

## *Texts that Engage and Delight Young Readers*

*(This isn't a magic list—these books signify the spirit of the types of text that need be in the hands (and hearts!) or our early readers)*

### **Picture Books to Start the Year**

*How to Heal a Broken Wing* by Bob Graham

*My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza

*The Falling Raindrop* by Neil Johnson

*Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld

*Ruby in Her Own Time* by Johathan Emmett

*The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger

*The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill

*Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell

*Odd Velvet*, by Mary Whitcomb

*Walk On!* by Marla Frazee

*Koala Lou* by Mem Fox

*Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson

*Ish* by Peter Reynolds

*Wolf's Coming!* by Joe Kukla

*Baby Bear's Books* by

### **Nonfiction Books**

*Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins

*Animals Nobody Loves* by Seymour Simon

*Owen and Mzee* by Isabella Hatkoff

*Bat Loves the Night* by Nicola Davies

*Ice Bear* by Nicola Davies

*One Tiny Turtle* by Nicola Davies

*Spiders* by Nic Bishop  
Growing Patterns by Sarah Campbell  
Bugs Up Close by Diane Swanson  
National Geographic Readers  
Zoo Books

### **Wordless Books**

*A Circle of Friends* by Giora Carmi  
*Chalk* by Bill Thomson  
*The Flower Man* by Steve Ludy  
*The Wave* by Suzy Lee  
*The Boy, Frog, and Dog* series by Mercer Mayer  
*Why?* by Nicolai Popov  
*My Dog Carl* by Alexander Day

**Song Books** (Consider multiple copies of these—kids love them—the rhythm and rhyme are infectious—and they’re fun to read with a partner!)

*Hush Little Baby* by Marla Frazee  
*Little Rabbit Foo Foo* by Michael Rosen  
*The Lady with the Alligator Purse* by Nadine Bernard Westcott  
*Five Little Ducks* (and others) by Raffi  
*The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Iza Trapani  
*Miss Mary Mack* by Nadine Bernard Westcott  
*Oh, A Hunting We Will Go* by John Langstaff  
*Hush Little Dragon*, by Boni Ashburn

**Predictable Books** Consider multiple copies—they're early reader favorites!

*Tough Boris* by Mem Fox

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?* By Bonnie Lass and Philemon Sturge

*I Went Walking* by Sue Williams

*Let's Go Visiting* by Sue Williams

*Witch, Witch Come to my Party* by Arden Druce

*It Looked Like Spilt Milk* by Shaw

*Mary Wore Her Red Dress* by Merle Peak

*Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin

*One Red Rooster* by Kathleen Sullivan Carroll

*The Magic Fish* by Freya Littledale

*Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?* by Eric Carle

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rose

## **Alphabet Books**

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Dr. Seuss's ABC* by Dr. Seuss

*Old Black Fly* by Jim Aylesworth

*A My Name is Alice* by Jane Bayer

*Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood

*Super Hero ABC* by Bob McLeod

LMNO Peas

## **Rhyming Books**

*Jazz Baby* by Lisa Wheeler

*Farmers Garden: Rhymes for Two Voices* by David Harrison

*Trucktown Truckery Rhymes* by Jon Scieszka

*Pigs Rock!* By Melanie Davis Jones

*Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* by Jack Pelutsky

*Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney

*In the Tall Tall Grass (and others)* by Denise Fleming

*Jack and Jill and Other Nursery Rhymes* by Mandy Stanley

*One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* by

*Here Comes Mother Goose* edited by Iona Opie

*There's a Wocket in My Pocket!* by Dr. Seuss

*Silly Sally Went to Town* by Audrey Wood

*Oh Say Can You Say?* by Dr. Seuss

