

## **Read Alouds Organized by Theme**

### **Alphabet Books**

Alphabet Puzzle, Jill Downie  
Alphabatics, Suse Macdonald  
Alphabet Under Construction, Denise Fleming  
The Alphabet Tree, Leo Lionni  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, John Archambault  
Curious George Learns the Alphabet, H.A. Rey  
Eating the Alphabet, Lois Ehlert  
Journey Around New York From A-Z, Martha Zschock  
26 Letters and 99 Cents, Tana Hoban  
The Ultimate Alphabet, Mike Wilks  
A Weather Alphabet, Pat Michaels

### **New York**

Axle Annie, Robin Pulver  
Cricket in Times Square, Joseph Selden  
Duck for President, Doreen Cronin  
E is for Empire, Ann Burg  
New York, Sarah Decapua  
Punctuation Takes a Vacation, Robin Pulver  
Tar Beach, Faith Ringgold  
The Adventures of Taxi Dog, Debra Barracca  
The Niagara Falls Mystery, Gertrude Warner

### **Back to School**

Brand-new Pencils, Brand-new Books, Diane DeGroat  
Chrysanthemum, Kevin Henkes  
David Goes to School, David Shannon  
First Day Jitters, Julie Danneberg  
If Everybody Did, Joann Stover  
It's Hard to Share My Teacher, Joan Prestine  
My First Day of School, P.K. Hallinan  
Recess Queen, Alexis O'Neill  
Summer's End, Marybeth Boelts  
The Kissing Hand, Audrey Penn  
The Night Before First Grade, Natasha Wing  
What I Did On My Summer Vacation, Marc Teague  
Will I Have Friends? Miriam Cohen

## **Seasons**

### **Fall**

Apples and Pumpkins, Anne Rockwell  
Autumn Leaves, Gail Smith  
Autumn Story, Jill Barklem  
Big Pumpkin, Erica Silverman  
Fall is Here! Elaine Good  
Fresh Fall Leaves, Betsy Franco  
I am a Leaf, Jean Marzollo  
It's Fall! Linda Glaser  
In November, Cynthia Rylant  
Pumpkin Fiesta, Caryn Yakowitz  
Scarecrow, Cynthia Rylant  
The Reasons for Seasons, Gail Gibbons  
When Autumn Comes, Robert Maass

### **Winter**

A Little Bit of Winter, Paul Stewart  
A Winter Day, Douglas Florian  
Arctic Fives Arrive, Elinor Pinczes  
Brave Irene, William Steig  
In the Snow, Huy Lee  
Is That You, Winter? Stephen Gammell  
Old Winter, Judith Richardson  
Snow Dance, Lezlie Evans  
Snow Day, Betsy Maestro  
The First Snow, David Christiana  
The Mitten, Jan Brett  
The Polar Express, Chris Allsburg  
The Snowy Day, Ezra Keats  
Winter Poems, Barbara Rogasky

### **Summer**

A Fourth of July on the Plains, Jean Van Leeuwen  
A Summer Day, Douglas Florian  
A Summertime Song, Irene Haas  
Camp Granada, Frane Lessac  
Fireflies at Midnight, Marilyn Singer  
From the Bellybutton of the Moon and other Summer Poems, Francisco Alarcon  
It's Summertime! Elaine Good  
One Hot Summer Day, Nina Crews  
Summer, June Factor  
The Summer of the Monkeys, Wilson Rawls

## **Spring**

All About Seeds, Melvin Berger  
Are You Spring? Caroline Pitcher  
Catch that Hat! Emma Clark  
Chicken and Egg, Christine Back  
Dandelions, Mia Posada  
First Day of Spring, Sharon Gordon  
Growing Vegetable Soup, Lois Ehlert  
How do you Know it's Spring, Allan Fowler  
I Love Spring! Stephen Kroll  
It's Spring, Samantha Berger  
Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems, Francisco Alarcon  
Planting a Rainbow, Lois Ehlert  
Poems for Spring, Robert Hull  
Rain, Robert Kolan  
Rain Drop Splash, Alvin Tresselt  
Seeds Grow, Angela Medearis  
Spring, Ron Hirschi  
Spring: An Alphabet Acrostic, Steven Schnur  
Spring Changes, Ellen Senisi  
Spring Song, Barbara Seuling  
Swamp Spring, Carol Carrick  
The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring, Lucille Clifton  
The Happy Day, Ruth Krauss  
The Seed, Eric Carle  
The Ugly Duckling, Christian Anderson  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle  
This is Rain, Jane Wattenberg  
When Spring Comes, Robert Maass  
When the Earth Wakes, Ani Rucki

## **Character Traits**

### **Caring**

The Lion and the Mouse, Aesop  
Who's Sick Today? Lynne Cherry  
The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein  
A Chair for my Mother, Vera Williams  
Love You Forever, Robert Munsch  
On Mother's Lap, Ann Herbert Scott

### **Responsibility**

The Little Engine that Could, Watty Piper  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Virginia Lee Burton  
Why Work, Judi Jennings  
The Lorax, Dr. Suess

**Fairness**

One Fine Day, Nonny Hogronian  
When Sophie Gets Angry, Molly Bang

**Respect**

Crow Boy, Taro Yoshima  
Ira Sleeps Over, Bernard Waber  
Peppe the Lamplighter, Elisa Bartone

**Citizenship**

The Garden of Happiness, Erika Tamar  
Grandfather's Dream, Hollu Keller  
The Great Kapok Tree, Lynne Cherry  
Officer Buckle and Gloria, Peggy Rathman  
A Very Important Day, Maggie Herold

**Honesty**

A Big, Fat, Enormous Lie, Marjorie Sharmat  
A Day's Work, Eve Bunting  
Jessica's Secret, Lillie Mazyck  
Leonard the Llama that Lied, Susan Cameron  
Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire, Miriam Cohen  
The Gold Coin, Alma Flor Ada  
Too Many Tamales, Gary Soto

**Communities**

The Gardener, Sarah Stewart  
The Scrambled States of America, Laurie Keller  
The Cow that Went Oink, Bernard Most  
Gooseberry Park, Cynthia Rylant  
Charlotte's Web, E.B. White  
Old MacDonald Had an Apartment House, Judi Barrett  
Tar Beach, Faith Ringgold  
Roxaboxen, Alice McLerran  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Judi Barrett  
My Street, Rebecca Treays  
My Town, Rebecca Treays  
When I was Young in the Mountains, Cynthia Rylant

**Chapter Books**

All About Sam, Lois Lowry  
Charlotte's Web, E.B. White  
Fantastic Mr. Fox, Ronald Dahl  
Fluffy Books, Kate McMullen  
Indian in the Cupboard, Lynne Banks  
Ira Sleeps Over, Bernard Waber  
James and the Giant Peach, Ronald Dahl  
Junie B. Jones Series, Barbara Park

Knights of the Kitchen Table, Jon Scieska  
Magic Tree House Series, Mary Pope Osborne  
Matilda, Ronald Dahl  
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle, Betty MacDonald  
Ralph and the Motorcycle, Beverly Cleary  
Ramona Series, Beverly Cleary  
The Dragons of BlueLand, Ruth Gannett  
The School Mouse, Dick Smith  
The Stories Julian Tells, Anne Cameron  
The Twits, Ronald Dahl  
Trumpet of the Swan, E.B. White

### **Thanksgiving**

1, 2, 3 Thanksgiving, Lisa Nikola  
A Turkey for Thanksgiving, Eve Bunting  
Cranberry Thanksgiving, Wende Devlin  
First Thanksgiving, Linda Hayward  
How Many Days to America? Eve Bunting  
I know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie, Alison Jackson  
If you Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620, Ann McGovern  
Legend of the Indian Paint Brush, Tomie DePaola  
Meet the North American Indians, Elizabeth Payne  
People of the Breaking Day, Marcia Sewall  
On the Mayflower, Kate Waters  
Silly Tilly's Thanksgiving Dinner, Lillian Hoban  
Sometimes it's Turkey, Sometimes it's Feathers, Lorna Balian  
The Pilgrims First Thanksgiving,  
Three Little Pilgrims, Janet Craig  
Twas the Night before Thanksgiving, Dav Pilkey

### **Rhyme**

Barnyard Banter, Denise Fleming  
Four Fierce Kittens, Joyce Dunbar  
Is your Mama a Llama, Deborah Guarino  
Is it Time? Marilyn Janovitz  
Johnny Crow's Garden, Leslie Brooke  
Just Baked the Cake, B.G. Hennessy  
One Bear, One Dog, Paul Strickland  
Red Cat, White Cat, Peter Mandel  
Rise and Shine, Nancy Carlstrom  
Silly Sally, Audrey Wood  
Sun is Falling, Night is Calling, Laurie Leuck  
The Zoo at Night, Mary Robinson

### **Non-fiction**

A Tree is Growing, Arthur Dorros  
Apples of Your Eye, Allan Fowler  
Comets, Meteors, and Asteroids, Seymour Simon  
Bats, Gail Gibbons  
Communication, Alik  
Do Stars Have Points? Melvin Berger  
Fire! Joy Masoff  
Foxes, Emilie Lepthien  
How Teddy Bears are Made, Ann Morris  
Slinky, Scaly, Slithering Snakes, Dorothy Patent  
Spiders, Gail Gibbons  
The Planets, Gail Gibbons  
The Post Office Book, Gail Gibbons  
Whales, John Wexo  
What Instrument is this? Rosemarie Hausherr  
What Neat Feet, Hana Machotka  
Why Do Leaves Change Colors? Betsy Maestro

### **Earth**

A Tree is Nice, Janice Udry  
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain, Alex Verma  
Dear Children of the Earth, Schim Schimmel  
Just a Dream, Chris VanAllsburg  
Tropical Rain Forests, Gail Gibbons  
Oil Spill, Melvin Berger  
One Day in the Desert, Jean George  
One Day in the Prairie, Jean George  
One Light, One Sun, Raffi  
Recycle, Gail Gibbons  
The Earth is Good, Michael DeMunn  
The Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest, Lynne Cherry  
The Small, Small Pond, Denise Fleming  
Where Once There Was a Wood, Denise Fleming

### **Ocean**

A Dolphin is Not a Fish, Betsy Chessen  
Atlantic, Brian Karas  
Baby Whale, Lynn Wilson  
Ocean, Susan Canizares  
Ocean Life, Brenda Guiberson  
Sharks, Carolyn MacLulich  
Starfish Stars of the Sea, Connie Roop  
The Sea, Brian Williams  
The Seaside Naturalists, Deborah Coulumbe  
Treasure for our Sand Castle, Chuck Robinson  
Whales and Dolphins, Vincent Serventy

## **Math**

### **Counting**

12 Ways to Get to 11, Eve Merriam  
Bunches and Bunches of Bunnies, Matthews  
Counting Crocodiles, Judy Sierra  
Just Enough Carrots, Stuart Murphy  
Mice Twice, Joseph Low  
Mission Addition, Laureen Leedy  
Monster Math, Grace Maccarone  
One Hungry Cat, Joanne Rocklin  
What Comes in 2's, 3's, 4's? Suzanne Aker

### **Fractions**

Each Orange had 8 Slices, Paul Giganti  
Eating Fractions, Bruce McMillan  
Fraction Action, Loreen Leedy  
Fraction Fun, David Adler  
Gator Pie, Louise Mathews  
Pigs in the Pantry, Amy Axelrod  
Give Me Half! Stuart Murphy  
The Doorbell Rang, Pat Hutchins

### **Geometry**

Grandfather Tang's Story, Ann Tompert  
The Greedy Triangle, Marilyn Burns  
The Quilt, Ann Jonas  
The Silly Story of Goldie Locks and the Three Squares, Grace Maccarone

### **Measurement**

How Big is a Foot? Rolf Myller  
Inch by Inch, Leo Lionni  
Jim and the Beanstalk, Raymond Briggs  
Mirette on the High Wire, Emily Arnold  
Sir Cumference and the First Round Table, Cindy Neuschwander

### **Money**

Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday, Judith Viorst  
Jelly Beans For Sale, Bruce McMillan  
A Chair for my Mother, Vera Williams  
Let's Find out About Money, Kathy Barabas  
Pigs Will be Pigs, Amy Axelrod

### **Sequencing**

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? Nancy Carlstrom  
The Napping House, Audrey Wood  
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples' Ears, Vera Aardema  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle  
The Little Red Hen, Lucida Moore

**Place Value**

How Much is a Million, Schwartz  
One Hundred Hungry Ants, Elinor Pinczes  
The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, Angela Medearis  
The Kings Commissioners, Aileen Friedman  
The Wolfs Chicken Stew, Keiko Kasza

**Problem Solving and Probability**

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? Nancy Carlstrom  
Jumanji, Chris Van Allsburg  
No Fair! Caren Holtzman  
Purple, Green, and Yellow, Robert Munsch  
Round Trip, Ann Jonas  
Sea Squares, Jay Hulme

**Time**

8'o Cluck, Jill Creighton  
Bats Around the Clock, Kathi Appelt  
Just a Minute, Teddy Slater  
Telling Time with Big Mamma Cat, Dan Harper  
The Grouchy Ladybug, Eric Carle  
Time to..., Bruce McMillan  
What Time is it? Judith Grey

**Multicultural**

Anna's Athabaskan Summer, Arnold Griese  
Bitter Bananas, Ed Young  
Cherry Tree, Willo Davis  
Distant Talking Drum, Frane Lessac  
How do you Raise a Raisin? Pam Munoz Ryan  
Isla, Arthur Dorros  
Long Silk Strand, Laura Williams  
Maudolina: A Girl Who Wants to go to School, Joel Bognomo  
My Name is Jorge, Jane Medina  
Not a Copper Penny in me House, Monica Gunning  
Read for me, Mama, Vashanti Rahaman  
Street Rhymes Around the World, Jane Yolen  
The Hundredth Name, Michael Hays  
Vacation in the Village, Grace Lee  
Whispering Cloth, Anita Riggio