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For students entering Kindergarten or first grade...

A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Hanks
The Curious George Series by H.A. Rey
Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
The Legend of Bluebonnet by Tomie DePaola
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McClosky
The Mitten by Jan Brett
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab by April Pulley Sayre
The Pigeon Books by Mo Willems
Snowballs by Lois Ehlert
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Children who are beginning to read on their own will enjoy Level 1 and 2 books from publishers like Scholastic, Penguin, and Harper. Candlewick Press has a similar series called Brand New Readers.

For students entering second grade...

The Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
The Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
The Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
The Fenway Foul-up by David Kelly
The Fox and His Friends Series by James Marshall
The Golly Sisters Series by Betsy Byars
The Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems
Kick, Pass, and Run by Leonard Kessler
The Mr. Putter and the Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant
The Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
The Secrets of Droon Series by Tony Abbott
The Tiny Series by Cari Meister
The You Read to Me, I'll Read to You Series by Mary Ann Hoberman
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins

For students entering third grade...

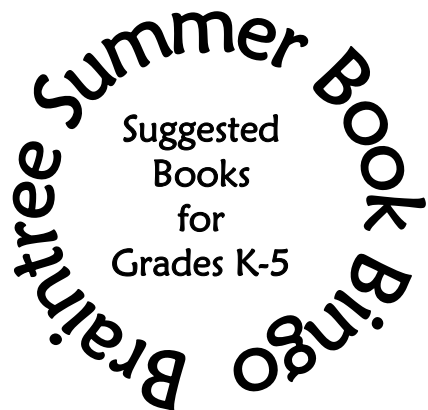
Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look
Bones by Steve Jenkins
The Clementine Series by Sara Pennypacker
The Ghosthunters Series by Cornelia Funke
The Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline
The Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
The Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo Series by Nancy Krulik
The Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
The Marvin Redpost Series by Louis Sachar
The Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo
The Nikki and Deja Series by Karen English and Laura Freeman
The Phineas L. MacGuire Series by Francis O'Roark Dowell
The Ramona Series by Beverly Cleary
Rats on the Roof by James Marshall
The Third Grade Detectives Series by George E. Stanley
Three Terrible Trins by Dick King-Smith
The Toys Go Out Books by Emily Jenkins

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Babe and Me by Dan Gutman
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Bunnicula by James Howe
The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling
Daniel at the Siege of Boston
 by Laurie R. King
The Dark Hills Divide by Patrick Carman
The Doll People by Ann Martin
The I Survived... Series by Lauren Tarshis
Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher
 by Bruce Coville
The Joey Pigza Books by Jack Gantos
Joshua's Song by Joan Harlow
The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman
The School Story by Andrew Clements
The So You Want to Be Books
 by Judith St. George and David Small
The Stories Huey Tells by Ann Cameron
The You Wouldn't Want to ... Series
 by various authors

For students entering fifth grade...

The *Series of Unfortunate Events* Series
 by Lemony Snicket
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
Bud, Not Buddy by Paul Christopher Curtis
 The *Guardians of Ga'hoole* Series
 by Kathryn Lasky
 The *Dealing with Dragons* Series
 by Patricia Wrede
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
 The *Emmy* Series by Lynne Jonnell
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli
 The *Lionboy* Books by Zizou Corder
Magyk by Angie Sage
 The *Molly Moon* Series by Georgia Byng
On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck
 The *Penderwicks* Books by Jeanne Birdsall
Prince of Fenway Park by Julianna Baggot
 The *Redwall* Series by Brian Jacques
The Rowan of Rin Series by Emily Rodda
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett
 The *Spiderwick Chronicles* Series
 by Tony DiTerlizzi
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Great books to read aloud at any age...

The *26 Fairmont Avenue* Series
 by Tomie DePaola
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliet
 The *Chet Gecko Mystery* Series by Bruce Hale
 The *Cobble Street Cousins* Series
 by Cynthia Rylant
Danny, Champion of the World by Roald Dahl
 The *Harry Potter* Series by J.K. Rowling
How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
 The *Little House in the Big Woods* Series
 by Laura Ingalls Wilder
 The *Charlie Bone* Series by Jenny Nimmo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
 by Kate DiCamillo
Mr. Chickee's Funny Money
 by Christopher Paul Curtis
 The *Mysterious Benedict Society* Series
 by Trenton Lee Stewart
New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan
Stuart Little by E.B. White
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne

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