

The 2023-2024

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Book List

Recommended Books for Preschool Children

Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home by Lindsay Moore (Greenwillow). This informative picture book follows the true story of a sea turtle's 25,000-mile swim home after years of rehabilitation in captivity. (*nonfiction*)

Finding Fire by Logan S. Kline (Candlewick). A young prehistoric boy searches for fire to keep his family warm. Detailed illustrations and readers' imaginations help this wordless picture book come to life! (*fiction*)

Daddy's Hugs and Snuggles by Linda Ashman (Cartwheel Books). Celebrate the many ways fathers love and care for their children with this rhyming picture book. The predictable text allows young children to memorize and read along. (*poetry*)

Rumble, Rumble, Dinosaur by Katrina Charman (Bloomsbury Children's Books). Set to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, this colorful picture book follows different dinosaurs as they go about their days. A perfect read for dinosaur lovers of all ages. (*fiction*)

Tap! Tap! Tap! Dance! Dance! Dance! by Hervé Tullet (Chronicle Books). The pages in this large interactive picture book become a dance floor for readers' hands. Preschoolers will enjoy the bright illustrations while strengthening their creativity and fine motor skills. (*fiction*)

Fire Chief Fran by Linda Ashman (Astra Young Readers). Rhyming sentences and colorful collage illustrations showcase an action-packed day in the life of a fire chief. Young readers will learn about the importance of fire safety. (*fiction*)

The Animal Song by Jonty Howley (Random House). Three talented animals decide to form a traveling band and perform for other animals in the woods. But what will happen when hibernation time sets in? There is even an accompanying website that features original music composed by the author. (*fiction*)

How to Talk Like a Bear by Charlie Grandy (Flamingo Books). Would your child like to learn how to talk like a bear? If so, this silly story is the perfect read-aloud picture book. It will have preschoolers cracking up! (*fiction*)

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise (Christy Ottaviano Books). This award-winning book follows Owl and the challenges he faces while standing guard during Knight Night Watch. Find out what happens when he comes face to face with an intruder. (*fiction*)

How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to the Outside by Kari Percival (Penguin). Help your preschooler learn about the process of planting a garden in this engaging picture book about nature and making things grow. (*nonfiction*)



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My First Brain Quest ABCs: A Question-and-Answer Book (Workman Publishing). Help your preschooler learn the letters of the alphabet, build vocabulary and develop thinking skills with this colorful and question-filled alphabet guide. (*nonfiction*)

Nervous Nigel by Bethany Christou (Templar). Nigel comes from a long line of competitive swimmers. As much as he loves the water, he hates to compete. Find out if Nigel finds the courage to tell his family the truth in this story about being true to yourself. (*fiction*)

Also by E.B. Goodale (Clarion Books). Celebrate the power of memory, the passing of time, and family bonds in this award-winning picture book that explores the memories of three generations. (*fiction*)

Ice Cream Face by Heidi Woodward Sheffield (Nancy Paulsen Books). Ice cream lovers will eat up this sweet story about a little boy who loves ice cream more than anything else. (*fiction*)

This Little Engineer: A Think-and-Do Primer

by Joan Holub (Little Simon). This STEM-based board book introduces readers to 12 real-life engineers and the contributions they have made to the world. Preschoolers will enjoy the simple text and cartoon-style illustrations. (*nonfiction*)

Ricky, the Rock That Couldn't Roll by Mr. Jay (New Paige Press). What happens when a group of friends get together and discover that one of them can't roll? Find out in this inspiring story about perseverance and the power of friendship. (*fiction*)

Farmhouse by Sophie Blackall (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers). This award-winning picture book follows the daily lives of a large family that once lived in an old farmhouse on a dairy farm. (*fiction*)

Counting With Frida by Patty Rodriguez and Ariana Stein (Lil' Libros). Introduce your preschooler to numbers in English and Spanish with this counting book featuring images inspired by the art of Frida Kahlo—one of Mexico's most famous painters. (*nonfiction*)

Too Early by Nora Ericson (Harry N. Abrams). This picture book captures the precious and exhausting world of early mornings with young children. The story's soothing rhythm and calm, blue illustrations are sure to make this book a family favorite. (*fiction*)

Luli and the Language of Tea by Andrea Wang (Neal Porter Books). Luli can't speak English, and neither can the other kids in her English language learners class. Discover how Luli brings them all together by sharing her pot of tea. (*fiction*)

Me and the Boss: A Story About Mending and Love by Michelle Edwards (Anne Schwartz Books). Lee loves his older sister, even though she is bossy and protective. This award-winning book explores the pros and cons of having an older sibling. (*fiction*)

That's Not My Name by Anoosha Syed (Viking Books for Young Readers). Mirha is excited for the first day of school, but when her classmates mispronounce her name, she must decide what to do. (*fiction*)

