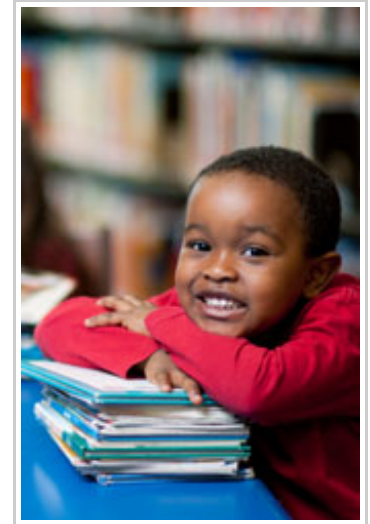


# 50 Books Your Child Should Read Before Kindergarten

A reading list, for kindergarten? Though they're not exactly required reading, these 50 books, both old and new, make a top-notch reading that young kinders shouldn't miss. They run the gamut from read-alouds that parents can share to early reading practice, and deal with topical subjects (like fear of school), skills kids should master (such as the alphabet), and, of course, flat-out fun! So hunker down and get reading!



1. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
2. *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmel or *Anansi the Spider* by Gerald McDermott
3. *Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer
4. The Berenstain Bears series by Stan and Jan Berenstain
5. *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
6. *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
7. *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams
8. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
9. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin
10. *Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
11. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judy Barrett
12. *Curious George* by H.A. Rey
13. *Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff
14. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* By Mo Willems
15. *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
16. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
17. *Froggy Gets Dressed* or *Froggy Goes to School* by Jonathan London
18. *George and Martha* by James Marshall
19. *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
20. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
21. *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
22. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* By Jane Yolen
23. *I Stink!* By Kate McMullen
24. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura J. Numeroff
25. *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
26. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback
27. *Leo, the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
28. *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* by Bernard Waber
29. *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
30. *The Magic School Bus Series* by Joanna Cole
31. *Martha Speaks* by Susan Meddaugh
32. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
33. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate
34. *Miss Nelson is Missing!* By Harry Allard and James Marshall
35. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater
36. *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
37. *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

38. *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
39. *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch
40. *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig
41. *Pierre: A Cautionary Tale* by Maurice Sendak
42. *Puss in Boots* by Charles Perrault
43. *Rapunzel* by Paul O. Zelinsky
44. *Strega Nona* by Tomie De Paola
45. *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
46. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig
47. *Tough Boris* by Mem Fox
48. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by A. Wolf, by John Scieszka
49. *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
50. *Yoko* by Rosemary Wells