



BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN - SEPTEMBER, 2010

Books suggested on this list are meant for individual student reading AND shared reading. Parents should continue to read aloud to their children long after the children have mastered independent reading. Hearing a book read aloud that would be too difficult for the child to read alone develops increased vocabulary as well as greater understanding of the language through contextual cues. Above all, it is a wonderful opportunity for special time with your child.

PICTURE BOOKS

AHLBERG, JANET & ALLAN. **EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM**

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

CHILD, LAUREN. **I AM TOO ABSOLUTELY SMALL FOR SCHOOL**

Little sister Lola has decided that while her parents think she is "nearly almost big enough to go to school," she is "absolutely not BIG." Charlie, the narrator, puts forth numerous sound reasons for going to school that Lola counters with her own unique logic. The children's relationship is refreshingly noncombative, with Charlie as the protective and affectionate big brother who is appreciative of, rather than annoyed by, his sister's quirks.

CHODOS-IRVINE, MARGARET. **ELLA SARAH GETS DRESSED**
(CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK)

Despite the advice of others in her family, Ella Sarah persists in wearing the striking and unusual outfits of her own choosing.

DUNREA, OLIVIER. **GOSSIE**

Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots everyday, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere

GOSSIE & GERTIE

Gossie and Gertie are best friends. They splash in the rain, play hide-and-seek, and they dive in the pond together. Everywhere Gossie goes, Gertie goes too. Or does she?

DE REGNIERS, BEATRICE SCHENK. **MAY I BRING A FRIEND?**

A rhyming story where a well-mannered little boy, frequently invited to visit the King and Queen, always asks to bring a friend – and the friends are always wild animals – and always well behaved.

EDWARDS, WALLACE. **ALPHABEASTS**

From Alligator to Zebra, the animal inhabitants of this remarkable residence take you on a most unusual tour of the alphabet.

FERNANDES, EUGENIE. **A DIFFICULT DAY**

Everything goes wrong for Melinda, so she decides she does not like anyone anymore. What will it take to change her mind?

FOX, MEM. **WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP?**

Colours, comparisons, repetitions, and hilarity fill each page of this inviting read aloud. Little ones will look for the green sheep only to discover it at the end of this delightful book.

GAY, MARIE LOUISE. **GOOD MORNING, SAM**

When Stella offers to help her brother, Sam, get dressed, he protests he can do it himself. Naturally, Sam takes a roundabout route to donning his duds, and, as usual, Stella thinks she knows best. But this time, Sam has the last laugh.

GAY, MARIE LOUISE. **GOOD NIGHT, SAM**

Companion to **Good morning, Sam**. The wide-awake Sam recruits his older sister, Stella, to help him find their missing dog so he can go to sleep. The story touches on many fears young children have about the dark.

HAZEN, BARBARA SHOOK. **THE GORILLA DID IT**

A gorilla not only wakes up a little boy, but it also messes up his room and makes his mother angry.

HENKES, KEVIN. **CHRYSANTHEMUM**

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. What will she do? A good beginner story about individuality.

HORSE, HARRY. **LITTLE RABBIT LOST**

On his birthday Little Rabbit thinks he is now a big rabbit, until he gets lost at the Rabbit World Amusement Park. Children will welcome this charming story and will connect with Little Rabbit's anxiety when he's separated from his family and lost in the crowd.

HUTCHINS, HAZEL. **I'D KNOW YOU ANYWHERE**

A charming rhyming book. Jeremy tries to hide among the many toy monsters in his bedroom, but when his father recognizes him, they begin a simple and repetitive game of verbal hide-and-seek.

HYMAN, TRINA SCHAT. **LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD** (CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK)

The retelling of the traditional Grimm story. On her way to deliver a basket of food to her sick grandmother, Elisabeth encounters a sly wolf.

INKPEN, MICK. **KIPPER'S A TO Z: AN ALPHABET ADVENTURE**

Kipper the dog and his friend Arnold world through the alphabet by collecting animals and other things for each letter.

JAMES, SIMON. **LITTLE ONE STEP**

As three duckling brothers cross a forest and a field to return to their mother, the older ones encourage the youngest by teaching him a game that earns him the name of Little One Step.

JOHNSON, STEPHEN. **ALPHABET CITY**

Paintings of objects in an urban setting present the letters of the alphabet.

KOVALSKI, MARYANN. **WHEELS ON THE BUS**

While a grandmother and grandchildren wait for the bus, they sing the title song with such gusto they miss their bus.

MCBRATNEY, SAM. **GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU**

During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father, Big Nutbrown Hare gently shows him that his love is returned even more.

POTTER, BEATRIX. **PETER RABBIT**

The classic cautionary tale – warns naughty children about the grave consequences of misbehaving. When Mrs. Rabbit asks her four children not to go into Mr. McGregor’s garden, the impish Peter takes this as an invitation to create mischief. He quickly gets in over his head, when he is spotted by farmer McGregor himself.

REID, BARBARA. **SUBWAY MOUSE**

Nib lives deep beneath the city. At night the old mice tell stories of the mythical land known as Tunnel’s End. One day, Nib sets out on a quest to find Tunnel’s End. Along the way he faces danger and finds a friend.

SHARMAT, MITCHELL. **GREGORY THE TERRIBLE EATER**

A very picky eater, Gregory the Goat refuses the usual goat diet staples of shoes and tin cans in favour of fruits, vegetables, eggs, and orange juice.

SHAW, NANCY E. **SHEEP IN A JEEP**

A rhyming story about the misadventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep.

STEVENS, JANET AND SUSAN STEVENS CRUMMEL. **AND THE DISH RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON**

When Dish and Spoon run away, their nursery rhyme friends Cat, Cow and Dog set out to rescue them in time for the next evening’s reading of their rhyme.

STEVENSON, JAMES. **WHAT’S UNDER MY BED?**

Grandpa tells his two young houseguests a story about his own childhood when he was scared at bedtime.

WABER, BERNARD. **IRA SLEEPS OVER**

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

WILLEMS, MO. **DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!**
(CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK)

Pigeon dreams of driving a bus and becomes persistent in asking to drive. However, no matter what and telling him no, he then starts over again and starts dreaming of driving big trucks.

SUGGESTED AUTHORS/SERIES

- ERIC CARLE BOOKS
- LOIS EHLERT BOOKS
- LAURA NUMEROFF BOOKS
- ROBERT MUNSCH BOOKS
- CURIOUS GEORGE BOOKS
- BOURGEOIS, PAULETTE - FRANKLIN SERIES
- DUVOISIN, ROGER. PETUNIA THE SILLY GOOSE STORIES
- LONDON, JONATHAN – FROGGY SERIES
- SCHWARTZ, ROSLYN – THE MOLE SISTERS SERIES
- WADDELL, MARTIN – LITTLE BEAR BOOKS

NON-FICTION

ROYSTON, ANGELA. **BABY ANIMALS** (AND OTHER “EYE OPENER” SERIES)

ROYSTON, ANGELA. **RABBIT** (AND OTHER “SEE HOW THEY GROW” SERIES)

POETRY

FITCH, SHEREE. **PEEK-A-LITTLE BOO**

PRELUTSKY, JACK. **READ-A-LOUD RHYMES FOR THE VERY YOUNG**