Wood, illustrated by Don Wood Get it HERE. In The Napping House, a snoring granny is too irresistable and is soon joined on the bed by a dog, a cat, a child, and a mouse. One more creature piles on and
wakes everyone up! It features repetition, so children will be able to read along with you after a few iterations. by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd Get it HERE. A childhood classic that continues to be loved by generations of readers. This short and sweet poem features a little bunny saying goodnight to all the things in the great
green room. Children love to find the mouse that moves to a different hiding spot on each page. by Jory John, illustrated by Benji Davies Get it HERE. Bear and Duck are neighbors. Bear is sleepy; duck is a night owl. Goodnight Alreadywas recognized as an E.B. White Read Aloud Honor Book, so its guaranteed to entertain the littles with its dry humor
and fun ending. by Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld Get it HERE. A train pulls into the station, and animals of all kinds load the various train cars, tanker cars, tanker cars, tanker cars, tanker cars, and hoppers. Plus, the story is written in impeccable verse which makes it a lovely book to read aloud. by Nick Bruel
(author, illustrator) Get it HERE. Bad Kitty is one of the most unique alphabet books to hit the market in years. This book goes through the alphabet four times as Bad Kitty refuses to eat her revenge when her household runs out of the good food. Its witty as all daylights. by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, illustrated by
Lois Ehlert Get it HERE. This is a classic alphabet book about all the letters of the alphabet climbing into a coconut tree. The words of the book are written in a rhythmic verse that is easy to read aloud and easy to memorize. by Sara Gillingham(author,illustrator) Get it HERE. Children are introduced to the phonetic alphabet (A=Alpha), morse code,
nautical flags, and more. Children can crack nautical code with a little help from their teachers and parents. The text is accompanied by geometric illustrations and information about various ships, too. by Patrick McDonnell(author,illustrator) Get it HERE. A little red cat finds his front door wide open and runs outside. A chase ensues as animals
corresponding to each letter of the alphabet join the runaway cat. by Mo Willems (author, illustrator) Get it HERE. Author and illustrator Mo Willems wrote for Sesame Street for years and now pens brilliantly funny picture books perfect for young children. In this book, the bus driver turns directly to the reader (the child) and says, Dont let the pigeor
drive the bus. Pigeon uses all sorts of techniques to cajole your child into letting him drive, but here, the reader is in charge. by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler Get it HERE. Mouse is taking a stroll through the forest when some predators join him. To keep from being eaten by Snake or Fox or Owl, Mouse invents a story about a terrible
creature known as the Gruffalo. Lo and behold, the Gruffalo turns out to be real. by Anna Dewdney(author, illustrator) Get it HERE. Baby Llama gets anxious at bedtime when his mommy says goodnight. In the end, mama llama shows back up to reassure her baby that she will always be there. by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri Get it HERE. Baby Llama gets anxious at bedtime when his mommy says goodnight. In the end, mama llama shows back up to reassure her baby that she will always be there. by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri Get it has been described by Daniel Salmieri Get it has bee
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tense quiet moments like when youre at the top of the roller coaster hill to softer quiet moments like a car ride in the snow. by Mary Sullivan(author, illustrator) Get it HERE. A 2014 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book (recognizing distinguished books for young readers), Ballfeatures a dog who just wants to play fetch. When no one will play, he plays
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her to seek answers. An empowering text heavily focused on STEM subjects. Later books in the series feature Adas friends: Iggy Peck, Architect, and Rosie Revere, Engineer. by Joseph Slate, illustrated by Ashley Wolff Get it HERE. Students get insight into their teachers prepping away for the first day of school as they are home getting ready for the
first day, too. Miss Bindergarten has 26 students, and their names start with each letter of the alphabet. collected by Elizabeth Hammill Get it HERE. This phenomenal book features 150 nursery rhymes. Some are classics and others come to us from far away this book contains verses from many cultures. It is illustrated by 77 different artists, which
means both the art and the verse celebrate diversity. by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Tom Litchenheld Get it HERE. Is it a duck? Is it a duck? Is it a duck? Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Depends on how you look at it! Young readers are encouraged to take sides and listen to the other side, too. by Peter H. Reynolds (author, illustrated) Get it HERE. A young girl is frustrated when her
art teacher tells her to just make a mark and see where it takes you. She makes an angry dot on her page and learns a little mouse stop the big hungry bear from eating his strawberry? Why, share with the reader, of course! by Suzanne
Lang, illustrated by Max Lang Get it HERE. This book celebrates families of all shapes and sizes. In an era where the nontraditional family is as common as the traditional fa
modern latino twist. by Chris Raschka (author, illustrator) Get it HERE. Another wordless picture book, in this story a dog named Daisy plays with her ball until it gets ruined by a bigger dog. This won the Caldecott Medal in 2012. by Maurice Sendak (author, illustrator) Get it HERE. No book list would be complete without Where the Wild Things Are
the classic story of a young boy named Max who leaves the comfort of his home for the land of the Wild Things. Max becomes their king but then becomes their king but then becomes homesick for his own family. by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, illustrated by Amy June Bates Get it HERE. This picture book is based on the true story of brothers who found a lion for sale.
They rescued him, took him home, and eventually released him back to Africa. When the brothers visited him later, the lion remembered them. by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond Get it HERE. This is the first book in a series of books with the same premise. The book starts with an idea what happens if you give a mouse a cookie? The
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kids are growing up and beginning to outgrow many of these favorites. But, I am not ready to let them go yet! I have tried cleaning out our picture books a few times, but it brings back so many memories, that I decided to hang on to them a while longer. I love my little babies and miss them snuggling up to me for bedtime stories. As I wrote this, I
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