Books to Read with Kindergarteners

LaRochelle, David. How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans
Levy, Debbie. I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark (Picture Book Biographies)
Lionni, Leo. Frederick
Lin, Grace. The Ugly Vegetables
London, Jonathan. Froggy’s Birthday Wish
Long, Melinda. How I Became a Pirate
Maier, Brenda. The Little Red Fort
Matheson, Christie. Tap the Magic Tree
McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal
McAllister, Angela. My Mom Has X-Ray Vision
McNamara, Margaret. How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?
Moon, Nicola. Lucy’s Pictures
Murphy, Stuart. Missing Mittens
Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give a Moose a Muffin
Palacio, R.J. We’re All Wonders
Palatini, Margie. Lousy Rotten Stinkin’ Grapes
Pallotta, Jerry. Dory Story
Parr, Todd. Love the World
Pilegard, Virginia Walton. The Warlord’s Puzzle
Pinczes, Elinor J. One Hundred Hungry Ants
Pinkney, Jerry. The Lion & the Mouse
Priceman, Marjorie. How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World
Rawlinson, Julia. Fletcher and the Falling Leaves
Ray, Mary Lyn. Stars
Reynolds, Aaron. Creepy Carrots
Rubin, Adam. Dragons Love Tacos
Rueda, Claudia. Let’s Play in the Forest While the Wolf Is Not Around
Rylant, Cynthia. Scarecrow
Scieszka, Jon. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
Shannon, David. A Bad Case of Stripes
Shannon, Margaret. The Red Wolf
Sloat, Teri. Farmer Brown Shears His Sheep
Steptoe, John. Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters
Stevens, Janet. Tops and Bottoms
Sturges, Philemon. The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza
Tullet, Hervé. Press Here
Valdez, Patricia. Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: the Woman Who Loved Reptiles (Picture Book Biographies)
Wellington, Monica. Riki’s Birdhouse
Wells, Rosemary. Bunny Money
Willems, Mo. We Are in a Book!
Wilson, Karma. Bear Says Thanks
Wood, Audrey. King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub
Woolf, Bethan. Little Red
Zemach, Margot. It Could Always Be Worse
Reading Together Makes a Difference!

- **Love Books (Print Motivation):** Being interested in and enjoying books.
- **Use Books (Print Awareness):** Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and how to follow the words on a page.
- **See Letters (Letter Knowledge):** Knowing that letters look different from each other and have different names and sounds.
- **Tell a Story (Narrative Skills):** The ability to describe things and events and tell stories.
- **Make Sounds (Phonological Awareness):** Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.
- **New Words (Vocabulary):** Knowledge of words and their meanings.

Find these favorites in the Picture Book section by the author’s last name and in the section noted in the parentheses.

Ahlberg, Allan. *The Pencil*
Ajmera, Maya. *Be My Neighbor*
Aylesworth, Jim. *The Tale of Tricky Fox*
Baker, Keith. *LMNO Peas (Alphabet)*
Baldt, Mike. *123 Versus ABC (Counting)*
Bonwill, Ann. *I Don’t Want to Be a Pea*
Bee, William. *Worst in Show*
Breen, Steven. *Woodpecker Wants a Waffle*
Brett, Jan. *Gingerbread Baby*
Burcaw, Shane. *Not So Different: What You Really Want to Know about Having a Disability* (Picture Book Biographies)
Campoy, F. Isabel. *Maybe Something Beautiful*
Catherine, Friend. *The Perfect Nest*
Chandra, Deborah. *George Washington’s Teeth*
Churnin, Nancy. *Manjhi Moves a Mountain* (Picture Book Biographies)
Clickard, Carrie. *Dumpling Dreams: How Joyce Chen Brought the Dumpling from Beijing to Cambridge* (Picture Book Biographies)
Cole, Henry. *On Meadowview Street*
Cooper, Helen. *Pumpkin Soup*
Cox, Judy. *My Family Plays Music*
Crews, Nina. *The Neighborhood Mother Goose* (Nursery Rhymes)
Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Worm*
Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Quit (Colors)*
de la Peña, Matt. *The Last Stop on Market Street*
dePaola, Tomie. *The Art Lesson*
DiPuccio, Kelly. *Everyone Loves Cupcake*
DiTerlizzi, Tony. *Jimmy Zangwow’s Out-of-This World Moon Pie Adventure*
Donaldson, Julia. *The Gruffalo*
Donofrio, Beverly. *Mary and the Mouse, the Mouse and Mary*
Ehlert, Lois. *Cuckoo* (Bilingual)
Empson, Jo. *Little Home Bird*
Falconer, Ian. *Olivia and the Fairy Princesses*
Fleischman, Paul. *Weslandia*
Fleming, Candace. *Clever Jack Takes the Cake*
Frazee, Marla. *Boot and Shoe*
Gay, Marie-Louise. *Stella, Queen of the Snow*
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*
Gray, Kes. *Frog on a Log?*
Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*
Hesse, Karen. *Come On, Rain!*
Higgins, Ryan T. *Mother Bruce*
Hughes, Alison. *What Matters*
Hutchins, Pat. *The Doorbell Rang*
Kasza, Keiko. *Finders Keepers*
Khan, Rukhsana. *Big Red Lollipop*
Klassen, Jon. *I Want My Hat Back*
Jeffers, Oliver. *Stuck*
Johnson, Angela. *Violet’s Music*
Karas, G. Brian. *As an Oak Tree Grows*
Kerley, Barbara. *One World, One Day*
Kimmel, Eric. *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*
Klise, Kate. *Imagine Harry*
Knudsen, Michelle. *Library Lion*