

## 2024 Suggested Reading for Pre-K-Kindergarten

### Fiction

#### **Best, Cari. “This Baby, That Baby” 2024**

In this bouncy, playful picture book for very young listeners, follow two baby friends who live in facing buildings through their day – playing, singing, and napping – till they meet in the park!

**E BEST**

#### **Birdsong, Bea. “Boop!” 2023**

There are so many snoots to boop! Snoots attached to big dogs and little dogs and dogs with beards and those without. Are you ready to boop ALL the snoots?

**E BIRDSONG**

#### **Bunting, Philip. “Wombat” 2023**

From wombat to squarebat to roundbat, and longbat — no bat is left out in this silly and sweet marsupial love story. Quirky, playful text paired with simple, humorous illustrations makes for a hilarious repeat read that both kids and parents can enjoy.

**E BUNTING**

#### **Cabrera, Jane. “The Daily Sniff” 2023**

Ted loves to trot around town and get his latest fill of local news by sniffing everything! One day Ted smells something stinky. Is it the dumpster? The fish market? Ted tries to find the smell with no luck. Until he returns home and finds a lost baby skunk! He'll have to use his nose to reunite the family.

**E CABRERA**

#### **Carle, Eric. “The Very Hungry Caterpillar’s Garden Friends” 2023**

Greet a new friend with each turn of the page as you explore the garden with The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Interactive and educational text encourages young readers to feel and think about each texture they encounter, and Eric Carle's colorful art sets each delightful scene.

**BOARD BOOK C**

**Colombi, Chiara. "Rocket Ship, Solo Trip" 2023**

Rocket is embarking on her first solo mission. Her goal? Place a satellite into orbit to take pictures of the beautiful unknown. With a few words of encouragement from Ground Control, Rocket sparks ignition and blasts off to discover all the beauty of outer space. But when it's time for reentry, she wonders if she can do it alone. With Ground Control's parting words in mind, Rocket trusts that she knows exactly what to do. She returns home at hypersonic speed and excited for her future expeditions maybe next time, to the moon.

**E COLOMBI**

**David, Donna. "Trains Trains Trains!: Find Your Favorite" 2023**

Full of spotting and counting fun, with five trains to find on each page and an exciting fold-out race at the end, this rhyming preschool picture book has been specially developed to encourage pre-reading skills and expand language and vocabulary. With action-packed scenes and fun read-aloud text, this book is just the ticket for any transport-obsessed toddler!

**BOARD BOOK D**

**Dawnay, Gabby. "If I Had a Crocodile" 2023**

In this humorous, energetically rhyming tale, a little girl experiences exactly what life would be like with a wild creature for a pet.

**E DAWNAY**

**Doyle, Ruth. "You are Part of the Wonder" 2024**

Empowers and encourages readers to embrace the world around them by exploring, connecting and finding wonder in nature.

**E DOYLE**

**Ferry, Beth. "Solar Bear" 2024**

Journey with a solar bear who shines a light on the endangered species around the world and join the cause with your own mighty roar in this hopeful love letter to planet Earth and those who inhabit it.

**E FERRY**

**Fraze, Marla. "In Every Life" 2023**

In every life, there is love and loss, hope and joy, wonder and mystery. With glowing art and spare, powerful text, Caldecott Honor-winning creator Marla Frazee celebrates the moments, feelings, and experiences, both big and small, that make up a life.

**E FRAZEE**

**Grabenstein, Chris. "No is All I Know!" 2023**

Toddler Oliver says "no" to everything – from brushing his teeth and cleaning to swinging on the swings – until his cousin Jess comes to visit and Oliver discovers all that is possible when you say "yes."

**E GRABENSTEIN**

**Knudsen, Luigi. "Luigi, the Spider Who Wanted to be a Kitten" 2024**

When a lady mistakes him for kitten, big hairy spider Luigi resists her kind advances until tasty breakfasts and getting tucked into bed convince him otherwise, but he soon learns what might be at stake when you pretend to be someone you're not.

**E KNUDSEN**

**Larsen, Mylisa. "All of those Babies" 2024**

Puffins have pufflings, porcupines have porcupettes, and echidnas have ... puggles?! All these babies start out little, and then, just like humans, they grow and grow. Featuring dozens of different animals, all adorably illustrated by Stephanie Laberis, this book is a celebration of little ones, growing, and love.

**E LARSEN**

**Meissner, Susan. "Pumpkin Day at the Zoo" 2023**

When families donate their used pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns to the zoo, the animals chomp, chew, play, and give hearty hoorays for their favorite squishy squash.

**E MEISSNER**

**Naylor-Ballesteros, Chris. "Frank and Bert" 2023**

Frank and Bert are the best of friends and they LOVE playing hide-and-seek. Bert the bear isn't quite as good at hiding as he thinks he is, though, and when it's Bert's turn to hide, Frank has to decide between winning again OR making his friend happy, and Frank learns that friendship is always the true winner.

**E NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS**

**Pizzoli, Greg. "Mister Kitty is Lost!" 2023**

Mister Kitty is missing somewhere inside this book! Will you help us find him? Join the hunt for five yellow spots, four orange paws, three purple bells, and more, exploring numbers and colors along the way in an interactive countdown. Cutouts interacting with Greg Pizzoli's vivid artwork reveal a surprise after each page turn, all leading up to the BIGGEST twist of all at the end!

**E PIZZOLI**

**Pumphrey, Jerome. "The Old Truck" 2024**

When is an old truck something more? On a small, bustling farm, a resilient and steadfast pickup works tirelessly alongside the family that lives there, and becomes a part of the dreams and ambitions of the family's young daughter. After long days and years of hard work leave the old truck rusting in the weeds, it's time for the girl to roll up her sleeves. Soon she is running her own busy farm, and in the midst of all the repairing and restoring, it may be time to bring her faithful childhood companion back to life.

**BOARD BOOK PUMPHREY**

**Riddiough, Lisa Frankel. "Pie-rats" 2024**

A band of swashbuckling pie-rats has only one goal: to find dessert! Whether it's banana cream, lemon meringue, apple, or cherry, these ravenous rodents will battle storms and scallywags to find the best pie. But will their adventures reveal that there is more than one way to satisfy a sweet tooth? With rollicking rhyme and lively illustrations, this read-aloud will have readers begging for another helping.

**E RIDDIOUGH**

**Roe, Michelle Renee. "I'm Growing Great" 2024**

Beautiful Black and Brown girls with gorgeous natural hairstyles full of flowers, butterflies, and other garden treasures are the stars of this vibrant, rhythmic, and inspiring book from the author/illustrator of "Happy Hair" and "Cool Cuts." Set in a backdrop of nature's glorious color and bounty, it's the perfect springtime read-aloud to promote confidence and self-esteem for girls of all ages.

**E ROE**

**Savage, Chloe. "The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish" 2023**

Dr. Morley and her team arrive in the Arctic Circle, where they encounter such wonders as playful orcas, the glowing aurora borealis, and formidable ice shelves while searching for the giant Arctic jellyfish, a legendary creature no one has ever seen.

**E SAVAGE**

**Straub, Emma. "Very Good Hats" 2023**

Some people think hats are fancy things you can buy at a dressy store, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. In this book, acorns and raspberries are snug hats for your fingers, and an empty pudding cup is a good hat for a stuffed bear. Pajama pants make dangly hats, books can be dramatic hats, and bubbles make very fine hats as well (if temporary).

**E STRAUB**

**Timms, Barry. "This is Not a Unicorn!" 2023**

This book is NOT about a unicorn! Well ... OK, maybe it is! But THIS unicorn has a horn that can turn into the most incredible things – a magic wand, a helicopter, even a space rocket! Join the hilarious adventure and prepare to be amazed by your brilliant new friend. With wonderful wordplay and a funny and sweet friendship at its heart, this is NOT a unicorn book to be missed!

**E TIMMS**

**Toht, Patricia. "Taxi, Go!" 2024**

Today will be a busy day for Taxi! There are plenty of passengers to pick up, and they all need a ride – to a football game, a play, a business meeting, the airport, and more. Whizzing left, right, and through traffic, Taxi has to STOP for red lights and emergency vehicles. But after every stop, stop, stop, it's Taxi ... go, go, GO!

**E TOHT**

**Tullet, Hervé. "Tap! Tap! Tap!: Dance! Dance! Dance!" 2023**

Harnessing his love of dance, the passion of his illustrations, and the great big format of this book, New York Times bestselling author Hervé Tullet invites you to a very special dance: your hand becoming the dancer and the book the dance floor.

**E TULLET**

**Willems, Mo. "Are You Big" 2023**

A simple question sends readers to the far reaches of the universe. From an average-size kid ... to a hot air balloon ... to a storm cloud ... to the M100 Galaxy, size is a matter of perspective. Bold text, expressive art, and real-world science come together in this original Mo Willems STEAM-based, early-learning concept book.

**E WILLEMS**

**Yolen, Jane. "How Do Dinosaurs Learn to be Kind?" 2023**

It is not always easy for a dinosaur to learn how to be kind, but with a little practice, and keeping other people firmly in mind, he can become a one-of-a-kind, very kind dinosaur.

**E YOLEN**

**Yoon, Helen. "Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur?" 2023**

When her best friend, a rather large dinosaur, goes missing after a bath, a little girl tries everything, including snacks, to find him.

**E YOON**

## **Nonfiction**

**Brunetti, Ivan. "Shapes and Shapes" 2023**

In this fun, educational STEAM graphic novel by a master cartoonist, a diverse group of elementary school students learn about geometry and the simple shapes that make up our world, in both the classroom and the playground.

**J GN BRUNETTI**

**Charles, Tami. "Ketanji Brown Jackson: A Justice for All" 2023**

Discover the incredible story of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who followed her childhood dream of becoming a lawyer and eventually became the first Black woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court in this picture book biography.

**J BIO JACKSON**

**Fox, Kate Allen. "A Few Beautiful Minutes" 2023**

What happens during a solar eclipse? Sky gazers experience a total solar eclipse in this descriptive picture book about the wonders of this phenomenon.

**J 523.78 FOX**

**Guillain, Charlotte. "The River that Flows Beside Me" 2023**

Take a journey from the river source in the rocky peaks all the way to the wide-open river mouth, passing gorges, waterfalls, farms, docks, and more. From brown bears fishing for salmon to oxbow lakes, there are amazing creatures and fascinating landscapes to discover along the way.

**J 577.64 GUILLAIN**

**Higgins, Carter. "Some of These are Snails" 2023**

From the creative force behind "Circle Under Berry" comes a deceptively simple picture book exploring sorting, comparatives, and quantifiers that teases the brain, twists expectations, and teaches basic ideas in unusual ways. A page-turner for first-time page-turners, this kaleidoscopic compendium shows young readers the infinite variability of perspective inherent in even our foundational concepts.

**E Higgins**

**Hodgson, Rob. "When Moon Became the Moon" 2023**

This delightfully fun exploration into the moon both informs and entertains, and helps young readers make sense of the world around them. The charming protagonist, Moon, sparsely narrates her story in eleven short chapters with text bubbles and vignettes sprinkled in to provide wit, style, and humor. Young audiences will immediately connect to the colorful, whimsical art and welcome a sense of accomplishment in devouring this unexpected, yet wholly accessible scientific book.

**J 523.3 HODGSON**

**Ignotofsky, Rachel. "What's Inside a Caterpillar Cocoon?: And Other Questions About Moths & Butterflies" 2023**

Butterflies soar in the sunlight. While moths flutter under the moon and stars. Find out more about these mysterious and majestic insect's similarities and differences, and their awestruck metamorphosis!

**J 595.789 IGNOTOFSKY**

**Littleboy, Molly. "Digger" 2023**

Diggers are so exciting! Children can learn all about how they work with this interactive board book that features layered die cut pages throughout. Learn how they move, what they do at the construction site, and more. Packed with fun facts and accessible information, this first introduction to diggers is perfect for curious toddlers who love construction vehicles.

**BOARD BOOK L**

**Madison, Megan. "Every Body: A First Conversation About Bodies" 2023**

Developed by experts in the fields of early childhood and activism against injustice, this book offers clear, concrete language and imagery to introduce the concept of body positivity. This book serves to celebrate the uniqueness of your body and all bodies, and address the unfair rules and ideas that currently exist about bodies. It ends with motivational action points for making the world more fair for all!

**J 306.4613 MADISON**

**Milbourne, Anna. "Peek Inside Dinosaurs" 2023**

Learn facts about dinosaurs! Children can lift the flaps and peep through the holes in the pages to find out where dinosaurs lived, what they ate and what happened to them.

**BOARD BOOK M**

**Roy, Katherine. "Making More: How Life Begins" 2023**

From fish to mammals and plants to insects, every organism on Earth must reproduce, and the survival of each species – and of life itself – depends on this and the diversity it creates. In this groundbreaking book, Katherine Roy distills the science of reproduction into its simplest components: organisms must meet, merge their DNA, and grow new individuals; and she thoughtfully highlights the astonishing variety of this process with examples from across the natural world, from plants to insects to fish, birds, mammals, and more.

**J 571.8 ROY**

**Yee, Patrick. "123 Book" 2023**

Count to 10 starting with a pink flamingo standing on one foot up to a pair of socks with ten toes!

**BOARD BOOK Y**



