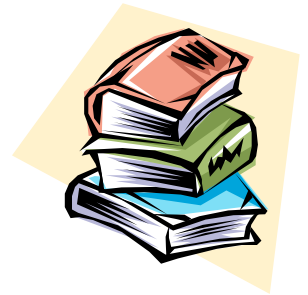


### Resources and Websites

We recommend that you have a book kit for the Family Tutoring program. The book kit is needed for the learning activities in the program and participants can borrow books to use with their learners. The book kit should have a variety of reading material.



This section provides an annotated list of recommended books and websites:

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**Bark, George**, by J Feiffer

"Bark, George," says George's mother, and George goes: "Meow," which definitely isn't right, because George is a dog. And so is his mother.

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**, by Bill Martin

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.

**Carlo Likes Reading**, by J Spanyol

Carlo the giraffe likes reading - and wherever he goes, there's always a lot of reading to do!

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**, by Bill Jr. Martin and John Archambault  
illustrated by Lois Ehlert

Countless children and their parents can joyfully recite the familiar words of this beloved alphabet chant.

**Clifford the Big Red Dog**, by Norman Bridwell

Clifford the Big Red Dog Board Book celebrates Clifford's 35th anniversary. The giant dog -- whose house is bigger than his owners', who bathes in the swimming pool, and occasionally catches the cars he chases -- is now as remarkable for his longevity as he is for his size.

**Curious George**, by H Rey

How much trouble can one little monkey get into? A lot! When George is brought from Africa to the big city by the man in the big yellow hat, his curiosity gets the best of him.



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### **Every Autumn Comes the Bear**, by Jim Arnosky

Every autumn a bear shows up behind the farm, and goes through a series of routines before finding a den among the hilltop boulders where he sleeps all winter long.

### **Father Bear Comes Home**, by Minarik/Sendak

Little Bear's Father is finally returning from his long fishing trip. And although he doesn't bring the mermaid Little Bear has been hoping for, Little Bear gets another surprise.

### **Goodnight Moon**, by Margaret Wise Brown

In a great green room, tucked away in bed, a little bunny says goodnight to all the familiar things.

### **Little Bear**, by Minarik/Sendak

Meet Little Bear, a friend to millions of children. And meet Mother Bear, who is there whenever Little Bear needs her.

### **Little Bear's Friend**, by Minarik/Sendak

One summer Little Bear makes friends in the woods with Emily and her doll Lucy. All of Little Bear's old friends - Owl, Cat, Duck and Hen - like Emily.

### **Look Snow**, by Kathryn Galbraith

An exuberant story about the first snowfall of the season!

### **Pat the Bunny**, by Edith Kunhardt Davies

In this beloved classic, Paul and Judy play peek-a-boo, smell flowers, look in the mirror, feel Daddy's scratchy face, and, of course, pat the bunny!

### **The Rainbow Fish**, by M Pfister

The Rainbow Fish, with his shimmering scales, is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. But he is proud and vain and none of the other fish want to be his friend.

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### **The Runaway Bunny**, by Margaret Wise Brown

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him.

### **Snow Baby**, by Mary Brigid Barrett

A snowy read-aloud for the youngest about a sparkling snowy day with baby- bundling up, walking with Gram, making snow angels, and more!

### **The Snowman**, by Raymond Briggs

This wordless picture book demands that you create the words to the story but the illustrations are a story all of their own.

### **Swimmy**, by Leo Lionni

A little fish, the lone survivor of a school of fish swallowed by a tuna, devises a plan to camouflage himself and his new companions.

### **Snow balls**, by Lois Ehlert

Pull on your mittens and head outside for a snowball day. Grab some snow and start rolling. With a few found objects—like buttons and fabric and seeds—and a little imagination, you can create a whole family out of snow.

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

Experience the joy and wonder of freshly fallen snow with a little boy named Peter as he runs outside to play in it.

### **The Tale of Peter Rabbit**, by Beatrix Potter

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### **Thomas Gets a Snowplow**, by RW Awdry

Winter is coming and Thomas, being a small engine, needs to put on his snowplow. Thomas hates his snowplow; he thinks it makes him look funny, and when he has it on, the other, bigger engines tease him. But Thomas saves the day when a big storm comes up and Toby is stuck on his branch line.

### **Thomas' Snowsuit**, by Robert Munsch

Thomas refuses to wear his new snowsuit despite the pleas of his mother, his teacher, and even the principal.

### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle

This is the delightful story of one very small and very hungry caterpillar who grows into a beautiful butterfly as he nibbles his way through the pages of the book.

### **Where The Wild Things Are**, by Maurice Sendak

Max is sent to bed without supper for making too much mischief, but amazingly his room begins to transform into a forest. Max takes a journey.

### **You're The Boss, Baby Duck!**, by Hest/Barton

Here's another endearing story about plucky Baby Duck. In this book, Baby Duck's beak is thrown out of joint when a new baby, Hot Stuff, joins the group.

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**A Kiss for Little Bear**, by Minarik/Sendak

Little Bear draws a picture and gives it to Hen so she can take it to his Grandmother. So pleased with the picture, Grandmother asks Hen to give Little Bear a kiss.

**Agapanthus Hum and Major Bark**, by Jennifer Plecas

When she loses a tooth, Agapanthus discovers that she can make an angel hoot by blowing through the hole in her smile.

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**, by Judith Viorst

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

**Aloha, Dolores**, by Barbara Samuels

When Dolores enters her cat, Duncan, in a Meow Munchies Cat Food contest, she's certain Duncan is so good-looking, smart, and talented that he'll win first prize. When a cat named Fifi wins instead, Dolores must rise to the occasion... and with a little help from Faye, she discovers that winning isn't everything.

**Amos and Boris**, William Steig

A drowning mouse is befriended by a whale in the ocean. Years later in an equally unlikely situation, the mouse has a chance to return the favor.

**Bonaparte**, by Marsha Wilson Chall

When a young French boy goes away to school, he and his dog are sad to be separated until they find a way to change the school's rules about dogs.

**The Bossy Gallito**, by Lucia M. Gonzalez

Set in the Little Havana section of Miami, this is the colorful tale of a bossy little rooster on his way to his uncle's wedding.



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### **Chrysanthemum**, by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loved her name . . . until she went to school. "I'm named after my grandmother," said Victoria. "You're named after a flower." Chrysanthemum wilted. Nothing got any better--until the students met their music teacher, Mrs. Delphinium Twinkle.

### **Cold Feet**, by Cynthia C. DeFelice

Willie McPhee has fallen on hard times and discovers spooky happenings when he takes much-needed boots off a dead man. Soon Willie's feet are warm...but who is that tapping on the door?

### **Corduroy at the Zoo**, by Don Freeman

Corduroy and his friends are taking a trip to the zoo. Find the mischievous monkeys playing hide-and-seek in the Jungle Walk, or spot the wombats in the Australia exhibit.

### **The Doorbell Rang**, by Pat Hutchins

Ma has made a dozen delicious cookies. It should be plenty for her two children. But then the doorbell rings -- and rings and rings and rings.

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The class hamster gets loose and it's up to Peter, Amy, and Archie to find him and lure him back into his cage.

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### **Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures**, by C Rylant

In the first book of the series Henry and Mudge a little boy named Henry is lonely and begs for a brother, sister, or new neighborhood so he might have someone to play with.

### **The Hockey Sweater**, by Roch Carrier

In the days of Roch's childhood, winters in the village of Ste. Justine were long. Life centered around school, church, and the hockey rink, and every boy's hero was Montreal Canadiens hockey legend Maurice Richard. Everyone wore Richard's number 9. They laced their skates like Richard. They even wore their hair like Richard. When Roch outgrows his cherished Canadiens sweater, his mother writes away for a new one. Much to Roch's horror, he is sent the blue and white sweater of the rival Toronto Maple Leafs, dreaded and hated foes to his beloved team. How can Roch face the other kids at the rink?

### **How To Catch An Elephant**, by Amy Schwartz

Enjoy this zany tale about a journey into the wilds where elephants live and about the fun of catching one -- a process that is utterly logical and utterly nuts.

### **I Like Me!**, by N Carlson

An irrepressible little pig shares her very positive feelings about herself. Whether riding a bike or baking a cake this pig likes herself and is really happy.

### **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**, by Laura Numeroff

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

### **Is Your Mama a Llama?**, by Deborah Guarino

A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.





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### **It's Justin Time, Amber Brown**, by Paula Danziger

Amber wants a watch for her seventh birthday more than anything so she can feel more grown-up and she will always know exactly how late Justin Daniels, her best friend, is.

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### **The Little Engine that Could**, by Watty Piper

Although he's not very big, the Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain.

### **Madeline**, by L Bemelmans

This is a story of Madeline, one of twelve little girls who live in an old house in Paris under the loving care of Miss Clavell.

### **The Magic Hockey Skates**, by Allen Morgan

Joey had been growing again and his skates didn't fit. But when he and his dad got to the skate store, they headed straight for the second-hand rack. Joey's heart sank. The skates his dad chose weren't exactly what he had in mind.

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### **Magic Hockey Stick**, by Peter Maloney

Do you believe in magic? Tracy does. When she starts using Wayne Gretzky's hockey stick, won by her parents at a charity auction, she suddenly becomes the best player on her hockey team. She hasn't become a better player overnight-it's the magic of The Great One's stick! But while Tracy's star is on the rise, Wayne's is steadily dropping. He's in the greatest slump of his career. Tracy knows that Wayne needs his magic stick back, but she needs it, too. The question is: who needs it more? This heartfelt story, with its clever rhyme and vibrant artwork, will delight young readers.

### **Make Way for Ducklings**, by Robert McCloskey

When Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings are stuck at a busy street in downtown Boston, their policeman friend Michael rushes in to stop traffic and make it safe for them to cross.

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### **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle**, by Betty Macdonald Pictures by Hilary Knight

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle lives in an upside-down house and smells like cookies. She was even married to a pirate once. Most of all, she knows everything.

### **Nate the Great and the Snowy Trail**, by M Sharmat

Nate the Great, super sleuth, has his work cut out for him when Rosamond loses his birthday present. He and his faithful dog Sludge must face snow, ice and stormy weather to find the truth.

### **Owl Moon**, by Jane Yolen

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.



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### **The Paper Bag Princess**, by Robert Munsch

Princess Elizabeth's future is perfectly planned. She has expensive clothes, a beautiful castle, and intends to marry a prince named Ronald. However she learns that having everything might not be the best thing.

### **Quick as a Cricket**, by Audrey Wood

A joyful celebration of a child's growing self-awareness. This classic children's book is a favorite of parents and teachers.

### **Q is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game**, by Mary Elting

Why does A stand for zoo, B for dog, and C for hen? The young reader finds out in this amusing game based on the alphabet.

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Here are four vain and ancient tortoises, a rat of culture, a meatloaf that defies an ax, five flying hotdogs, and more people, animals, and things that will amuse and delight.

### **Snow Bear**, by Jean George Craighead

Come and play in the Arctic with Bessie, a little Inuit girl, and a small polar bear while a concerned older brother and a mother polar bear look on.

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**"Stand Back," said the Elephant, "I'm Going to Sneeze"**, by Patricia Thomas

Knowing the havoc it will cause, all the animals try to prevent the elephant from sneezing.

**Stone Soup**, by Marcia Brown and illustrated by Marcia Brown

First published in 1947, this Caldecott Honor picture book classic has remained one of Marcia Brown's most popular and enduring books.

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**Tomorrow's Alphabet**, by George Shannon

A is for seed, B is for eggs, C is for milk -- what's going on here? The seed is tomorrow's Apple, the eggs are tomorrow's Birds, the milk is tomorrow's Cheese!

**Town Mouse, Country Mouse**, by Jan Brett

After trading houses, the country mice and the town mice discover there's no place like home.

**The Velveteen Rabbit**, by Margery Williams and illustrated by William Nicholson

The beloved tale of a well-worn bunny whose greatest dream is to become real, and the magical power of love that makes his wish come true.



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A "Bring Your Pet" birthday party gets out of hand when the pets show more interest in chasing each other than in celebrating.

### **The War Between the Vowels and the Consonants** by Turner

This artful fable, great for reading aloud, tells of a time when letters coexisted as two mutually distrustful social groups...until a common enemy united them.

### **Where the Wild Things Are**, by Maurice Sendak

A miniature version of Maurice Sendak's story about Max, a little boy who sails to the land of the Wild Things.

### **Winnie the Pooh**, by A. A. Milne

The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.

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**A Chair for My Mother**, by Vera B. Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

**A New Coat for Anna**, by Harriet Ziefert

Anna needs a new coat badly, and even though the war is over the stores are bare and money is very scarce. But Anna's resourceful mother figures out a way to get a new coat for Anna.

**Abigail Takes the Wheel**, by Avi

Collision in the Harbor! Abigail and her brother, Tom, travel to school every day aboard their father's freight boat, the Neptune.

**Adventure Stories That Will Thrill You**, by Reading Rainbow

Explore the Artic tundra with a pack of dogs, or go sailboating into the middle of a wild storm! 5 thrilling stories are included in this book.

**Amelia Bedelia**, by Fritz Siebel

Meet Amelia Bedelia, the hardworking, charming housekeeper who actually does EXACTLY what the Rogers family asks her to do.

**Amelia's Road**, by Linda Jacobs Altman

This touching tale of the importance of home will strike a chord with children who find themselves having to cope with moving. Amelia, a child of migrant farm workers, is weary of wandering with the seasons and longs for a home with a fine yard and shade tree.



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### **The Art Lesson**, by Tomie de Paola

Tommy can't wait to start his art class at school. But once there, he is surprised to find rules! His art teacher wants him to copy her drawing, and he wants to create his own.

### **Bonaparte**, by Marsha Wilson Chall

When a young French boy goes away to school, he and his dog are sad to be separated until they find a way to change the school's rules about dogs.

### **Brave Kids: Cora Frear**, by Goodman

Cora loves riding through the wild prairie with her doctor father on his house calls. One day, they have a bigger adventure than they bargained for.

### **Breakout at the Bug Lab**, by Horowitz/Holub

Max, a Madagascar cockroach, is as big as a bite-sized candy bar and hisses like a snake when he is mad. Leo and his brother are fascinated.

### **Buster**, by Bechtold L

In these stories Buster discovers his self-worth and self-confidence and makes friends along the way. Beginning readers will relate to Buster's fears.

### **Cam Jansen and the Birthday Mystery**, by David A. Adler

When Cam's grandparents are robbed on their way to her parents' surprise birthday party, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery.

### **Cold Feet**, by Cynthia C. DeFelice

Willie McPhee has fallen on hard times and discovers spooky happenings when he takes much-needed boots off a dead man. Soon Willie's feet are warm...but who is that tapping on the door?

### **The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash**, by Trinka Hakes Noble

When Jimmy's unusual pet accompanies him on his class trip, an ordinary jaunt to a farm turns into a hilarious, slapstick romp.

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### **Emma's Magic Winter**, by Jean Little

A new friend? When Sally moves into the house next door, Emma's mom thinks it will be easy for the two girls to become friends. But Emma is so shy.

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### **Harry in Trouble**, by B Porte

Harry's dog ate his first library card. Then his dad washed Harry's second card with the laundry. Finally...Harry promised he would put his third card in a safe place.

### **Helen Keller and the Big Storm**, by Lakin/Magnuson

Helen Keller cannot see or hear. But that does not stop her from playing tricks on people, including her new teacher, Annie Sullivan.





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### **Horrible Harry and the Dragon War**, by Kline/Remkiewicz

There's a war in Room 3B! Horrible Harry and Song Lee are in a fight, and nobody in Room 3B is happy. Harry and Song Lee have been best friends since they were very young.

### **Horrible Harry Goes to Sea**, by Kline/Remkiewicz

Miss Mackle's class is learning about their ancestors, and everyone just found out that Ida's great-great grandmother sailed on the Titanic.

### **How To Catch An Elephant**, by Amy Schwartz

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### **Minnie And Moo and the Musk of Zorro**, by Denys Cazet

Moo longs for the days of heroes, the days of the derring-do of good-deed doers. As Juanita del Zorro del Moo and Dolores del Zorro del Minnie, our heroes roam the farm armed with an aerosol can of Zorro musk and a barbecue skewer, attempting to rescue the downtrodden.

### **Miss Rumphius**, by Barbara Cooney

As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.

### **The New Kid on the Block**, by Jack Prelutsky

Open this book to any page to begin your exploration. Here are poems about things that you may never have thought about before. You'll be introduced to jellyfish stew, a bouncing mouse, a ridiculous dog, and a boneless chicken. You'll meet the world's worst singer and the greatest video game player in history. You'll even find an invitation to a dragon's birthday party...Your friends are invited too.

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### **The Other Side**, by Jacqueline Woodson

Woodson's pre-civil rights picture book tells a story of a friendship across race.



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This antic adventure is the first Rotten Ralph Rotten Reader, a rambunctious new series for beginning readers.

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**The BFG**, by Roald Dahl

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

**Bridge to Terabithia**, by Katherine Paterson

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, by Roald Dahl

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

**Charlotte's Web**, by E. B. White

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte decides to help him.

**Chocolate Fever**, by R Smith

Henry Green is boy who loves chocolate more than anything. He eats it daily and in every way imaginable for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

**Danny the Champion of the World** by R Dahl

Danny has had a life any boy would love. His home is a gypsy caravan, he's the youngest master car mechanic around, and his friend is his dad, who always is there for him.



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### **Dear Mr. Henshaw**, by Beverly Cleary

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

### **Fantastic Mr. Fox**, by R Dahl

Nobody's outfoxes Fantastic Mr. Fox! Someone's been stealing from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief-it's fantastic Mr. Fox.

### **Freckle Juice**, by Judy Blume

Nicky has freckles -- they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them on his neck.

### **Fudge-A-Mania**, by Judy Blume

Peter Hatcher's summer is not looking good. First of all, Peter's brother Fudge, the five-year-old human hurricane has a plan, to marry Peter's sworn, true friend.

### **Harriet the Spy**, by Louise Fitzhugh

Harriet M. Welsh is determined to grow up and be a famous author. In the meantime, she practices by following a regular spy route each day and writing down everything she sees in her secret notebook. Then one morning, her classmates find her spy notebook and read it out loud! Harriet's in big trouble. The other sixth-graders are stealing her tomato sandwiches, forming a spy-catcher club, and writing notes of their own -- all about Harriet!

### **How to Eat Fried Worms**, by T Rockwell

Billy has always been ready to make a bet, but this time he thinks he might have gone too far. He has to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days to win \$50.

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### **James and the Giant Peach**, by Roald Dahl

For young James Henry Trotter, life with the exceedingly nasty Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker is pure misery. James dreams of a better life, but he's totally unprepared for the wild adventures ahead of him when he drops the magic crystals he receives from a strange old man. Before long James is off on a weird, wonderful journey inside a giant peach with a bizarre group of companions!

### **Matilda**, by Roald Dahl

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

### **Mr. Popper's Penguins**, by Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

### **Out of the Dust**, by Karen Hesse

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

### **Sarah, Plain and Tall**, by Patricia MacLachlan

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

### **Shiloh**, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Eleven-year-old Marty Preston "finds a stray dog that seems to be abused and is determined to keep it at all costs. Because his family is very poor, without money to feed another mouth, his parents don't want any pets. Subsequently, there is a lot of conflict over the animal within the family and between Marty and Judd Travers, the dog's owner



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### **Stuart Little**, by E. B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

### **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**, by Judy Blume

A nine-year-old is "given" a little brother and soon decides that she is expendable. But some things about little brother are lovable too.

### **Tuck Everlasting**, by Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

### **Walk Two Moons**, by Sharon Creech

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

### **Where the Sidewalk Ends**, by Shel Silverstein

Irreverent, hilarious and wildly popular, this collection of Silverstein's verse is hard to put down.

### Recommended books for pre-teens and young teens

**Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret**, by Judy Blume

Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a twelve-year-old girl talks over her problems with her own private God.

**Bridge to Terabithia**, by Katherine Paterson

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

**Brian's Winter and Brian's Return**, by Gary Paulsen

**This** is a sequel to *Hatchet*. What if Brian was not rescued at the end of the summer? What if he had to survive the winter? This is what happens in **Brian's Winter**. **Brian's Return** is about Brian going back to school and realizing that his life has changed forever.

**Challenge at Second Base**, by Matt Christopher.

Stan wants to quit the team when his rival for second base looks too good to beat, but an anonymous note changes his mind.

**The Giver**, by Lois Lowry.

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in the community and discovers the horrible truth about the society in which he lives.

**The Great Gilly Hopkins**, by Katherine Paterson

An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

**Hatchet**, by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.





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### **Holes**, by L Sachar

Poor Stanley Yelnats, his family has had a string of bad luck ever since his great-great grandfather stole a pig from a one-legged gypsy but that's about to change.

### **I Am the Cheese**, by Robert Cormier.

A young man searches for his identity but is afraid that if he finds out who he is, he will be killed.

### **Island of the Blue Dolphins**, by Scott O'Dell

This story records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

### **Jacob Have I Loved**, by Katherine Paterson

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

**Johnny Tremain**, by Ester Forbes. (winner of the 1944 Newbery Medal) A young apprentice silversmith plays a major role in the American Revolution in this novel of historical fiction.

### **Last Summer with Maizon**, by Jacqueline Woodson.

Maizon and Margaret are best friends -- together forever. It feels like their world is falling apart when Margaret's father dies and Maizon gets a scholarship to a boarding school. Maizon is afraid she will be the only African American at the school.

### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, by C. S. Lewis

What begins as a simple game of hide-and-seek quickly turns into the adventure of a lifetime when Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy walk through the wardrobe and into the land of Narnia.

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**Lord of the Flies**, by William Golding.

The war has just ended. A group of boys is marooned on an island -- no adults have survived. There are some horrific scenes of violence. Parents may want to read this book before sharing it with their children.

**Maniac Magee**, by Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

**Mariel of Redwall**, by Brian Jacques.

Mariel the mousemaid leads a band of animals against the evil sea-rat King Gabool. An adventure fantasy for young adults.

**Me, Mop & the Moondance Kid**, by Walter Dean Myers.

Three orphans work together to have a winning baseball team -- and to be adopted.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins**, by Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**, by Robert C. O'Brien

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

**My Side of the Mountain**, by Jean Craighead George

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.



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### **Number the Stars**, by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

### **Out of the Dust**, by Karen Hesse

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

### **The Outsiders**, by S.E. Hinton.

This book takes a realistic look at the lives of two brothers caught up in gangs and violence.

### **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, by Mildred D. Taylor

A black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

### **Stone Fox**, by John Reynolds Gardiner

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

### **Stuart Little**, by E. B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

### **The Secret Garden**, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

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**Tangerine**, by Edward Bloor.

Twelve-year-old Paul is a star soccer player, despite needing very thick glasses to see. No one really notices him behind his football hero brother until they move to Tangerine. Paul begins to remember how he lost his vision and everything changes. Issues of bullying, stealing, ethnicity, and class are subtly explored.

**The Thief Lord**, by C Funke

Welcome to the magical underworld of Venice, Italy, where hidden canals and crumbling rooftops shelter runaways and children with incredible secrets.

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**Westing Game**, by Ellen Raskin.

The mysterious death of eccentric millionaire Samuel W. Westing brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. Raskin weaves a twister-like plot and cleverly unravels for a satisfying and surprising ending.

**The Whipping Boy**, by S Fleischman

A shout comes echoing up the stairway - *Fetch the whipping boy!* A young orphan named Jemmy rouses from his sleep. *Ain't I already been whipped?*

**Witch of Blackbird Pond**, by Elizabeth George Speare.

Kit Tyler feels out of place in her new home in Connecticut. She befriends an outcast woman and finds herself on trial for witchcraft.



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**A Wrinkle in Time**, by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

### **Spectacular series for grades K - 2**

**Arthur**, by Marc Brown

Check out the best aardvark antics around!

**Captain Underpants** by Dav Pilkey

Prepare for potty humor with these favorite tales of a wedgie-powered superhero.

**Dr. Seuss Books**, by Dr. Seuss

This classic rhymed story builds early reading skills and dazzles your child's imagination.

**Frances**, by Russell Hoban

Experience everyday routines and new challenges with a young badger.

**Franklin**, by Paulette Bourgeois

Explore emotional issues with a turtle coming out of his shell.

**Frog and Toad**, by Arnold Lobel

Meet two favorite friends as they face the world together.

**Froggy**, by Jonathan London

Laugh out loud at the antics of this enthusiastic amphibian.

**George and Martha**, by James Marshall

Enjoy the timeless tales of best hippo friends.

**Geronimo Stilton**, by Geronimo Stilton

Starring an adventurous mouse who edits a newspaper, these chapter books have visually exciting text styles and illustrations that boost reading enthusiasm.

**Hipkidhop**, by various rap artists

Award-winning rap artists bring modern challenges to life in these book and CD sets.



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**Junie B. Jones**, by Barbara Park

Prepare for classroom conundrums with a zany grade-schooler.

**Little Bill**, by various authors

Bill Cosby's series explores complex feelings and empowers young readers.

**The Magic School Bus**, by Joanna Cole

Hop aboard for science explorations that redefine "hands-on learning."

**Magic Tree House**, by Mary Pope Osborne

Explore history's mysteries when you travel through time with this perennially popular series.

**Mrs. Piggle Wiggle**, by Betty MacDonald

When parents have problems with their kids, they flock to Mrs. Piggle Wiggle for her ingenious and magical solutions.

**Nate the Great**, by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Crack the case with a boy detective in the style of Sam Spade.

**Ready, Freddy!** by Abby Klein

Freddy Thresher is a 1st grader who loves sharks. Drawings contain a hidden word ('fin') to find and activity pages abound in each book.

**The Secrets of Droon**, by Tony Abbott

Journey with three kids to the magical world of Droon, where anything can happen. Features simple plots and vocabulary just right for early readers not yet ready for Harry Potter.

**Scooby-Doo!** by various authors

Beginning readers follow Scooby, Shaggy, and the Mystery, Inc. gang as they solve mysteries together. Look for drawing books and sticker books, too.

### Spectacular series for grades 3 -5

**Abby Hayes**, by Anne Mazer

Abby copes with middle school, a genius little brother, and perfect older twin siblings. The series begins when Abby is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, and continues through middle school.

**My America**, by various authors

Travel to eras past in these simple diaries designed for chapter-book readers.

**Animorphs**, by K.A. Applegate

Find nail-biting action in these futuristic novels about kids who have amazing powers.

**Bone**, by Jeff Smith

Begun as a comic book in 1991, this saga of an unlikely hero in graphic-novel format relates the awesome exploits of the Bone cousins, who are separated, then reunited.

**Bunnicula**, by Deborah & James Howe

Keep a close watch on your vegetables when reading these tales of a vampire bunny.

**Captain Underpants**, by Dav Pilkey

Prepare for potty humor with these favorite tales of a wedgie-powered superhero.

**Charlie Bone (The Children of the Red King Series)**, by Jenny Nimmo

When Charlie Bone discovers he can hear people in photographs talking, his life takes an amazing turn.

**Children of the Lamp**, by P.B. Kerr

Twelve-year-old twins find they have magical powers.

Special After Words edition of *The Akhenaten Adventure* includes: Author Q&A, Pharaoh and Djinn histories, Pendulum activity.





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**Encyclopedia Brown**, by Donald J. Sobol

Dive into these funny whodunits starring a 5th-grade detective.

**Goosebumps**, by R. L. Stine

Thrilling tales and safe scares in a creepy, spooky series that's highly addictive.

**Guardians of Ga'Hoole**, by Kathryn Lasky

Soren, a heroic barn owl, and his friend Gylfie confront dark and light, good and evil, in these fast-paced science fantasies, which happen to be packed with lots of real-life facts about owls.

**Harry Potter**, by J. K. Rowling

This orphan wizard has transformed many a child into a devoted reader.

Chamber of Secrets

- Prisoner of Azkaban
- Philosopher's Stone
- Sorcerer's Stone
- Goblet of Fire
- The Order of Phoenix
- Half Blood Prince

**The Land of Elyon**, by Patrick Carman

This trilogy follows a young girl as she explores the magic world outside the walls of the lodge she visits each summer.

**Little House on the Prairie**, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The adventures of Laura Ingalls and her family as they leave their little house in the Big Woods of Wisconsin and set out for Kansas. They travel for many days in their covered wagon until they find the best spot to build their little house on the prairie. Sometimes pioneer life is hard, but Laura and her folks are always busy and happy in their new little house.

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### **The Logan Family**, by Mildred Taylor

This saga of a 1930s African-American family is drawn from the real-life tales told to the author by her father about a black family in a segregated land. Includes Newbery Award-winner, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

### **Maya & Miguel Books**, by various authors

Ten-year-old twins and their family and neighborhood friends have lots of ideas for having fun.

### **My Father's Dragon**, by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Whimsical fantasy tales of two special friends involve a rescue, escaped canaries, and some scurrilous hunters.

### **Ramona**, by Beverly Cleary

Remember Ramona and Beezus Quimby and Henry Huggins? Ramona's tales of 8-year-old angst stand the test of time.

### **A Series of Unfortunate Events**, by Lemony Snicket

Don't miss these wonderfully narrated adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, whose lives are filled with misery, woe, and harrowing encounters.

### **Sideways Stories from Wayside School**, by L Sachar

There was a terrible mistake-Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high! (The builder said he was sorry.)

### **Time Warp Trio**, by Jon Scieszka

Travel through history — from ancient Egypt to the far future — with three wise-cracking kids.

### **The Underland Chronicles**, by Suzanne Collins

Your child will be swept up in the adventurous quests confronting 11-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister Boots in a strange world under New York City, where humans live with smart bats and loyal cockroaches. Special After Words edition of *Gregor the Overlander* includes: Author Q&A, Bug facts, Underland and decoder activities.



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**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**, by L. Frank Baum

Baum called his 1900 best seller a "wonder tale," and followed it with more than a dozen fascinating Oz novels.

### **Spectacular series for grades 6-8**

**The Alex Rider Adventures**, by Anthony Horowitz

Spies! Secret agents! Vicious threats! This series, and its 14-year-old hero, will hook even the most reluctant readers.

**Anne of Green Gables**, by L.M. Montgomery

Meet the orphaned redhead who changes the lives of everyone she meets in her new hometown.

**Artemis Fowl**, by Eoin Colfer

As the last in a line of criminal masterminds, a 12-year-old boy-genius plans to build his family fortune by holding a fairy for ransom.

**Arthur**, by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Live the legend with these captivating medieval tales.

**The Brian Books**, by Gary Paulsen

Teen Brian Robeson uses know-how and determination in these survival stories of the Canadian wilderness.

**Chronicles of Prydain**, by Lloyd Alexander

Adventure, enchantment, and an epic quest make these good-versus-evil tales tough to put down.

**The Dark Is Rising Sequence**, by Susan Cooper

Satisfy your fantasy fan's quest for enchantment with this Newbery Award-winning series that has it all: imaginative writing, a fantasy setting, and a sweeping conflict between good and evil.

**Dear America**, by various authors

Step into the lives of kids throughout history in this award-winning journal series.



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### **Dear Dumb Diary**, by Jim Benton

One girl's reflections on her continuing travails at Mackerel Middle School told in an edgy tone that appeals to teens.

### **Dragons of Deltora**, by Emily Rodda

The continuing saga of young Lief and his companions in a fantasyland called Deltora, where monsters, famine, and evil lords lurk.

### **Everworld**, by K. A. Applegate

In a parallel universe called Everworld, magic rules and ancient myths come alive.

### **Harry Potter**, by J.K. Rowling

This orphan wizard has transformed many a kid into a devoted reader.

- Chamber of Secrets
- Prisoner of Azkaban
- Philosopher's Stone
- Sorcerer's Stone
- Goblet of Fire
- The Order of Phoenix
- Half Blood Prince

### **His Dark Materials**, by Philip Pullman

An unforgettable trilogy about children who cross worlds to fulfill their destinies.

### **The Keys to the Kingdom**, by Garth Nix

A spellbinding series featuring 7th-grader Arthur Penhaligon as an unlikely hero in a sinister realm.

### **The Lord of the Rings**, by J.R.R. Tolkien

Filled with mythology and magic, these long-heralded classics inspired the blockbuster movies.

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**The Princess Diaries**, by Meg Cabot

Devour these funny diaries about a New York teen who tries to control her hair, her crushes, and an entire country.

**Redwall**, by Brian Jacques

Battles between good and evil abound in these energetic fantasies starring the animal friends of Redwall Abbey.

**Sammy Keys**, by Wendelin Van Draanen

Move over Nancy Drew — this no-nonsense girl detective stumbles onto mysteries she never fails to solve.

**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**, by Ann Brashares

Four friends share one pair of magic jeans that pass from friend to friend each summer throughout high school until they're off to college.

**The Tillerman Books**, by Cynthia Voigt

Abandoned by their mother, the Tillerman children find different homes, and struggle to survive the world — and each other.

**The Time Quartet**, by Madeleine L'Engle

If someone invited you to a newly discovered galaxy, would you go? An extraordinary family travels into time past and time future. This is sci-fi at its best.



### Recommended books for girls

**Chester's Way**, by Kevin Henkes.

Ages 3-7.

The mouse Lilly is one of the bravest, most flamboyant young females around. She rescues her friends from bullies, teaches them how to do wheelies, and always carries a loaded squirt gun. Everyone should meet her!

**JoJo's Flying Side Kick**, by Brian Pinkney

Ages 3-7.

In order to earn her yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do, young JoJo must break a board with a flying side-kick. With the help of her family, she masters her fears and succeeds. A real winner.

**The Adventures of Isabel**, by Ogden Nash and illustrated by James Marshall.

Ages 3-8.

In this funny poem, Isabel conquers a bear, a witch, a giant, a doctor, and a nightmare. The pictures will make children laugh while they learn to banish their own nightmares. Not to be missed.

**Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China**, by Ed Young

Ages 4-8.

Exquisite illustrations accompany this Chinese folktale about a girl who outwits a nasty wolf and saves her sisters. Winner of the Caldecott Medal.

**Eloise**, by Kay Thompson and illustrated by Hilary Knight.

Ages 4-8.

Eloise is one of a kind. She tears around the Plaza Hotel in New York, driving adults crazy and having a terrific time. It is no surprise that this incorrigible girl has been popular for more than forty years.

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**Swamp Angel**, by Anne Isaacs and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky.  
Ages 4-9.

Tennessee-born Angelica Longrider, known as Swamp Angel, is a wonderfully outlandish addition to American tall tales. Building her first log cabin at age two is just the beginning of her incredible career. Witty folk art captures the larger-than-life heroine. A Caldecott Honor book.

**Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman**, by Kathleen Krull and illustrated by David Diaz.  
Ages 6-8

Striking illustrations portray the life of Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood polio to become a great runner and win three Olympic gold medals. A powerful, inspiring story.

**The Outside Dog**, by Charlotte Pomerantz and illustrated by Jennifer Plecas.  
Ages 5-8.

A charming beginning reader about a Puerto Rican girl who is determined to have a dog, despite her grandfather's objections.

**A Ride on the Red Mare's Back**, by Urula LeGuin and illustrated by Julie Downing.  
Ages 5-9.

With the help of a magical horse, a brave girl sets off to rescue her brother who has been stolen by trolls. A beautifully illustrated tale of courage and love.

**Sable**, by Kareen Hesse and illustrated by Marcia Sewall..  
Ages 6-10.

More than anything, Tate wants to keep the stray dog that shows up at her mountain home. With persistence and hard work, the girl succeeds. A heartwarming novel for younger readers.





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**Sarah, Plain and Tall**, by Patricia McLachlan.

Ages 6-10.

This small gem tells the story of two children and the quiet, strong woman who they hope will marry their father. Perfect for reading aloud. Winner of the Newbery Medal.

**Yolonda's Genius**, by Carol Fenner 1995.

Ages 10-13.

A large and confident girl, Yolonda draws on all of her many talents to help her younger brother pursue his musical dream in this outstanding novel. A Newbery Honor book.

**Island of the Blue Dolphins**, by Scott O'Dell 1960.

Ages 9-12.

In this modern classic, twelve-year-old Karana must survive alone for years on a California island. Winner of the Newbery Medal.

**Lost Star: The Story of Amelia Earhart**, by Patricia Lauber

Ages 9-13.

Amelia Earhart broke barriers for women while she broke men's flying records. This biography describes her fascinating life from childhood to her mysterious disappearance.

**Dealing with Dragons**, by Patricia Wrede

Ages 10-13.

Cimorene finds being a princess so boring that she takes a job working for a dragon! The first in a popular, funny series.

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, by Avi

Ages 10-14.

"Not every thirteen-year-old girl is accused of murder, brought to trial, and found guilty," opens this thrilling tale of a proper young lady who changes when she gets caught up in a mutiny. A top-notch adventure.

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**Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery**, by Russell Freedman  
Ages 11-14.

Award-winning biographer Russell Freedman conveys the greatness of Eleanor Roosevelt through his lively writing and an extensive array of photographs. Highly recommended. A Newbery Honor book.

**Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind**, by Suzanne Fisher Staples  
Ages 12-14.

Set in contemporary Pakistan, this gripping novel follows the fate of Shabanu, an adolescent girl from a nomadic tribe who rebels against her arranged marriage. A Newbery Honor book.



### Recommended websites

[www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com) This website provides tips to parents on how to help their children learn. There are many activities for children and good advice for parents. This website is very easy to use. When you get into the website you will have a great selection to choose from: activities, ages and stages, parenting, school help, special needs, entertainment and family finance. Click on any of these!

[www.rifnet.org](http://www.rifnet.org) This website is about a program called “Reading is Fundamental.” It includes information on storytelling and reading with your children. This is an excellent site for helping your children learn how to read. There are great activities for the whole family and great reading tips.

[www.sfo.com/~parvin/part1](http://www.sfo.com/~parvin/part1) This website provides information on tutoring and tips on teaching reading. It has detailed information about reading strategies and reading difficulties.

[www.literacyconnections.com](http://www.literacyconnections.com) Literacy Connections: Promoting Literacy and the Love of Reading is a great website for reading strategies. They have information on sight words, language experience, readers theatre, and much more.

[www.kidsdomain.com](http://www.kidsdomain.com) This site has educational games for children, printables, holiday activities and much more.

[www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com) This site is great! It has information on just about any topic. It has printables for most age groups and provides detailed instructions for crafts for any holiday.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/tablek.html> This website has a home learning program that you can download for families that have children in kindergarten. The resource has activities that you can do each day with your child.

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<http://www.ed.gov/Family/RWN/Activ97/begin.html> This website has great activities for pre-schoolers to grade 6. Many of the activities in the Family Tutoring manual came from this website.

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hmr> This website has on-line learning activities for children in grades 1 – 6.

<http://www.familyeducation.com/article/0,1120,23-16986,00.html> 50 Fun Ways to Improve Reading. This website has 50 great learning activities for children from K – 12.

<http://www.scholastic.com/familymatters/read/all/summer/activities.htm> Scholastic has a great website for activities and games. It also has booklists for grades K – 8.

