

Kindergarten Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your kindergarten child will enjoy. They were jointly selected by the librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for kindergarten children.

Although these titles were chosen mainly to be read aloud, toward the end of the kindergarten year some children may be able also to read a few of these titles independently. Many children will also “pretend-read” these stories, particularly ones they have heard over and over. If this happens, give your child lots of praise and encouragement, since “pretend reading” is an important early step on the road to “real reading.”

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. If a book is a “hit” with a child, parents may well end up reading it again and again. It’s much more pleasant to reread books we really like!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child’s teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don’t have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children’s sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction

Ackerman, Karen	Song and Dance Man
Alborough, Jez	It’s the Bear
Axtell, David	We’re Going on a Lion Hunt
Barrett, Judi	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Bloom, Becky	Wolf!
Burningham, John	Mr. Gumpy’s Outing
Carle, Eric	The Very Clumsy Click Beetle
Cronin, Doreen	Diary of a Worm
De Groat, Diane	Happy Birthday to You, You Belong in a Zoo
Donaldson, Julia	The Gruffalo
Ehlert, Lois	Feathers for Lunch
Falconer, Ian	Olivia
Fox, Mem	Whoever You Are
Freyman, Saxton	How Are You Peeling? : Foods with Moods
Gliori, Debi	No Matter What
Henkes, Kevin	Chrysanthemum
Hest, Amy	Off to School, Baby Duck!
Hutchins, Pat	Rosie’s Walk
Joose, Barbara M.	Mama, Do You Love Me?
Koller, Jackie French	One Monkey Too Many
Kudrna, C. Imbier	To Bathe a Boa
Lester, Helen	Tacky the Penguin
Lester, Helen	Hooway for Wodney Wat
London, Jonathan	Froggy Gets Dressed
Madrigal, Antonio Hernandez	Erandi’s Braids
McBratney, Sam	Guess How Much I Love You
Miranda, Anne	To Market, to Market
Rohmann, Eric	My Friend Rabbit
Schachner, Judith Byron	The Grannyman
Seuss, Dr.	The Cat in the Hat
Shannon, David	No, David!
Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep
Slate, Joseph	Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten
Steig, William	Pete’s a Pizza

Book List *continued*

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie	Elizabeti’s Doll
Voight, Cynthia	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Wells, Rosemary	Noisy Nora
Wells, Rosemary	Read Me a Story
Westcott, Nadine Bernard	Peanut Butter and Jelly : a Play Rhyme
Wood, Douglas	What Dads Can’t Do
Yolen, Jane	How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?
Zolotow, Charlotte	I Know a Lady

Non-Fiction

Aylesworth, Jim	The Full Belly Bowl
Cowley, Joy	Red-eyed Tree Frog
Jenkins, Steve	What Do You Do with a Tail like This?
Kindersley, Barnabas	Children Just like Me
Levenson, George	Pumpkin Circle: the Story of a Garden
Osborne, Mary Pope	Kate and the Beanstalk



The Cat in the Hat, by Dr. Seuss
Published by Random House

Long Beach Public Libraries

- MAIN LIBRARY**570-7500
101 Pacific Avenue
- ALAMITOS**570-1037
1836 E.Third Street
- BACH**570-1038
4055 Bellflower Blvd.
- BAY SHORE**570-1039
195 Bay Shore Avenue
- BREWITT**570-1040
4036 E.Anaheim Street
- BURNETT**570-1041
560 E. Hill Street
- DANA**570-1042
3680 Atlantic Avenue
- EL DORADO**570-3136
2900 Studebaker Road
- HARTE**570-1044
1595 W.Willow Street
- LOS ALTOS**570-1045
5614 Britton Drive
- MARK TWAIN**570-1046
1325 E.Anaheim Street
- NORTH**570-1047
5571 Orange Avenue

Los Angeles County Library

- IACOBONI**866-1777
4990 N. Clark Avenue, Lakewood



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