

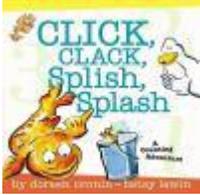
# Shaker Heights Schools

## Kindergarten Reading List



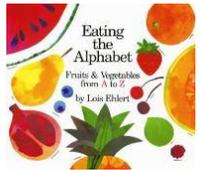
Recommended by your Shaker Schools Librarians

## Alphabet Books



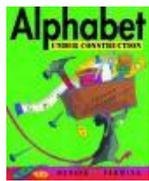
**Cronin, Doreen**     *Click Clack, Quackity Quack; An Alphabetical Adventure*

Duck won't tell what the animals are up to, but if you follow the letters, you might find out. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin.



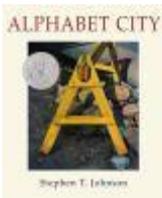
**Ehlert, Lois**     *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z*

An array of fruits and vegetables is splashed across the pages of this exuberant alphabet book.



**Fleming, Denise**     *Alphabet Under Construction*

A mouse works his way through the alphabet, as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."



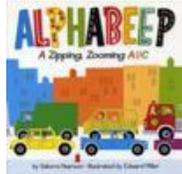
**Johnson, Stephen**     *Alphabet City*

Walk around the city and you will see all the letters from A to Z. This book received a Caldecott Honor Medal for its pictures.



**MacDonald, Suse**     *Alphabatics*

The letters of the alphabet change into twenty-six illustrations.



**Pearson, Deborah**     *Alphabeep: A Zipping, Zooming ABC*

You'll find names for vehicles and street signs in this book, from ambulance to zamboni! Illustrated by Edward Miller.



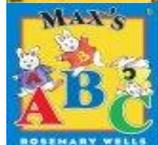
**Slate, Joseph**     *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*

Watch Miss Bindergarten set up her classroom. And watch her 26 students, with names from A to Z, get ready for school, too. Illustrated by Ashley Wolff.



**Wallace, Nancy**     *Alphabet House*

The author of *Pumpkin Day!* invites children to enter an alphabet house and join a family of bunnies as they look for familiar objects starting with the letters A to Z.



**Wells, Rosemary**     *Max's ABC*

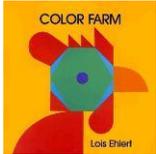
This charming alphabet book features bunny siblings Max and Ruby as they try to get rid of a bunch of pesky ants.

## Concept & Science Books



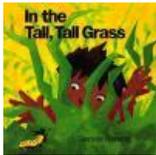
**Barton, Byron** *I Want to Be an Astronaut*

A young child thinks about what it would be like to be an astronaut and go on a mission into space.



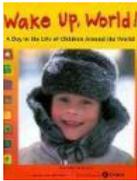
**Ehlert, Lois** *Color Farm*

Cutout shapes and vibrant colors combine to form farm animals in this companion to *Color Zoo*.



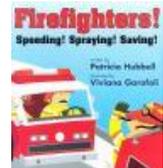
**Fleming, Denise** *In the Tall, Tall Grass*

As day turns to night, a caterpillar crunches and munches his way through the tall grass, watching the way other creatures that live there spend their time.



**Hollyer, Beatrice** *Wake Up, World*

Eight children who live in different places around the world tell what they eat, how they play, and more.



**Hubbell, Patricia** *Firefighters! : Speeding! Spraying! Saving!*

"Firefighters rush! Scurry! / Down the pole. Slide! Hurry!" You can act out the urgent, noisy rescue drama of four firefighters, from suiting up to extinguishing a blaze to chilling out afterward.



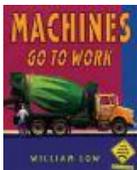
**Jenkins, Steve** *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*

Which animal is the smallest? Which is the slowest? You will learn a lot about animals in this book.



**Levenson, George** *Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden*

Rhyming text and photographs follow a pumpkin patch as it grows and changes -- from seeds, to plants, to pumpkins ready for harvest, to jack-o-lanterns and then to seeds again.



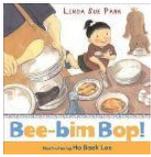
**Low, William** *Machines Go to Work*

Use this book's lift-the-flap pages to explore machines at work, including a backhoe, a fire truck, a tug boat, a railroad crossing signal, and a ship.



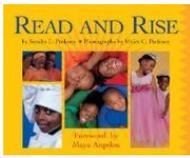
**McMillan, Bruce** *Growing Colors*

Each double-page spread includes a full-color picture of a fruit or vegetable growing naturally. Photographs by the author.



**Park, Linda Sue** *Bee-bim Bop!*

A girl helps her mother prepare a dinner which is a favorite of Korean families around the world. The recipe is included for you to try. Illustrated by Ho Baek Lee



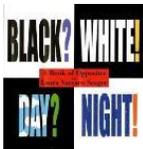
**Pinkney, Sandra** *Read and Rise*

African-American children read with parents, grandparents, and fellow students and dream about becoming almost anything---pilot, teacher, firefighter, doctor, chef, even an astronaut!



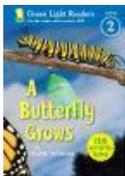
**Russell, Joan Plummer** *Aero and Officer Mike*

Spend time at work, at home and at play with Officer Mike and Aero the dog, companions on the Shaker Heights police force. Action-filled, full-color photos capture this remarkable relationship.



**Seeger, Laura** *Black? White? Day? Night! A Book of Opposites*

Readers can see a word and its meaning expressed through a picture, then lift the flap to see the opposite word and its meaning.



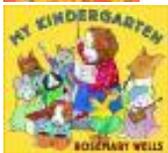
**Swinburne, Stephen** *A Butterfly Grows*

Beginning readers will delight in the text and photos following a butterfly's life, from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to fully-grown butterfly.



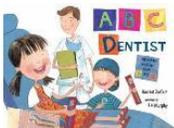
**Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth** *Leaves, Leaves, Leaves*

During the four seasons of the year, Buddy Bear and his mother go "leaf walking" and learn much about leaves.



**Wells, Rosemary** *My Kindergarten*

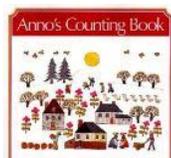
Emily and her classmates in Miss Cribbage's kindergarten learn about seeds, maps, caterpillars and more through each month of the year.



**Ziefert, Harriet** *ABC Dentist: Healthy Teeth from A to Z*

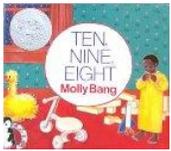
Take a trip to the dentist's office, and use your ABC exploration to see what can be found there.

## Counting & Number Books



**Anno, Mitsumasa** *Anno's Counting Book*

When you look at this book, you'll want to find the items for each number as you follow Anno on his journey.



**Bang, Molly**     *Ten, Nine, Eight*

Enjoy this story about a little girl and her father who count their way to bedtime.



**Carle, Eric**     *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

It took six days of the week for the caterpillar to realize that he had eaten too much food.



**Ehlert, Lois**     *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On*

This counting book depicts the colorful fish a child might see if he turned into a fish himself.



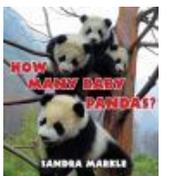
**Fleming, Denise**     *The First Day of Winter*

A snowman recounts what the child building him adds during the first ten days of winter, from one red cap to 10 toes.



**Grossman, Virginia**     *Ten Little Rabbits*

Weaving, fishing and storytelling are all part of this spirited book that celebrates Native American traditions as it teaches counting from one to ten. Illustrated by Sylvia Long.



**Markle, Sandra**     *How Many Baby Pandas*

Follow the 8 panda pairs born at China's Wolong Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center in 2005. Count along and see what happens as they are prepared to be released into the wild.



**Martin, Bill**     *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3*

Numbers from 1 to 100 climb an apple tree in this rhyming chant.

## Folk and Fairy Tales



**Brett, Jan**     *Gingerbread Baby*

A young boy and his mother bake a gingerbread baby who escapes from their oven and leads a crowd on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale.



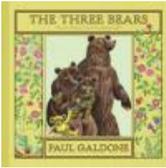
**Brett, Jan**     *The Mitten; A Ukranian Folktale*

Just how many animals can sleep snugly in Niki's lost mitten? And what will happen when a bear sneezes?



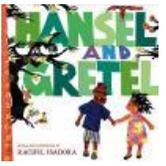
**Galdone, Paul**     *The Gingerbread Boy*

Humorous full-color, double-page illustrations accompany this cumulative tale, as everyone tries to keep up with the gingerbread boy. Will they catch him?



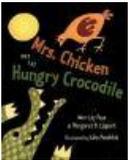
**Galdone, Paul**     *The Three Bears*

Three bears return from a walk and find a little girl asleep in Baby Bear's bed. What would you do if you were one of the bears?



**Isadora, Rachel**     *Hansel and Gretel*

After they are left in the woods by their parents, two children find their way home despite an encounter with a wicked witch.



**Paye, Won-Ldy, and Margaret H. Lippert**     *Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile*

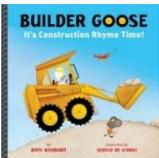
Crocodile catches Mrs. Chicken when she goes to the river for her morning bath. Will she trick Crocodile into letting her go?



**Pinkney, Jerry**     *The Lion and the Mouse*

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle.

## Mother Goose, Nursery Rhymes, and Poetry



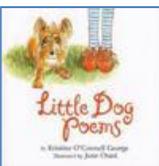
**Ashburn, Boni**     *Builder Goose: It's Construction Rhyme Time*

Classic nursery rhymes are retooled to feature construction projects, trucks and more.



**Emberley, Rebecca, and Adrian Emberley**     *There Was an Old Monster*

Rhyme along with this rollicking tale: a monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat, and other creatures. It's all to cure a stomach ache that began when he swallowed a tick.



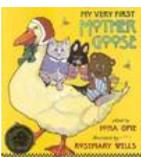
**George, Kristine O'Connell**     *Little Dog Poems*

Short poems show a day in the life of a dog and its owner: waking up, chasing vacuum cleaners, snuggling together and more.



**Hale, Sarah**     *Mary Had a Little Lamb*

You will find multiple versions of this classic rhyme, illustrated by artists such as Tomie dePaola.



**Opie, Iona**     *My Very First Mother Goose*

Meet favorite nursery rhyme characters like Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, and Little Boy Blue. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells.



**Taback, Simms**     *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*

Find out just what the old lady swallows, in addition to the fly, in this traditional version of the famous American folk poem.



**Will Moses' Mother Goose**

ou'll savor the details in the wonderful folk art paintings by Will Moses that illustrate these classic rhymes.

## Picture Books



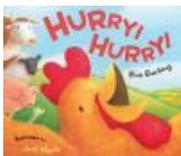
**Banks, Kate**     *If the Moon Could Talk*

As evening progresses into nighttime, the moon looks down on a variety of nocturnal scenes, including a child getting ready for bed.



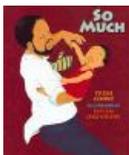
**Bowie, C. W.**     *Busy Toes*

This is a playful list of some of the many things that toes can do, from waving and tickling to splashing and squishing. Illustrated by Fred Willingham, who is a Shaker Heights resident.



**Bunting, Eve**     *Hurry! Hurry!*

All the animals of the barnyard community hurry to greet their newest member, who is just pecking his way out of an egg.



**Cooke, Trish**     *So Much*

Everybody just loves this baby...SO MUCH in this rollicking picture book! Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.



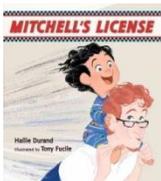
**De Regniers, Beatrice Schenk**     *May I Bring a Friend?*

For 6 days of the week the young boy brings a different animal to join him as he dines with the king and queen. On the 7th day they all meet at the zoo.



**Dillon, Leo, and Diane Dillon**     *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That*

Legendary African-American dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson dances his way through this book. The book's rhyme matches his dance with facts from Robinson's life.



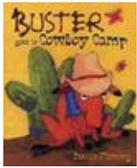
**Durand, Hallie**     *Mitchell's License*

Mitchell never wants to go to bed until, at the age of 3 years, 9 months, and 5 days he gets his license so that he can drive there.



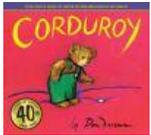
**Emberley, Rebecca, and Ed Emberley     *Chicken Little***

When an acorn falls on top of Chicken Little's head, he runs in a panic to tell his friends Henny Penny, Lucky Ducky, and Loosey Goosey that the sky is falling.



**Fleming, Denise     *Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp***

When his owner goes away for a few days, Buster the dog is sent to Sagebrush Kennels for Cowboy Camp. Buster has fun herding balls into the corral, gathering sticks for a campfire, and making wanted posters with his paw prints.



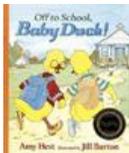
**Freeman, Don     *Corduroy***

A stuffed bear searches his department store home for the missing button from his overalls.



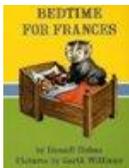
**Henkes, Kevin     *Birds***

A little girl watches birds through her window, fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements she sees. She is happy to discover that she has something in common with the birds.



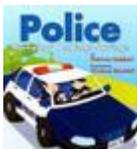
**Hest, Amy     *Off to School, Baby Duck***

Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but, with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.



**Hoban, Russell     *Bedtime for Frances***

Frances the badger cannot get to sleep so she thinks up different ways she can put off her bedtime hour.



**Hubbell, Patricia     *Police! Hurrying, Helping, Saving***

Rhyme along with this book about police officers and see what they do each day.



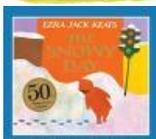
**Hutchins, Pat     *The Doorbell Rang***

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.



**Juster, Norton     *The Hello, Goodbye Window***

A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.



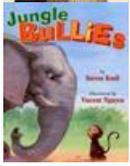
**Keats, Ezra Jack     *The Snowy Day***

This Caldecott Medal winner celebrates the wonder of a small boy playing in the snow.



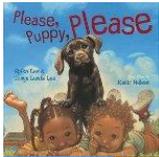
**Klassen, Jon**      *I Want my Hat Back*

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.



**Kroll, Steven**      *Jungle Bullies*

To get what they want, the larger jungle animals bully the smaller ones until Mama Monkey shows them all the benefits of sharing.



**Lee, Spike**      *Please Puppy Please*

How do you make a new puppy behave? Have fun with two children as they find out!



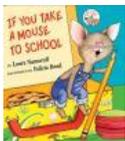
**Martin, Bill**      *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*

Children will chant the rhythmic words, make sounds the animals make, and pretend to be the zoo animals.



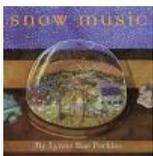
**McMullan, Kate**      *I Stink!*

Follow a garbage truck on its New York City route as it gulps up everything from apple cores to "Zipped up ziti with zucchini." Jim McMullan created the pictures that bring this grinning truck to life.



**Numeroff, Laura**      *If You Take a Mouse to School*

Once you give a mouse a cookie, he'll ask for your lunch box. Watch out, and enjoy the fun!



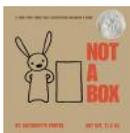
**Perkins, Lynne Rae**      *Snow Music*

When a dog escapes from the house, you're invited into the world of winter, with all of its magical sights, sounds and patterns.



**Piper, Watty**      *The Little Engine That Could*

With determination and confidence, the little engine pulls the cargo over the mountain.



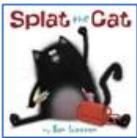
**Portis, Antoinette**      *Not a Box*

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.



**Rosenthal, Amy Krouse**      *Duck! Rabbit!*

Is the creature you see in this picture book a rabbit or a duck? Have fun deciding!



**Scotton, Rob**    *Splat the Cat*

On his first day of school, Splat is worried—will he be able to make friends?



**Shannon, David**    *Duck on a Bike*

The other animals don't appreciate Duck's bike-riding antics, until they see children's bikes left where they can use them.



**Simon, Annette**    *Robot Zombie Frankenstein*

Purple Robot and Green Robot play a game and each tries to have a better costume than the other.



**Sutton, Sally**    *Roadwork*

Big machines and busy people build a road. Follow them every step of the way, from clearing a pathway to rolling the tar to sweeping up at the end on the brand new road.



**Thomas, Jan**    *Rhyming Dust Bunnies*

Dust bunnies Ed, Ned, and Ted, show how they love to rhyme, while Bob, is tries to warn them about approaching danger.



**Wallace, Nancy**    *Kindness Quilt*

Minna puts a lot of thought into her Kindness Project for school. Once she starts writing, drawing, and cutting, her brilliant idea spreads throughout the entire school.



**Wells, Rosemary**    *Yoko Writes Her Name*

Yoko learns to write her letters and numbers in English. Then she shows her teacher and classmates how to write their names using Japanese calligraphy.



**Williams, Vera**    *"More More More" Said the Baby*

Three wonderfully simple vignettes are a joyous expression of verbal and physical affection. You'll chant along with the baby.

## First Readers



**Capucilli, Alyssa**    *Biscuit*

A little yellow dog wants one more thing before he'll go to sleep. This is the first of many Biscuit stories. Illustrated by Pat Schories.



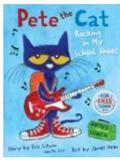
**Eastman, P. D.**    *Are You My Mother?*

A small bird falls from his nest and searches for his mother.



**Labatt, Mary**     ***Sam's Snowy Day***

How many things can you do on a snowy day? See how puppy Sam spends his time. Illustrated by Marisol Sarrazin.



**Litwin, Eric**                     ***Pete the Cat: Rockin' in my School Shoes***

Pete the Cat wears his school shoes when visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground, and more while singing his special song.



**Mills, Claudia**     ***Gus and Grandpa and the Two-Wheeled Bike***

Gus likes his training wheels, but his dad has different ideas. Only Grandpa understands. Illustrated by Catherine Stock.



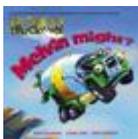
**Rylant, Cynthia**     ***Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend***

Puppy Mudge learns that even though friends may be different, they can enjoy the same things.



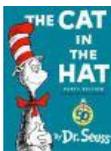
**Schaefer, Lola**     ***What's That, Mittens?***

Mittens the kitten digs a hole under the fence in the yard. Then he meets a new friend--Max the dog.



**Scieszka, Jon**     ***Melvin Might?***

Melvin, a cautious cement mixer, worries that he can't keep up with the other trucks. When Rescue Rita needs to be rescued, he finds a way to help her in this Trucktown book.



**Seuss, Dr.**     ***The Cat in the Hat***

An unusual cat shows the children his tricks one rainy day.



**Spohn, Kate**     ***Turtle and Snake Fix It***

Turtle tries out his new tools at Snake's house. When he is finished fixing things, there may be even more work to do.



**Willems, Mo**     ***Are You Ready to Play Outside?***

Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain. What do you think they decide to do next?

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The mission of the Shaker City Schools Library Media Program is to ensure that all students and staff are effective users of information and ideas.

## Recommended Reading Notes

Strong reading skills are the key to student achievement and lifelong learning. This reading list is intended as an aid in choosing books to provide rich reading experiences for students.

Professional school librarians work with their students—your children—to build strong skills in locating, accessing and analyzing information. This begins with the retelling of stories in the earliest grades, through the teaching of sophisticated web evaluation strategies for older students. These critical thinking skills will serve students well throughout their school career and beyond.

## Resources

In addition to strong book collections in all our school buildings, we provide online resources for students and families to use. From any device with Internet connectivity, you can access the Library Program's web pages at <http://www.shaker.org/>. Look for Library Resources on each building's webpage. On these pages you will find online databases, curriculum-based web links and the online catalog for our school libraries. To use the information/database resources, check with your school librarian for the password.

The Internet has increased our resources for learning, but also overwhelms us in its quantity, with no assurance of quality. Our goal is to help our students make good selections and learn to judge the quality and intent of information in all formats.

To help students and parents make good selections, we provide a variety of online subscription databases which will give you reliable information from encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference materials. For upper elementary students, we particularly recommend you look at *World Book Online* and *Britannica Online*.

We encourage you to use the Shaker Heights Public Library to bring a multitude of good books and reading experiences to your children. They can suggest other great books for you to enjoy, as well as provide events like story hours and their summer reading program. Their kids' page can be found at <http://www.shakerlibrary.org/Kids/>

## Reading Links

If you are looking for more information about good reading for your child, you can also check the following websites.

Reading Rockets is an organization of PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) focused on creating good readers. It has resources for parents and children on good books, authors and other educational issues. The address is <http://readingrockets.org/books>

Check the shaker.org website for our library links to good reading materials. You can go to shaker.org and choose resources, library resources, your school building and the "reading links" section on the navigation bar. The direct address is <http://www.shaker.org/ReadingLists.aspx>

Shaker Public Library also provides great resources for you to use at home, including resource lists, subject guides and even online books to read. Their kids' page can be found at <http://www.shakerlibrary.org/Kids/>

*For more information about the Shaker Heights Schools Library Media Program, call (216) 295-4180.*

**This list is also online at: <http://www.shaker.org/ReadingLists.aspx>**