

# LES READING OLYMPICS

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## WHAT IS LES READING OLYMPICS?

A voluntary reading program designed to motivate LES students to incorporate reading into their daily lives and foster a lifelong habit of learning.

## HOW DOES LES READING OLYMPICS WORK?

Students and parents who participate must sign a contract agreeing to read books from category areas on their reading list. All students who reach their goal will receive special recognition at LES Awards Day.

## DO I HAVE TO READ ONLY BOOKS ON THE READING LIST?

No. This suggested reading list is only to help you find books in each category area. You may read books from the list, but you may also find other books that fit under each category area. Your parents, teachers, or librarian can help you.

## WHAT IF I AM PARTICIPATING IN OTHER READING MOTIVATION PROGRAMS?

Students participating in other reading motivation programs may count books read for those programs towards the LES Reading Olympics program.

## HOW DO I VERIFY THAT I READ THE BOOKS?

Record each book (including title and author) on the Reading Log. Make sure the student and parent sign the Log before it is returned to the library. Only the Reading Log needs to be returned. You may keep the Reading List booklet.

## WHEN IS MY READING LOG FORM DUE?

The deadline for turning in the Reading Log form is'

## WHAT DO I GET FOR PARTICIPATING?

The most important reward for reading is the satisfaction of entering the kingdom of books. You will meet people, visit places, and experience events you might never encounter otherwise. In addition, medals will be given to those students who meet the requirements for award levels in the program. (Award Levels are listed on the back.)

## WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE TO KNOW?

\* Credit will only be given for reading (aloud or silently) a book and/or listening to a book read in its entirety.

\* We encourage the student to do most of the reading; however, it is still a pleasure, as well as beneficial, for older students to have books read aloud to them by their parents and teachers. This is valid for this program.

\* Viewing television, film, or video adaptations of books are excellent complements to literature appreciation, but are not a substitute for reading the books and cannot be counted.

\* Students are required to discuss their books with a parent, relative, guardian, or teacher, however, they are not required to record this on the reading log.

\* We encourage use of the public library, school library, and your own collection of books.

\* The goal of Reading Olympics is to encourage parents and their children to choose and read books together. Because of this we require parents of Reading Olympics students to sign a contract stating that they will help their child reach his or her chosen goal. To help with this, parents themselves may obtain a library card from LES Library and check out 5 books at a time for 2 weeks.

\* Books can only be counted once in one Category.

**LES READING OLYMPICS**  
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**Level K (GRADE--Kindergarten)**

**Bronze Medal Award (35 + books)**

- \* 3 books from each category on the Reading List Level K (24)
- \* 5 award books (5)
- \* 6 free choice (6)

**Silver Medal Award (45+ books)**

- \* 4 books from each category on the Reading List Level K (32)
- \* 5 award books (5)
- \* 8 free choice (8)

**Principal's Gold Medal Award (60+ books)**

- \* 5 books from each category on the Reading List Level K (40)
- \* 5 award books (5)
- \* 15 free choice (15)

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**LES READING OLYMPICS CONTRACT**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, my child would like to participate in the LES READING OLYMPICS. I understand that this is an enrichment program that requires active supervision and assistance by a parent/guardian. I (the parent or guardian) will designate other adult reading partners to assist us in this program if needed.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# READING LOG--LEVEL K

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**We verify that this Reading Log information is accurate.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please do not attach extra pages to this log.

*Below this line for Library use:*

**Award Reached:**

Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \_\_\_\_\_ Gold \_\_\_\_\_

Librarian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Category: Free Choice Books

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## CATEGORY: ALPHABET & COUNTING

Quack and Count. Baker, Keith. (513.2 BAK)

Animalia. Base, Graeme. (E BAS)

One Moose, Twenty Mice. Beaton, Clare. (513.2 BEA)

Rooster's Off to See the World. Carle, Eric. (E CAR)

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. Christelow, Eileen. (E CHR)

L is for Lone Star. Crane, Carol and Stacy, Alan. (976.4 CRA)

ABC Dogs. Darling, Kathy. (636.7 DAR)

Bugs A to Z. DeGezelle, Terri. (595.7 DEG)

Firefighters A to Z. Demarest, Chris. (628.9 DEM)

Alligator Arrived with Apples: a potluck alphabet feast. Dragonwagon, Crescent. (E DRA)

Ten Little Mice. Dunbar, Joyce. (E DUN)

Eating the Alphabet. Ehlert, Lois. (E EHL)

Fish Eyes: a book you can count on. Ehlert, Lois. (E EHL)

The Everything Book. Fleming Denise. (E FLE)

Antics: an alphabetical anthology. Hepworth, Catherine. (421 HEP)

Miss Spider's ABC. Kirk, David. (E KIR)

Running the Road to ABC. Lauture, Deniz. (E LAU)

The Alphabet Tree. Lionni, Leo. (E LIO)

Alphabatics. MacDonald, Suse. (421 MAC)

Monster Math. Miranda, Anne and Powell, Polly. (E MIR)

Ashanti to Zulu: African traditions. Musgrove, Margaret. (960 MUS)

Eight Hands Round: a patchwork alphabet. Paul, Ann Whitford. (746.9PAU)

The Handmade Alphabet. Rankin, Laura. (419 RAN)

Ten Sleepy Sheep. Root, Phyllis. (E ROO)

The Crayon Counting Book. Ryan, Pam Munoz. (513.2 RYA)

Barn Cat: A Counting Book. Saul, Carol. (E SAU)

Tomorrow's Alphabet. Shannon, George. (421 SHA)

Counting Crocodiles. Sierra, Judy. (398.2 SIE)

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten. Slate, Joseph. (E SLA)

Patty's Pumpkin Patch. Sloat, Teri. (E SLO)

Over in the Meadow: a counting-out rhyme. Wadsworth, Olive A. (398.8 WAD)

Emily's First 100 Days of School. Rosemary Wells. (E WEL)

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## CATEGORY: ANIMAL ANTICS

Charlie Anderson. Barbara Abercrombie. What secret does Charlie the cat have? (E ABE)

Are you a snail? (594.3 ALL)

Are you a spider? (595.44 ALL)

Are you a dragonfly? (595.73 ALL)

Are you a ladybug? (595.76 ALL)

(and other titles)

A factual series by Judy Allen.

Bat Jamboree. Kathy Appelt. At an abandoned outdoor movie theater, 55 bats perform in a toe-tapping, wing-flapping revue. (E APP)

Little Green. Keith Baker. A young boy paints the flight of a hummingbird as it zips, loops and zigzags around his garden. (E BAK)

Who is the Beast? Keith Baker. What happens when a tiger suspects that he is the beast? (E BAK)

Little Rat Sets Sail. Monika Bang-Campbell. With a little courage and a lot of practice, Little Rat overcomes her fear of sailing. (FIC BAN)

Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing. Jill Barrett. Gives some reasons why the title is true! (818 BAR)

Goose's Story. Cari Best. A young girl finds a Canada goose with a badly injured foot and looks for her each day to see how she is doing. (E BES)

Daisy Comes Home. Jan Brett. Daisy, an unhappy hen in China, floats down the river in a basket and has an adventure. (E BRE)

The Mitten. Jan Brett. Animals snuggle into Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. (398.21 BRE)

\*Once a Mouse. Marcia Brown. A hermit with magical powers studies the idea of big versus little. [Caldecott] (398.24 BRO)

Goodnight Moon. Margaret Brown. A little bunny says goodnight to its world. (E BRO)

Biscuit Wants to Play. Alyssa Capucilli. One of a series of books about a precocious puppy named Biscuit. A series. (E CAP)

Loudmouth George and the New Neighbors. Nancy Carlson. Pigs are moving into this neighborhood and Loudmouth George the rabbit vows not to associate with them. A series. (E CAR)

The Armadillo from Amarillo. Lynne Cherry. A wandering armadillo travels Texas. (E CHE)

Little Polar Bear, Take Me Home! Hans DeBeer. When a young polar bear peers inside a train, the little Siberian tiger staring back at him pleads to be taken home. A series. (E DE)

\*May I Bring a Friend? Beatrice DeRegniers. A boy visits a friendly king and queen, and on each visit takes a different animal visitor with him. [Caldecott] (E DEG)

Livingstone Mouse. Pamela Edwards. An explorer mouse in search of China discovers he must be careful to choose a new home that does not offend his five senses. A series. (E EDW)

Slim and Jim. Richard Egielski. A rat named Jim rescues homeless Slim from the streets and both rats find themselves working together against the evil cat Buster. (E EGI)

Hunter's Best Friend at School. Lynn Elliott. Hunter the raccoon is not sure what he should do when his best friend Stripe starts acting up at preschool. (E ELL)

Hattie and the Fox. Mem Fox. Hattie, a hen, discovers a fox in the bushes, which creates varying reactions in the other animals. (E FOX)

\*Millions of Cats. Wanda Gag. An old man can't make up his mind which cat he likes. [Newbery] (E GAG)

Monkey Mo Goes to Sea. Diane-Goode. Even though Bertie's monkey tries to act like a gentleman, he doesn't succeed until a spectacular rescue. (E GOO)

Sit, Truman. Dan Harper. A busy day in the life of Truman the dog includes walks, play time, and a little dog named Oscar. (E HAR)

\*Kitten's First Full Moon. Kevin Henkes. When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet and hungry trying to reach it. [Caldecott] (E HEN)

Winter Shoes for Shadow Horse. Linda High. A boy shoes his first horse under the guidance of his father. (E HIG)

The Marvelous Mouse Man. Mary Ann Hoberman. When the townsfolk hire a mysterious man to purge the village of mice, he gets rid of too many other things as well. (E HOB)

Danny and the Dinosaur. Syd Hoff. The dinosaur leaves the museum to become a friend to Danny. (E HOF)

\*Rosie's Walk. Pat Hutchins. A sly fox fails to catch Rosie the hen. [Caldecott] (E HUT)

\*What Do You Do With a Tail like This? Steve Jenkins. Looks at the way in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet and tails. [Caldecott] (573.8 JEN)

Whose Mouse Are You? Robert Kraus. A little mouse wants to be loved. (E KRA)

The Night I Followed the Dog. Nina Laden. A boy follows his dog one night to see what exactly dogs do at night when they're on their own. (E LAD)

A Porcupine Named Fluffy. Helen Lester. A porcupine named Fluffy is happier with his name after he meets a similarly misnamed rhinoceros. (E LES)

Floss. Kim Lewis. Even after she becomes a skilled hard-working sheepdog, a playful border collie never forgets the joy of playing with happy children (E LEW)

\*Frederick. Leo Lionni. Frederick daydreams instead of preparing for winter. [Caldecott] (E LIO)

\*Make Way for Ducklings. Robert McCloskey. A family of ducks in a Boston park must cross the road. [Caldecott] (E MCC)

Widget. Lyn McFarland. A small stray dog is accepted into a household full of cats by learning to "fit in," but when his mistress is hurt, he demonstrates that being a dog is not all bad. (E MCF)

Lost. David McPhail. On his way to school, a boy befriends a bear who is lost. (E MCP)

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash. Trinka Hakes Noble. A school trip to a peaceful farm turns wild when Jimmy's pet boa escapes. A series. (E NOB)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. Laura Numeroff. In this funny tale a little boy offers a mouse a cookie and then winds up working his head off for the demanding rodent. A series. (E NUM)

Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck. Lisa Westburg Peters and Sam Williams. Early one spring a little duck arrives at her pond and finds it still frozen, but not for long. (E PET)

Pet Stories You Don't Have to Walk. A collection of easy to read pet stories including those by Syd Hoff, Laurie Krasny Brown, and Cynthia Rylant. (E PET)

Irving and Muktuk. Daniel Pinkwater. Two muffin-loving polar bears make a yearly attempt to use stealth and subterfuge to get muffins at the local blueberry muffin festival. A series. (E PIN)

Little Flower. Gloria Rand. When Miss Pearl falls and breaks her hip, her potbellied pig Little Flower goes for help. (E RAN)

\*My Friend Rabbit. Eric Rohmann. Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend. [Caldecott] (E ROH)

Little Whistle. Cynthia Rylant. At night after the shades are drawn, a small guinea pig shares adventures with the toys in the toy store where he lives. A series. (E RYL)

Crocodile Listens. April Sayre. As other animals walk gallop or trot by, a hungry crocodile lies quietly in the sand, listening for a very special sound from her nesting place. (E SAY)

Gregory the Terrible Eater. Mitchell Sharmat. Gregory, a gourmet goat, gives up bottle caps for bananas, bread, and butter. (E SHA)

\*The Stray Dog. Marc Simont. A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him. [Caldecott] (E SIM)

Cook-a-doodle doo! Janet Stevens. With the help of his friends, Big Brown Rooster manages to bake a strawberry shortcake which would have pleased his great-grandmother. (E STE)

Tales of Amanda Pig. Jean Van Leeuwen. Amanda Pig, her brother Oliver, and their parents share a busy day working and playing together. A series. (E VAN)

Over in the Garden. Jennifer Ward. Mother insects and their children enjoy various activities from morning sun to evening moon. (E WAR)

\*Biggest Bear. Lynd Ward. A little boy wants a bearskin but gets a real bear instead. [Caldecott] (E WAR)

Dinnertime! Sue Williams. One by one, six little rabbits escape a hungry fox. (E WIL)

Morris Goes to School. Bernard Wiseman. Morris the moose goes to school to read and count. A series. (E WIS)

Unlovable. Dan Yaccarino. Alfred, a pug, is made to feel inferior by the neighborhood animals, until a new dog moves in next door and help Alfred realize he is fine just the way he is. (E YAC)

\*Hey, Al. Arthur Yorinks. A janitor and his dog escape to an island in the sky. One morning they awake to find themselves turning into birds. [Caldecott] (E YOR)

Harry the Dirty Dog. Gene Zion. A runaway dog has fun and troubles. A series. (E ZIO)



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## **CATEGORY: FAIRY TALES & FOLKTALES**

Borreguita & the Coyote. Verna Aardema. A little lamb uses her clever wiles to keep a coyote from eating her up. (398.24 AAR)

Emperor's New Clothes. Eric Metaxas. This emperor wears clothes made from invisible cloth. (E MET)

The Completed Hickory Dickory Dock. Jim Aylesworth. Completes the classic nursery rhyme about the mouse that ran up the clock. (E AYL)

The Gingerbread Man. Jim Aylesworth. In this upbeat retelling with bold artwork, the cocky cookie leads his pursuers a merry chase. (E AYL)

Is My Friend at Home? John Bierhorst. A collection of traditional tales originally told in the Hopi pueblos of Arizona, featuring animal characters. (398.2 BIE)

\*Stone Soup, an Old Tale. Marcia Brown. Soup is made from stones! [Caldecott] (398.21 BRO)

\*Strega Nona: an Original Tale. Tomie De Paola. Strega Nona leaves Anthony alone with her magic pasta pot. [Caldecott] (398.2 DEP)

Dinorella: A Prehistoric Fairy Tale. Pamela Duncan Edwards. The Cinderella story featuring a dinosaur named Dinorella. (E EDW)

The Teeny-Tiny Woman: A Ghost story. Paul Galdone. A little old lady finds a bone. (398.2 GAL)

\*One Fine Day. Nonny Hogrogian. Retelling of an old Armenian folk tale about a fox. [Caldecott] (398.24 HOG)

The Tale of Rabbit and Coyote. Tony Johnston. Rabbit outwits coyote in this Zapotec tale which explains why coyotes howl at the moon. (398.2 JOH)

Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale. Steven Kellogg. Witty and nicely illustrated version of this classic tall tale. (398.2 KEL)

Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock. A series of trickster tales featuring the infamous African folktale trickster, Anansi the Spider. Eric A. Kimmel. (398.24 KIM)

Goldilocks and the Three Bears. James Marshall. Three bears return home to find a little girl asleep in baby bear's bed. (398.22 MAR)

Mother Goose. Will Moses. Presents familiar and lesser-known rhymes from Mother Goose. (398.8 MOS)

\*Arrow to the Sun. Gerald McDermott. A young Indian boy searches for his father, the Sun. [Caldecott] (398.2 MCD)

Raven.  
Coyote.  
Jabuti, the Tortoise.  
A series of trickster tales from around the world by Gerald McDermott. (398.2 MCD)

Papagayo. Gerald McDermott. A noisy parrot helps the night animals save the moon from being eaten up by the moon dog. (E MCD)

Uncle Nacho's Hat. Harriet Rohmer. A bilingual folktale from Nicaragua about a well-meaning man who can't figure out how to make changes in his life until his niece shows him. (398.2 ROH)

Abiyoyo. Pete Seeger. A boy and his father come up with a plan to save the townspeople from the giant Abiyoyo. (398.2 SEE)

The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Janet Stevens. The three billy goats get the best of the troll in this traditional retelling of the old fairy tale. (398.2 STE)

\*Tops and Bottoms. Janet Stevens. Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road. [Caldecott] (398.2 STE)

\*Golem. David Wisniewski. A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of the 16th century city of Prague. [Caldecott] (398.2 WIS)

\*Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood Story from China. Ed Young. A hungry wolf endangers three sisters staying home alone. [Caldecott] (398.2 YOU)

\*Seven Blind Mice. Ed Young. Blind mice discover different parts of an elephant. [Caldecott] (398.24 YOU)

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## CATEGORY: FAMILY, HOME, SCHOOL AND NEIGHBORHOOD

\*Song and Dance Man. Karen Ackerman.  
Grandpa demonstrates his vaudeville act for his  
visiting grandchildren. [Caldecott] (E ACK)

Hug. Jez Alborough. Bobo the chimp seeks  
hugs among various jungle animals and their  
young, but he does not get what he wants until  
he is reunited with his own parent. (E ALB)

Billy and the Big New School. Laurence  
Anholt. Billy is nervous about starting school,  
but as he cares for a sparrow that eventually  
learns to fly on its own, he knows that he can  
look after himself. (E ANH)

Shrinking Violet. Cari Best. Violet, who is very  
shy and hates for anyone to look at her in school,  
finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as  
Lady Space and saves the play from disaster.  
(E BES)

Circus Girl. Tomasz Bogacki. When a new girl  
comes to school while the circus is in town, she  
helps two classmates become friends. (E BOG)

Who's Afraid of the Dark? Crosby Bonsall. A  
boy teaches his dog to be unafraid of the dark.  
(E BON)

The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo.  
Judy Blume. Performing the school play gives  
Freddie confidence. (E BLU)

Jin Woo. Eve Bunting. Davey is dubious about  
having a new adopted brother from Korea.  
(E BUN)

On the Town. Judith Caseley. Charlie and his  
mother walk around the neighborhood doing  
errands so that Charlie can write in his notebook  
about the people and places that make up his  
community. (E CAS)

\*Ella Sarah Gets Dressed. Margaret Chodos-  
Irvine. Despite the advice of others in her  
family, Ella Sarah persists in wearing the  
striking and unusual outfit of her own choosing.  
[Caldecott] (E CHO)

When Will I Read? Miriam Cohen. Jim  
experiences the joys of learning to read.  
(E COH)

Darcy and Gran don't Like Babies. Jane Cutler.  
Darcy and Gran say they don't like babies,  
especially Darcy's baby brother, but after a day  
in the park doing things babies can't do they  
give the matter more thought. (E CUT)

Agatha's Feather Bed, Not Just Another Wild  
Goose Story. Carmen Agra Deedy. When  
Agatha buys a new feather bed and six angry  
naked geese show up to get their feathers back,  
the incident reminds her to think about where  
things come from. (E DEE)

Now One Foot, Now the Other. Tomie De  
Paola. When Bobby's grandfather suffers a  
stroke, he teaches him to walk again. (E DE)

David's Drawings. Cathryn Falwell. A shy  
African American boy arriving at a new school  
makes friends with his classmates by drawing a  
picture of a tree. (E FAL)

Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10.  
Judith Finchler. A first-grade boy is shocked,  
then pleased, when he discovers that his teacher  
has a life away from school. A series. (E FIN)

\*The Patchwork Quilt. Valerie Flournoy. Using  
scraps cut from the family's old clothing, a  
beautiful quilt is made that tells a family's story.  
[Coretta Scott King] (E FLO)

Harry and the Terrible Whatzit. Dick  
Gackenbach. Harry thinks the monster in the  
cellar has captured his mom. (E GAC)

Grandpa's Face. Eloise Greenfield. Tamika  
becomes afraid after seeing her beloved  
grandfather make a mean face while he  
rehearses a play. (E GRE)

\*Granddaddy's Place. Helen Griffith. At first  
Janet doesn't like Granddaddy, his farm or his  
animals—but they like her. As she gets used to  
them, she likes them too. [Bluebonnet] (E GRI)

\*Ox-cart Man. Donald Hall. Describes the day-to-day life throughout the changing seasons of an early 18th century New England family. [Caldecott] (E HAL)

Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti. Anna Hines. Not only does Corey's father make the best spaghetti, but he also does some odd things too. (E HIN)

Aunt Flossie's Hats. Elizabeth Howard. Sara and Susan hear stories about hats. (E HOW)

Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores. James Howe and Amy Walrod. Three mice learn that the best clubs include everyone. (E HOW)

Don't Forget the Bacon. Pat Hutchins. On the way to the store the groceries are forgotten. (E HUT)

The Trip. Ezra Jack Keats. Louie takes an imaginary trip. (E KEA)

I Hate English! Ellen Levine. Mei Mei finds it difficult to adjust from Hong Kong to life in New York. (E LEV)

One Morning in Maine. Robert McCloskey. Sally loses her first tooth. (E MCC)

Annie and the Old One. Miska Miles. A story about Annie's love for her grandmother. (E MIL)

The Broken Cat. Lynne Perkins. Andy asks his mother to tell the story about breaking her arm while they wait for the vet to determine what is wrong with their cat. (E PER)

The Keeping Quilt. Patricia Polacco. A homemade quilt ties four generations of an immigrant Jewish family. (E POL)

Thundercake. Patricia Polacco. Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms. (E POL)

Auntie Claus. Elise Primavera. When her eccentric Auntie Claus leaves for her annual business trip, Sophie stows away in her luggage, travels with her to the North Pole, and discovers that her aunt is really Santa's sister! (E PRI)

The Big Green Pocketbook. Candice Ransom. A little girl fills a pocketbook she carries with mementos of the places she and her mother visit when they go to town. (E RAN)

Pumpkins. Mary Lyn Ray. A man harvests and sells a bountiful crop of pumpkins so that he will be able to preserve the field from developers. (E RAY)

\*The Relatives Came. Cynthia Rylant. A girl recounts what it is like when the relatives come to visit from Virginia. [Caldecott] (E RYL)

The Old Woman Who Named Things. Cynthia Rylant. An old woman who has outlived all her friends is reluctant to become too attached to the stray dog that visits her each day. (E RYL)

Lucky Pennies and Hot Chocolate. Carol Diggory Shields and Hiroe Nakata. A grandfather and his grandson enjoy sharing knock-knock jokes, watching movies, reading books, playing baseball and just spending time together. (E SHI)

The Stray Dog. Marc Simont and Reiko Sassa. A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy and decides to keep him. (E SIM)

\*The Gardener. Sarah Stewart. A young girl leaves the city to work in her uncle's city bakery during the depression. [Caldecott] (E STE)

Saturday Sancocho. Leyla Torres. Maria Lili and her grandmother barter a dozen eggs at the market square to get the ingredients to cook their traditional Saturday chicken sancocho. Includes recipe. (E TOR)

Ira Sleeps Over. Bernard Waber. Sleeping over is not the same as at home. (E WAB)

Noisy Nora. Rosemary Wells. Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention. (E WEL)

Timothy Goes to School. Rosemary Wells. Timmy makes a friend. (E WEL)

\*Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale. Mo Willems. Trixie becomes very unhappy when she accompanies her daddy to the Laundromat and realizes she has lost her stuffed bunny. [Caldecott] (E WIL)

\*A Chair for My Mother. Vera B. Williams.  
Rosa's mother deserves to relax after  
waitressing all day. [Caldecott] (E WIL)

Apple Pie 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Janet S. Wong. A  
Chinese American child fears that the food her  
parents are preparing to sell on the Fourth of  
July will not be eaten. (E WON)

\*Owl Moon. Jane Yolen. A father and daughter  
look for a Great Horned Owl. [Caldecott]  
(E YOL)

William's Doll. Charlotte Zolotow. A little boy  
wants a doll but the other children call him a  
sissy. (E ZOL)

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## CATEGORY: FAVORITES

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Judi Barrett. It's raining giant meatballs! (E BAR)

\*Madeline. Ludwig Bemelmans. Madeline is the smallest, bravest, and most adventurous of 12 little girls in a Paris boarding school. A series. [Caldecott] (E BEM)

Arthur's Eyes. Marc Brown. In this story Arthur's initial shyness about wearing glasses gets him into some awkward scrapes. A series. (E BRO)

The Golly Sisters Ride Again. Betsy Byars. Rose and May-May share further adventures as they take their traveling show through the West. A series. (E BYA)

The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Eric Carle. Every page is eaten! (E CAR)

\*Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type. Doreen Cronin. A new communication tool among cows! [Caldecott] (E CRO)

Snowballs. Lois Ehlert. Some children create a family of snow. Labeled pictures of all the items they use, and info about how snow is formed. (E EHL)

Corduroy. Don Freeman. A toy bear in a department store wants many things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has wanted most of all. (E FRE)

In the Rain with Baby Duck. Amy Hest. Baby Duck doesn't like the rain until he visits Grampa. A series. (E HES)

Pinky and Rex and the Bully. James Howe. Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color pink and his friendship with a girl Rex from the neighborhood bully. A series. (E HOW)

Perfect the Pig. Susan Jeschke. Imagine a pig with wings! A tiny pig is granted his wish, which leads to an almost perfect life. (E JES)

Harold and the Purple Crayon. Crockett Johnson. Harold draws from his imagination. (E JOH)

Big Time Olie. William Joyce. Olie decides to use the shrink and grow-a-later machine. A series. (E JOY)

The Story of Ferdinand. Munro Leaf. Ferdinand the bull prefers to smell the flowers. (E LEA)

\*The Red Book. Barbara Lehman. A wordless story in which a little girl finds a red book in the snow that holds an astonishing surprise. [Caldecott] (E LEH)

\*Frog and Toad. Arnold Lobel. The adventures of two best friends. There are several titles in this classic series. [Newbery] (E LOB)

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Bill Martin, Jr. Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them. (E MAR)

George and Martha. James Marshall. The adventures of a pair of endearing hippos. A series. (E MAR)

There's a Nightmare in My Closet. Mercer Mayer. A boy decides to shoot the creature lurking in his closet. (E MAY)

The Teddy Bear. David McPhail. A teddy bear, lost by the little boy who loves him, still feels loved after being rescued by a homeless man. (E MCP)

Rainbow Fish. Marcus Pfister. The most beautiful fish in the ocean discovers the real value of beauty and friendship. (E PFI)

Curious George. H.A. Rey. A monkey's curiosity always gets him in trouble. A classic series. (E REY)

Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin. Cynthia Rylant. At first Henry's cousin doesn't like his cookies or dog Mudge's slobbery kisses, but when they all play frisbee, she begins to enjoy her visit. A series. (E RYL)

Poppleton. Cynthia Rylant. Poppleton the Pig makes a friend, reads a library book, and helps a sick friend get better. A series. (E RYL)

\*Where the Wild Things Are. Maurice Sendak. Mac dreams of going where the wild things are. [Caldecott] (E SEN)

\*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble. William Steig. A young donkey named Sylvester finds a pebble with magic powers. [Caldecott] (E STE)

\*Jumanji. Chris Van Allsburg. A brother and sister play a board game they find in the park. Each move results in a live-action jungle scene in their house. [Caldecott] (E VAN)

Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day. Judith Viorst. Everything happens to Alexander on this certain day!(E VIO)

The House on East 88th Street. Bernard Waber. When the Primm family discovers Lyle, a gigantic crocodile, in the bathtub of their new home, it is the beginning of a wonderful picture book series. (E WAB)

Good Job, Little Bear. Martin Waddell. Little Bear does a good job of climbing rocks, bouncing on a tree branch, and crossing a stream, but Big Bear is always there to lend a helping hand when needed. A series. (E WAD)

Commander Toad and the Space Pirates. Jane Yolen. Tales of a galaxy-hopping toad. A series. (E YOL)

Snowballs. Lois Ehlert. Some children create a family of snow. Labeled pictures of all the items they use, and info about how snow is formed. (E EHL)

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## CATEGORY: FUNNY STORIES

The Adventures of Bert. Allan Ahlberg. Bert is a very friendly little man who experiences unusual things but always manages to work himself out of any predicament. (E AHL)

Miss Nelson is Missing. Harry Allard. Students lose their nice teacher and learn what a sub can be like. A series. (E ALL)

The Stupids Step Out. Harry Allard. The Stupid family and their dog have a fun-filled day. A series. (E ALL)

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Judi Barrett. It's raining giant meatballs! (E BAR)

Bootsie Barker Bites. Barbara Bottner. Bootsie only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game. (E BOT)

The Principal's New Clothes. Stephanie Calmenson. A principal is persuaded that his amazing, one-of-a-kind suit is visible only to intelligent people who are good at their jobs. (E CAL)

A Fine, Fine School. Sharon Creech. When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too. (E CRE)

Giggle, Giggle, Quack. Doreen Cronin. When Farmer Brown goes on vacation, leaving his brother Bob in charge, Duck makes trouble by changing all his instructions to notes the animals like much better. (E CRO)

The Chick that Wouldn't Hatch. Claire Daniel. Before she hatches from her egg, a baby chick takes quite a trip around the farm- with her mother and other animals in pursuit. (E DAN)

Dumb Bunnies. Sue Denim. A family of rabbits gets everything wrong. A series. (E DEN)

Are You My Mother? P.D. Eastman. A baby bird searches for its mother. (E EAS)

Baghead. Jarrett Krosoczka. Josh hides the bad haircut he gave himself by wearing a bag on his head, until his sister has a better idea.

Score One for the Sloths. Helen Lester. Sparky, a new energetic student at a sloth school, saves her lazy classmates when a wild boar

Froggy Eats Out. Jonathan London. After Froggy misbehaves at a fancy restaurant, his parents take him to a fast flies restaurant to celebrate their anniversary. A series. (E LON)

Wacky Wednesday. Theodore Le Sieg. The day begins with a shoe on the wall. (E LES)

Martha Speaks. Susan Meddaugh. A bowl of alphabet soup turns Martha into a most unusual dog. A series. (E MED)

Moira's Birthday. Robert Munsch. Moira invites too many kids to her birthday party with funny results. (E MUN)

Meanwhile Back at the Ranch. Trinka Noble. A bored rancher goes to town, but amazing things are happening back at the ranch. (E NOB)

Earthquack! Margie Palatini. When Chucky Ducky feels the earth beneath him shake he runs to alert the other animals about the coming earthquake; or is it an earthquake? (E PAL)

Piggie Pie! Margie Palatini. Gritch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a pie, but when she gets there she can't find a single porker. (E PAL)

Teach Us, Amelia Bedelia. Peggy Parrish. Amelia Bedelia is a funny substitute teacher. A series. (E PAR)

\*Officer Buckle and Gloria. Peggy Rathman. The real star of Officer Buckle's safety speeches is Gloria, his dog. [Caldecott] (E RAT)

\*Rain Makes Applesauce. Julian Scheer. A delightful book of nonsense verse with imaginative illustrations. [Caldecott] (E SCH)



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## CATEGORY: HOLIDAY FUN

God Bless America. Irving Berlin. A family of bears experiences America in an illustrated version of the classic song. (E BER)

The Day it Rained Hearts. Felicia Bond. On the day it rains hearts, Cornelia Augusta makes Valentine cards for four of her friends. (E BON)

The Halloween Play. Felicia Bond. Roger plays a small but important part in the school Halloween play. (E BON)

The Wild Christmas Reindeer. Jan Brett. It's almost Christmas and Santa's helper can't get the reindeer to pull together! (E BRE)

Merry Christmas, Old Armadillo. Larry Brimmer. Old Armadillo thinks that his friends have forgotten him at Christmas, but they have a surprise for him. (E BRI)

\*How Many Days to America? A Thanksgiving Story. Eve Bunting. Refugees embark on a dangerous boat trip to America where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving. [Bluebonnet] (E BUN)

Kwanzaa. David Mark. Discusses the holiday in which African-Americans celebrate their roots and cultural heritage from Africa. (394.261 MAR)

Carlos, Light the Farolitos. Jean Ciavonne. When his grandfather is late on Christmas Eve, it's up to Carlos to take over his role in the traditional Mexican ceremony called Las Posadas. (E CIA)

Angelina's Christmas. Katherine Holabird. Angelina and cousin Henry bring Christmas to a lonely old postman. A series. (E HOL)

George Washington's Breakfast. Jean Fritz and Paul Galdone. Having the same name and birthday as George Washington, a young boy wants everything else in his life just as Washington had it, but he cannot find out what Washington ate for breakfast. (FIC FRI)

The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes. DuBose Heyward. A country bunny becomes the Easter bunny. (E HEY)

The Burro & the Basket. Lloyd Mardis. When his burro is found nibbling on the beautiful basket Roberto had made as a Navidad gift, he must make a new gift in time. (E MAR)

Santa's Book of Names. David McPhail. A young boy who has trouble reading helps Santa with his yearly round and receives a special Christmas present. (E MCP)

Gus and Grandpa and the Halloween Costume. Claudia Mills. Second-grader Gus wants a store-bought costume to wear to school, but because he knows his parents do not believe in buying costumes, he turns to his grandfather for help. (E MIL)

If You Take a Mouse to the Movies. Laura Numeroff. The energetic little mouse from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" is back again, this time with a host of holiday antics. (E NUM)

'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving. Dav Pilkey. A class on the field trip to a turkey farm manages to save the day! (E PIL)

Wolf Christmas. Daniel Pinkwater. On the longest night of the year, a family of wolves takes a run through the woods to see the unusual sight of a human family's Christmas celebration. (E PIN)

Pumpkin Day, Pumpkin Night. Anne Rockwell and Mega Halsey. Relates a boy's excitement in buying the perfect pumpkin and then making the perfect jack-o-lantern. (E ROC)

All New Crafts for Halloween. Kathy Ross and Sharon Lane Holm. Simple craft projects, from puppets to party favors, that young children can make from everyday materials. (745.594 ROS)

Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake. Cynthia Rylant. With his fine cat Tabby at his side, Mr. Putter bakes a Christmas cake for his neighbor Mrs. Teaberry. (E RYL)

How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Dr. Seuss.  
Classic tale of the grinch who tries to stop  
Christmas from arriving. (E SEU)

Albert's Halloween. Leslie Tryon. Chief  
Inspector Albert the duck and his three detective  
assistants follow a series of clues to find the  
batch of pumpkins stolen from the town  
pumpkin patch. (E TRY)

The Nutcracker Ballet. Vladimir Vagin. A  
beautiful picture book version of the classic  
ballet. (E VAG)

Angel Pig and the Hidden Christmas. Jan  
Waldron. A group of pigs discover the meaning  
of Christmas. (E WAL)

Olive, the Other Reindeer. Vivian Walsh.  
Thinking that "all of the other reindeer" she  
hears people singing about refers to her, Olive  
the dog reports to the North Pole to help Santa  
Claus on Christmas Eve. (E WAL)

Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year.  
Kate Waters. Describes six-year-old Ernie's  
preparations, at home and in school, for the  
Chinese New Year celebrations. (394.2 WAT)

McDuff's New Friend. Rosemary Wells. On  
Christmas Eve, McDuff's persistent "woofing"  
begins to annoy Fred and Lucy, but it leads to  
the rescue of Santa, whose sleigh has gotten  
stuck in the snow. (E WEL)

Morris's Disappearing Bag: A Christmas Story.  
Rosemary Wells. Morris invents a bag that  
makes his family disappear. A series. (E WEL)

Over and Over. Charlotte Zolotow. A little girl  
and her mother observe the passage of the  
seasons as they celebrate the year's holidays.  
(E ZOL)

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## CATEGORY: POETRY, WORD PLAY, & STORIES IN RHYME

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain. Verna Aardema. A cumulative rhyme relating how a young African boy brought rain to the drought-stricken plain. (398.2 AAR)

Who Sank the Boat? Pamela Allen. Can you find out which animal's weight finally sank the boat? (E ALL)

Old Black Fly. Jim Aylesworth. Follow a mischievous old black fly through the alphabet as he has a very busy day landing where he should not be. (E AYL)

Things That Are Most in the World. Judi Barrett. The reader who wants to know what are the quietest, silliest, wiggliest things in the world finds imaginative answers to these and other questions. (E BAR)

Feathers for Lunch. Lois Ehlert. An escaped house cat encounters twelve birds in the back yard but fails to catch any of them and has to eat feathers for lunch. (E EHL)

\*Drummer Hoff. Barbara Emberly. Each soldier brings a part of a cannon, then the powder, rammer and the shot. Drummer Hoff fires it off. [Caldecott] (784.4 EMB)

Little Dog and Duncan. Kristine George. A collection of children's poems about two dogs. (811 GEO)

Splash Splash. Joan Bransfield Graham. A collection of poems celebrating water in its various forms, from ice cubes to the ocean. (811 GRA)

\*Hush! A Thai Lullaby. Mintong Ho. A Thai lullaby, which asks animals to be quiet and not disturb the sleeping baby. [Caldecott] (811 HO)

A House is a House for Me. Mary Ann Hoberman. A rhyming book about different kinds of houses. (E HOB)

The Seven Silly Eaters. Mary Ann Hoberman. Seven fussy eaters find a way to surprise their mother. (E HOB)

\*Frog Went A-Courtin'. John Langstaff. Frog and mouse wed in spite of an old cat. [Caldecott] (782.421 LAN)

Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo. Kevin Lewis and Daniel Kirk. A rhyming story about a freight train's day, from loading freight in the morning to retiring to the roundhouse after the day's work is done. (E LEW)

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Bill Martin. An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. (E MAR)

Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore. David McPhail. Pigs galore invade a house and have a wonderful party! (E MCP)

My Very First Mother Goose. Iona Opie. A collection of the classic nursery rhymes, illustrated by Rosemary Wells. (398.8 MY)

Silver Seeds. Paul Paolilli, Dan Brewer, Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher. A collection of simple poems having to do with nature. (811 PAO)

The Little Engine That Could. Watty Piper. One of the most famous children's books of the century tells the story of a little engine that tried its best. (E PIP)

Mouse Mess. Linnea Riley. Mice in the kitchen while the family are asleep! (E RIL)

Sheep in a Jeep. Nancy Shaw. The misadventures of a group of sheep in rhyme. A series. (E SHA)

One Monday Morning. Uri Shulevitz. A cumulative story about what happens when a visitor appears one Monday morning. (E SHU)

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten.  
Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of  
Kindergarten.

Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with  
Kindergarten.

Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from  
Kindergarten. A series by Joseph Slate, all  
about events in canine Miss Bindergarten's  
kindergarten class. (E SLA)

Here Comes the Year. Eileen Spinelli.  
Describes in rhyme the special qualities of each  
month of the year. (E SPI)

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.  
Simms Taback. A cumulative folk song in  
which the old lady pays the supreme penalty for  
her peculiar eating habits. (782.421TAB)

\*King Bidgood's in the Bathtub. Audrey Wood.  
Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king  
refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his  
kingdom. [Caldecott] (E WOO)

The Napping House. Audrey Wood. A funny  
chain reaction happens during naptime.  
(E WOO)

How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night. Jan Yolen.  
(E YOL)

Seasons. Charlotte Zolotow. A collection of  
colorfully illustrated poems involving the  
changing seasons. (811 ZOL)

\*The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales. Jon Scieszka. Madcap review of familiar fairy tales. [Bluebonnet] (E SCI)

The Cat in the Hat. Dr. Seuss. A rainy day visit by a wacky cat. A series. (E SEU)

Imogene's Antlers. David Small. She wakes up one morning shocked to find a pair of antlers growing out of her head, and begins a comical adventure discovering practical uses for them. (E SMA)

Beverly Billingsly Borrows a Book. Alexander Stadler. Beverly is thrilled to finally check out a book with her own library card, but then she keeps it too long! (E STA)

Earrings! Judith Viorst. A girl uses various arguments to convince her parents to let her have her ears pierced. (E VIO)

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. Bernard Waber. Lyle causes a neighborhood feud. (E WAB)

\*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus. Mo Willems. A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break. [Caldecott] (E WIL)

Library Lil. Suzanne Williams. A librarian makes readers out of a motorcycle gang. (E WIL)

Bear Snores On. Karma Wilson. On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear. (E WIL)