

For Students Entering Kindergarten

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010



Children entering Kindergarten enjoy colorful picture books, fairy tales, patterns, and language-rich books, such as rhymes, poems, and alphabet books. They are beginning to develop a personal favorite author and illustrator, and should have the opportunity to choose a book that reflects and encourages their interests. The following lists are only suggestions for recreational reading. During the summer months, the public librarians will be happy to help you in the selection of just the right book

Caldecott Medals 2010

The Caldecott Medal is awarded each year by the American Library Association (ALA) to honor the illustrator who had created the most distinguished children's picture book published during the preceding year. The award was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. [See the Newbery and Caldecott winners on the "Today Show"](#)

2010 Winner



The Lion & the Mouse *illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney*

The screech of an owl, the squeak of a mouse and the roar of a lion transport readers to the Serengeti plains for this virtually wordless retelling of Aesop's classic fable. In glowing colors, Pinkney's textured watercolor illustrations masterfully portray the relationship between two unlikely friends.

2010 Honor Books



All the World

illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon

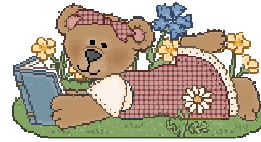


Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors *illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman*

For lists of Caldecott Winners from previous years:

http://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/awards_info/award_detail_home.cfm&FilePublishTitle=Award%20DB&YR=Y

New Books for 2010



The following list of books has been compiled from two lists, School Library Journal's 2009 Best Books List (SLJ Book Review Editors: Trevelyn Jones, Luann Toth, Marlene Charnizon, Daryl Grabarek, and Joy Fleishhacker -- School Library Journal, 12/1/2009, and from the American Library Association's 2010 Notable Book List.

Big Wolf and Little Wolf by Nadine Brun-Cosme

Big Wolf lives alone until Little Wolf appears. Bit by bit, Big Wolf allows Little Wolf to join him in daily activities. Only when Little Wolf goes away does Big Wolf realize how much he cares for his new friend. (A 2010 Batchelder Honor Book.)

Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales by Lucy Cousins.

K-Gr. 2

Bright illustrations in primary colors accompany bold retellings of eight familiar folktales. Young listeners will gobble these up!

Thunder-Boomer! by Shutts Crum

K-Gr 2

On a sweltering summer day, a farm family welcomes a storm that rolls in with fury and leaves behind an unexpected gift: a soaked and shivery kitten.

Chicken Little by Rebecca & Ed Emberley

PreS-Gr 2

The Emberleys revitalize this oft-told fable with bright graphic-style artwork, fun-to-share-aloud sound effects, and an appealing cheeky attitude. With their whirligig eyes and comic pratfalls, Chicken Little and his bird-brained cronies display more cluck than pluck right up to the satisfyingly silly ending.

Let's Do Nothing! by Tony Fucile

PreS-Gr 1

When two boys run out of things to do, Sal comes up with a bright idea and Frankie, being younger, gamely goes along--with hilarious results.

Night Lights by Susan Gal

PreS-Gr 1

Bicycling through village streets in the evening with her mother and arriving at their cozy home for a birthday party, a child experiences different types of illumination, from streetlamps to candlelight to a night-light.

Birds by Kevin Henkes

PreS-K

A young bird-watcher shares her enthusiasm for feathered creatures. Balancing concrete observations with flights of fancy, the buoyant text and sky-bright paintings joyfully convey a child's innate appreciation of nature.

Little Chick by Amy Hest

PreS-Gr 1

Expressive, sun-drenched artwork shows how defeated Little Chick is when her carrot won't grow, her kite won't fly, and a sparkling star won't be caught, but Old-Auntie, with her comforting and loving demeanor, is always there to alleviate the youngster's frustration. A story as reassuring as it is entertaining.

Gracias * Thanks by Pat Mora.

K - Gr. 2

Small pleasures of Latino family life and experiences are captured in nostalgic folk art illustrations. (A 2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.)

Posy by Linda Newbery

PreS - K

Posy the kitten scampers through a busy day tangling yarn and catching spiders. Her antics are described with minimalist art and playful rhyming text perfect for the youngest reader.



Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes by Margie Palatini PreS-Gr 3
A know-it-all fox solicits help from his friends to obtain some difficult-to-reach morsels, but when his convoluted and humorously diagrammed plans fall flat, he declares the grapes sour.

Higher! Higher! by Leslie Patricelli PreS-Gr 1
An exuberant girl with an ear-to-ear grin holds tight to her swing as it soars up and up into space. Safely back home after meeting her extraterrestrial counterpart, she utters the word in readers' minds: "Again!"

Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride by Andrea Davis Pinkney K-Gr 3
This perfectly cadenced picture-book biography starts small and hits its stride when Sojourner speaks her gospel of truth. Luminous artwork by Brian Pinkney sets the scenes and portrays a woman on the move and an indomitable, larger-than-life spirit.

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney PreS-Gr 3
Stunning—and elegantly wordless—version of a well-known Aesop's fable is incandescent with the shimmering hues of its African savannah setting. The artwork's captivating realism and riveting visual perspectives reveal that though these creatures differ in size and stature, they both possess a lion's share of courage and compassion.
(The 2010 Caldecott Award Winner.)

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal K – Gr. 2
Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Simple words and bold illustrations, challenge children with this optical illusion.

Shades of People by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly K – Gr. 2
Images of happy children with many shades and colors of skin show the beauty of all people inside and out.

Epossumondas Plays Possum by Coleen Salley K-Gr 4
The endearing baby possum gets lost in the Louisiana swamp where, distracted by thoughts of the terrifying loup-garou that his mama had warned him about, he nonchalantly plays dead and protects himself from one real-life predator after another.

All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon K-Gr 2
From a morning beach excursion to an evening filled with music and friends, this bright and breezy picture book celebrates the whirlwind of family life in summer. (A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book.)

Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors by Joyce Sidman. K – Gr. 2
Evocative poems celebrate color and enliven the senses as readers follow a woman and her dog surrounded by myriad intricately costumed and stylized figures through the seasons. (A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book.)

Little Mouse Gets Ready by Jeff Smith K-Gr. 1
Little Mouse narrates this story with humor and excitement as he dons clothes and dreams of adventures to come.
(A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

Pigs Make Me Sneeze! by Mo Willems PreS-Gr 3
In this easy reader told entirely through dialogue balloons, Gerald is dismayed by the notion that he might be allergic to his best friend—until Dr. Cat comes to the rescue. The animals' expressions and body language are a riot, and the friends' very real emotions are priceless.

For a complete list of SLJ's Best Books of 2009:
<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6708210.html?q=slj%27s+best+books+of+2009>

For a complete list of ALA's 2010 notable books:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>



Many favorite picture books have been shared by adults and children during story hours, family reading time, and at bedtime. Children will want to experience them over and over again. For more classic picture books, go to <http://www.kidsreads.com/lists/pic-classic.asp> .

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

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault.

Clifford Goes to School by Norman Bridwell

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Curious George by H.A. Rey

George and Martha by James Marshall

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown.

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Hello, Red Fox by Eric Carle

Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

The Mitten by Jan Brett

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

No, David! by David Shannon

Olivia by Ian Falconer

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

Author Websites to explore:



Jan Brett	http://janbrett.com
Eric Carle	http://www.eric-carle.com/
Tomie dePaola	http://www.tomie.com
Kevin Henkes	http://www.kevinhenkes.com
Robert Munsch	http://www.robertmunsch.com/
Margie Palatini	http://www.margiepalatini.com/books.html
Jerry Pinkney	www.jerrypinkneystudio.com
David Shannon	http://www.scholastic.com/titles/nodavid/davidshannon.htm
Dr. Seuss	http://www.seussville.com/
Mo Willems	THE FUNNIEST WEBSITE! http://www.pigeonpresents.com
Audrey Wood	http://audreywood.com/



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