

Chicago Public Schools 2003 Kindergarten Recommended Reading

Nonfiction

- *Arithme-Tickle: An Even Number of Odd Riddle-Rhymes* by J. Patrick Lewis. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *Around the World in Eighty Poems* by James Berry. 2002, Chronicle Books.
- *Becoming Butterflies* by Anne F. Rockwell. 2002, Walker.
- *The Boy Who Drew Cats* by Margaret Hodges. 2002, Holiday House.
- *Christmas is Coming! Poems* by Charles Ghigna. 2000, Talewinds.
- *Circus 1-2-3* by Megan Halsey. 2000, HarperCollins.
- *A Cool Drink of Water* by Barbara Kerley. 2002, National Geographic Society.
- *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon. 2002, Blue Sky Press.
- *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z* by Lois Ehlert. 1989, Harcourt Brace.
- *The Firebird* by Jane Yolen. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Flying* by Donald Crews. 1986, Greenwillow Books.
- *The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders* by Jack Prelutsky. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *Giant Children: Poems* by Brod Bagert. 2002, Dial Books.
- *I Get Wet* by Vicki Cobb. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *I Invited a Dragon to Dinner: And Other Poems to Make You Laugh Out Loud* by Chris L. Demarest. 2002, Philomel Books.
- *I Love Trucks!* by Philemon Sturges. 1999, HarperCollins.
- *I See Myself* by Vicki Cobb. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *I Was So Silly! Big Kids Remember Being Little* by Marci Curtis. 2002, Dial Books.
- *Look-Alikes* by Joan Steiner. 1998, Little Brown.
- *Mouse Tail Moon* by Joanne Ryder. 2002, Holt.
- *Mrs. Brown on Exhibit: And Other Museum Poems* by Susan Katz. 2002, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Noah's Ark* by Jerry Pinkney. 2002, SeaStar Books.
- *One Leaf Rides the Wind: Counting in a Japanese Garden* by Celeste A. Mannis. 2002, Viking.
- *Outside the Lines: Poetry at Play* by Brad Burg. 2002, Putnam.
- *Over the Candlestick: Classic Nursery Rhymes and the Real Stories Behind Them* by Michael Montgomery. 2002, Peachtree.
- *A Polar Bear Can Swim: What Animals Can and Cannot Do* by Harriet Ziefert. 1998, Puffin.
- *The Race* by Caroline Repchuk. 2002, Chronicle Books.
- *Safari Park* by Stuart J. Murphy. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Scranimals: Poems* by Jack Prelutsky. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *The Seals on the Bus* by Lenny Hort. 2000, Holt.
- *Sing a Song of Piglets: A Calendar in Verse* by Eve Bunting. 2002, Clarion Books.
- *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Botham Howitt. 2002, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *A Star in My Orange: Looking for Nature's Shapes* by Dana Meachen Rau. 2002, Millbrook Press.
- *Summersaults: Poems & Paintings* by Douglas Florian. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *The Sun is My Favorite Star* by Frank Asch. 2000, Harcourt Brace.
- *This is the House that Jack Built* by Simms Taback. 2002, Putnam.
- *The Three Spinning Fairies: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm* by Lisa Campbell Ernst. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Touchdown Mars! An ABC Adventure* by Peggy Wethered. 2000, Putnam.
- *A Triangle for Adaora: An African Book of Shapes* by Ifeoma Onyefulu. 2000, Dutton Books.
- *Visiting Langston* by Willie Perdomo. 2002, Holt.
- *What About Me?* by Ed Young. 2002, Philomel Books.
- *What Does a Wheel Do?* by Jim Pipe. 2002, Copper Beech Books.
- *What's Opposite?* by Stephen R. Swinburne. 2000, Boyds Mills.
- *Where Fish Go in Winter: And Other Great Mysteries* by Amy Goldman Koss. 2002, Dial Books.
- *Where I Live* by Frances Wolfe. 2001, Tundra Books.
- *Who Needs Birds When Dogs Can Fly?* by Fay Robinson. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Whose Baby Am I?* by John Butler. 2001, Viking.

Fiction

- *Alphabet Under Construction* by Denise Fleming. 2002, Holt.
- *Arthur's Teacher Moves In* by Marc Tolon Brown. 2000, Little Brown.
- *Billywise* by Judith Nicholls. 2002, Bloomsbury Books.
- *Bippity Bop Barbershop* by Natasha Tarpley. 2002, Little Brown.
- *The Birds, the Bees, and the Berenstain Bears* by Stan Berenstain. 2000, Random House.
- *Bob* by Tracey Campbell. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin. 1992, Holt.
- *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin. 2000, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck* by Lisa Westberg Peters. 2000, Greenwillow.
- *Colors* by Carol Diggory Shields. 2000, Handprint Books.
- *Daisy Comes Home* by Jan Brett. 2002, Putnam.
- *David Gets in Trouble* by David Shannon. 2002, Blue Sky Press.
- *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters From Obedience School* by Mark Teague. 2002, Scholastic.
- *Dinnertime!* by Sue Williams. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *Do Like a Duck Does!* by Judy Hindley. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *Eight Animals Bake a Cake* by Susan Middleton Elya. 2002, Putnam.
- *Estela's Swap* by Alexis O'Neill. 2002, Lee & Low Books.
- *The Everything Book* by Denise Fleming. 2000, Holt.
- *A Full Hand* by Thomas Yezerski. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann. 1994, Putnam.
- *Gregory's Shadow* by Don Freeman. 2000, Viking.
- *Hattie and the Fox* by Mem Fox. 1986, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Home at Last* by Susan Middleton Elya. 2002, Lee & Low Books.
- *Hondo & Fabian* by Peter McCarty. 2002, Holt.
- *How Big is a Pig?* by Stella Blackstone. 2000, Barefoot Books.
- *How I Became Champion of the Universe* by Kenny Harrison. 2002, Tricycle Press.
- *I Stink!* by Kate McMullan. 2002, Joanna Cotler Books.
- *If the Shoe Fits* by Gary Soto. 2002, Putnam.
- *In My World* by Lois Ehlert. 2002, Harcourt Brace.
- *In November* by Cynthia Rylant. 2000, Harcourt Brace.
- *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Lorianne Siomades. 1999, Boyds Mills Press.
- *Jubal's Wish* by Audrey Wood. 2000, Blue Sky Press.
- *"Let's Get a Pup!" Said Kate* by Bob Graham. 2001, Candlewick Press.
- *Little Cliff's First Day of School* by Clifton L. Taulbert. 2001, Dial Books.
- *Little Lions* by Jim Arnosky. 1998, Putnam.
- *My Chinatown: One Year in Poems* by Kam Mak. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohmann. 2002, Roaring Brook Press.
- *The Nightingale* by Jerry Pinkney. 2002, Phyllis Fogelman Books.
- *No, David!* by David Shannon. 1998, Blue Sky Press.
- *Not Me!* by Nigel McMullen. 2001, Dutton Books.
- *Off to School, Baby Duck!* by Amy Hest. 1999, Candlewick Press.
- *One Sunday Morning* by Yumi Heo. 1999, Orchard Books.
- *Peanut's Emergency* by Cristina Salat. 2002, Whispering Coyote.
- *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles - Think of That!* by Leo Dillon. 2002, Blue Sky Press.
- *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children* by Sandra L. Pinkney. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Sheila Rae's Peppermint Stick* by Kevin Henkes. 2001, HarperFestival.
- *Shirley's Wonderful Baby* by Valiska Gregory. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *The Teddy Bear* by David M. McPhail. 2002, Holt.
- *Trucks, Trucks, Trucks* by Peter Sis. 1999, Greenwillow Books.
- *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes. 2000, Greenwillow Books.
- *What Shall We Do With the Boo-Hoo Baby - Polish/English* by Cressida Cowell. 2003, Multicultural Books.
- *When the Pigs Took Over* by Arthur Dorros. 2002, Dutton Books.
- *Where Do Balloons Go? An Uplifting Mystery* by Jamie Lee Curtis. 2000, Joanna Cotler Books.

The goal is for each CPS student to read at least 25 books each year.

The books in this list can be found in many school libraries and at many neighborhood branches of the Chicago Public Library. Any book by the same author may be substituted for a book on this list. For additional information, please call your neighborhood Chicago Public Library branch, or check the online catalog at their website (www.chipublib.org).

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