

**Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List
Rising Kindergarten
2013-2014**

Nonfiction Books

Brown, Laurene Krasny. *How to be a Friend: A Guide to Making Friends and Keeping Them*

Dinosaur characters illustrate the value of friends, how to make friends, and how to be and not to be a good friend.

Carle, Eric. *The Tiny Seed*

This is a simple description of a flower's life cycle as seen through the adventures of a tiny seed.

Cowley, Joy. *Chameleon, Chameleon*

Photographs and text explore the world of chameleons on the island of Madagascar.

Barton, Burton. *Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs*

A long time ago there were dinosaurs. Big dinosaurs and small dinosaurs. Dinosaurs with horns on their heads or spikes down their backs. Dinosaurs with long, long necks and long, long tails.

Ehlert, Lois. *Color Zoo*

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Roar! : A Noisy Counting Book*

One day, while great big lions lie basking in the sun, a little lion cub goes off to find some fun.

Hughes, Langston. *My People*

Hughes's spare yet eloquent tribute to his people has been cherished for generations. This modern interpretation uses vivid black and white photographs to capture the faces, eyes, and souls of many different people.

Pinkney, Sandra L. *I Am Latino: The Beauty in Me*

Poetic, affirmative text accompanies the bright and striking photographs of children and uses the five senses to lead the reader on an exploration of Latino foods, music, language, and more.

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

1 told 2 and 2 told 3, "I'll race you to the top of the apple tree." One hundred and one numbers climb the apple tree in this bright, joyous counting book for young children.

Marx, Trish. *Kindergarten Day USA and China*

Readers spend a school day with two kindergarten classes in this flip-me-over book. One side tells the story of a class from Schenectady, New York, and the other side tells of a class from Beijing, China.

Murphy, Julie. *Whose Baby is This?*

Simple text and full-color photos ask multiple-choice questions about which adults these baby animals grow up to be.

Raschka, Christopher. *Five for a Little One*

A young rabbit explores the world using his five senses. Try a taste, take a gander, snuffle a sniff, relish a sound, and share a hug.

Fiction Books

Bingham, Kelly. *Z is for Moose*

Moose is terribly eager to play his part in Zebra's alphabet book, but when his letter passes him by, Moose behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.

Bloom, Suzanne. *The Bus for Us*

Eagerly awaiting the bus on her first day of school, Tess learns the names of different vehicles from her older friend, Gus.

Dewdney, Anna. *Llama Llama Time to Share*

Llama Llama doesn't want to share his toys with his new neighbors. But when fighting leads to broken toys and tears, Llama learns that it's better to share.

Fox, Mem. *Where is the Green Sheep*

There are red sheep and blue sheep, wind sheep and wave sheep, scared sheep and brave sheep, but where is the green sheep?

Johnson, Angela. *Do Like Kyla*

A little girl imitates her big sister Kyla all day until the evening when Kyla imitates her.

Klassen, Jon. *This is Not My Hat*

A tiny fish shoots into view wearing a cute round blue hat (which happens to fit him perfectly). Could trouble be following close behind? The 2013 Caldecott Medal book

Mora, Pat. *Book Fiesta*

Celebrate of El día de los niños, or Children's Day, in this bilingual story. Facts about Mexico's annual celebration of children and the book fiestas that often take place on that day are included.

Pinkney, Sandra. *A Rainbow All Around Me*

This book uses the early-childhood concept of colors to teach young readers about the broad spectrum of multicultural children who make the world a colorful place.

Ransome, James E. *New Red Bike!*

Up and down! Round and round! Tom is having a blast zooming all over the neighborhood on his new red bike. The fun he has only increases when he is able to share it with his friend Sam.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Slate, Joseph. *Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten*

Miss Bindergarten and her kindergarteners are stepping out of the classroom and visiting all sorts of interesting places around town.

Willems, Mo. *The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?*

The Duckling asks for a cookie -- and gets one! Do you think the Pigeon is happy about that?