

# 50 books to read before kindergarten

In partnership with the Russell County School District, and sponsored by Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant, RCPL has selected our top 50 books recommended for families to read with their children before starting kindergarten.

Use the enclosed list to track your progress. Start at the beginning, the end, or anywhere in the middle - just start reading TODAY!



- o **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst
- o **Anansi the Spider** by Gerald McDermott
- o **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
- o **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
- o **Big Fat Hen** by Keith Baker
- o **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr.
- o **A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams
- o **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr.
- o **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin
- o **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett
- o **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
- o **Danny and the Dinosaur: School Days** by Syd Hoff
- o **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
- o **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** by Eileen Christelow
- o **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel
- o **Froggy Goes to School** by Jonathan London
- o **Go, Dog. Go!** by PD Eastman
- o **Goodnight, Little One** by Margaret Wise Brown
- o **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
- o **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson
- o **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion
- o **How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?** by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague
- o **How to Catch a Star** by Oliver Jeffers
- o **I Stink!** by Kate & Jim McMullan



- o **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss
- o **Owen** by Kevin Henkes
- o **Owl Babies** by Martin Waddell
- o **Pete's a Pizza** by William Steig
- o **Peter's Chair** by Ezra Jack Keats
- o **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig
- o **The Fish With the Deep Sea Smile** by Margaret Wise Brown
- o **The Little Red Hen** by Paul Galdone
- o **The Mitten** by Jan Brett
- o **The Story of Ferdinand** by Munro Leaf
- o **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka
- o **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
- o **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
- o **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
- o **I Went Walking** by Sue Williams
- o **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
- o **In the Tall, Tall Grass** by Denise Fleming
- o **Jamberry** by Bruce Degen
- o **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat** by Simms Taback
- o **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
- o **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes
- o **Llama Llama Red Pajama** by Anna Dewdney
- o **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
- o **Mouse Paint** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- o **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann
- o **Olivia** by Ian Falconer