Lower School Reading Lists

1. A reading list for Lower School children who are learning to read and may need some support. (These books are designated by yellow highlighting on paper copies of the reading list.)

Friends and Foes—realistic fiction and true stories
Bemelmans, Madeline and others in this series
Fox, Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge
Frazee, A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever
Fucille, Let’s Do Nothing
Harrington, The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County
Harris, Mail Harry to the Moon!
Hayes, Benny and Penny and others in this series, graphic novel
Hughes, My People/The Negro Speaks to Rivers, poetry
Johnston, My Abuelita
Keats, Clementina’s Cactus, wordless
Rylant, Mr. Putter and Tabby and others in this series
Rylant, Henry and Mudge and others in this series
Rylant, Annie and Snowball and others in this series
Scanlon, All the World
Sendak, Pierre: a Cautionary Tale
Sidman, Red Sings from Treetops: a Year in Colors, poetry
Silverman, Cowgirl Kate and Coca and others in this series
Simon, Horrid Henry and others in this series
Stewart, The Gardener
Weitzman, You Can’t Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum
Willems, Knuffle Bunny and others in this series
Williams, Cherries and Cherry Pits
Zolotow, William’s Doll

I Laughed So Hard
Arnold, I Spy Fly Guy and others in this series
Bacon, I Hate Reading: How to Get Through 20 Minutes of Reading a Day Without Really Reading
Black, Chicken Cheeks
Cronin, Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type and others in this series
Dubosarsky, The Terrible Plop
Feiffer, Bark, George
Himmelman, Chickens to the Rescue, VSBA winner
Mayer, What Do You Do With a Kangaroo?
Scieszka, Robot Zot
Shannon, Duck on a Bike (and others in this series)
Van Allsburg, The Z was Zapped
Willems, Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and others in this series
Armstrong, Once Upon a Banana, wordless
Wood, *King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub*

**Awesome Adventures**
- Byars, *Boo’s Dinosaur*
- Daugherty, *Andy and the Lion: a Tale of Kindness Remembered or the Power of Gratitude*
- Farber, *The Jaguar Pau Puzzle: A Graphic Novel Adventure* or others in this series, graphic novel
- Gerstein, *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*
- Johnson, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, wordless
- Mccloskey, *Make Way for Ducklings*
- O’Connor, *Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire!*

**Another Time, Another Place—history, geography, and historical fiction**
- Barretta, *Now and Ben: the Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin*, nonfiction
- Cooney, *Miss Rumphius*
- Demi, *One Grain of Rice*, math, folklore
- Rocco, *Fu Finds the Way*

**Fur, Feathers, Fins, and Fangs**
- Arnofsky, *Otters Under Water*, nonfiction
- Asch, *Happy Birthday, Moon*
- Aylesworth, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, fairy tale
- Becker, *A Visitor for Bear* and others in this series
- Cannon, *Stellaluna*
- Carl, *The Very Busy Spider*
- Clements, *Dogku*, poetry
- Day, *Carl’s Afternoon in the Park*, wordless
- Duvoisin, *Petunia*
- Elting, *Q is for Duck*
- Falconer, *Olivia* and others in this series
- Harvey, *Tiger Pups*, nonfiction
- Henkes, *Kitten’s First Moon*
- Henkes, *Birds*, nonfiction
- Himelfman, *Katie Loves the Kittens*
- Ipcar, *The Cat at Night*
- Kraus, *Leo the Late Bloomer*
- Leaf, *The Story of Ferdinand*
- Lobel, *Frog and Toad Are Friends* *(Frog and Toad)* and others in this series
- London, *Froggy Gets Dressed* and others in this series
- MacLachan, *Once I Ate a Pie*, poetry
- Markle, *How Many Baby Pandas?* nonfiction
- Marshall, *Fox and His Friends* and others in this series
- Marshall, *George and Martha* and others in this series
- Marshall, *The Three Little Pigs*, fairy tale
- McMullen, *Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends* and others in this series
- Minarik, *Little Bear* and others in this series
- Pinkney, *The Lion and The Mouse*, wordless
- Portis, *A Penguin Story*
- Rathmann, *Officer Buckle and Gloria*
- Rodriguez, *Sergio Makes a Splash*
- Rohmann, *My Friend Rabbit*
- Runton, *Owly* and others in this series, wordless, graphic novel
- Rylant, *Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea* and others in this series
Schachner, *Skippyjon Jones* and others in this series
Smith, *Little Mouse Gets Ready: A Toon Book*, graphic novel
Watt, *Scaredy Squirrel* and others in this series
Wells, *Yoko (Yoko and Friends-School Days)* and others in this series
Wiesner, *The Three Pigs*, fairy tale
Willey, *The Three Bears and Goldilocks*, fairy tale

**Imagine That**—fantasy, fairy tales, mythology
Emberley, *Chicken Little*, folk tale
Faller, *The Adventures of Polo*, wordless
Hawkes, *The Wicked Big Toddlah*, tall tale
Heide, *Princess Hyacinth: (The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated)*
Joyce, *George Shrinks*
LaRochelle, *The End*
Spier, *Bored, Nothing to Do*, wordless
Weisner, *Flotsam*, wordless

**It’s a Mystery to Me**
Adler, *Bones and the Dog Gone Mystery* and others books in this series
Levy, *The Schoolyard Mystery (Invisible Inc.)* and other books in this series
Scarry, *Richard Scarry’s The Great Pie Robbery and Other Mysteries*
Walsh, *Dot and Jabber and the Great Acorn Mystery* and other books in this series

**Give Me the Shivers**
Eeckhout, *There’s No Such Thing as Ghosts!*
Hemingway, *Bump in the Night*
Kohara, *Ghost in the House*
Lies, *Bats at the Beach* and others in this series
Martin, *The Ghost-eye Tree*
Mayer, *There’s a Nightmare in My Closet*
McCarty, *Jeremy Draws a Monster*
Michelson, *Oh No, Not Ghosts!*
Montes, *Los Gatos Black on Halloween*
O’Connor, *Sally and the Some-Thing*
Waddell, *Owl Babies*

**Busy Hands**—build, cook, craft, and draw
Barnett, *Guess Again!*
Emberley, *Ed Emberley’s Great Thumbprint Drawing Book* and others in this series
Kohl, *Art with Anything: 52 Weeks of Fun Using Everyday Stuff*
Solga, *Art Fun!: 69 Exciting, Original and Easy-to-Make Projects Kids Will Love to Do*
Wick, *I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles* and others in this series

**Sports of All Sorts**
Best, *Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen*
Bradley, *Ballerino Nate*
Durango, *Cha-cha Chimps*
Hest, *Make the Team, Baby Duck!*
Holabird, *Angelina Ballerina* and others in this series
Lester, *Batter Up, Wombat*
London, *Froggy Learns to Swim* and others in this series
Lucke, *The Boy Who Wouldn’t Swim*
Paulsen, *Dogteam*
Wheeler, *Dino-Hockey* and others in this series