

READ ALOUD RECOMMENDATIONS

2010-11

*Don't miss it!

Fairy Tales

Author

Colum, Padraic—intro.
Pantheon edition
Jacobs, Joseph
Lang, Andrew

Title

Grimm's Fairy Tales
English Fairy Tales
Red Fairy Tales and many others

There are, also, wonderful picture books, even for First and Second graders—e.g. Elsa Beskow, Barbara Berger, Barbara Cooney, Robert McCloskey, and Tomie DePaola. The library and Juniper Tree House can give you more ideas.

Chapter Books

I have listed the following books in three groups (easiest first) and have noted **the year they are usually read by children themselves**. If there is no grade listed they are best read aloud.

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Author

Burgess, Thornton

Gannett, Ruth Stiles
Hoban, Russell

Title

Old Mother West Wind and series 2,3
If your child doesn't like to hear stories over and over, save these for their practice in 2nd 3rd grades.
My Father's Dragon and 2 more 2,3
***Bedtime for Frances** and others

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Barker, Cicely Mary

Baum, L. Frank
Browne, Frances
Carlson, Natalie
Lindgren, Astrid

The Lord of Rushie River
Simon the Swan
***The Wizard of Oz** and series 4
Granny's Wonderful Chair
The Happy Orphelines and series 3
***The Children of Noisy Village** and others
Read through this book yourself first, particularly the chapter on Christmas. Ms. Lindgren has written many great books for all and your child will enjoy reading many of these at the appropriate time. Many are on this list somewhere.
***Emil and the Soup Tureen** and sequels
***Winnie the Pooh** 3
***The House at Pooh corner** 3
***The Tale of Peter rabbit** and others 3
Ballet Shoes and the other "Shoe" books 4+

Milne, A.A.

Potter, Beatrice
Streatfeild, Noel

Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the big Woods and series Children love these books in 3 rd grade. Farmer Boy will probably be a class reader.	
Wyatt, Isabel	*The Seven-Year-Old Wonder Book Check with your teacher. This book is sometimes used in First grade. The Book of Fairy Princes King Beetle Tamer	3
	Thorkill of Iceland	4

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Berger, Barbara	*Gwinna For read aloud in first or second grade	3,4
Besterman, Catherine	The Quaint and Curious Quest of Johnny Longfoot, the Shoe King's Son	
DeJong, Meindert	Shadrach *The Wheel on the School	3 4
	All of DeJong's books are good for reading aloud. They're hard for some children to get into, so they may not persist on their own. I urge you to stay with them; they're exceptionally satisfying books.	
Grahame, Kenneth	*The Wind in the Willows This is a classic for a reason.	
MacDonald, George	At the Back of the North Wind *The Princess and the Goblins Curdie and the Princess If your child is particularly sensitive to scary images, read this last one yourself first.	
Pyle, Howard	Pepper and Salt The Wonder Clock	
Steig, William	Abel's Island	

Poetry

Don't forget about poetry. There are many good collections available in the library and the Juniper Tree, including:

Andrews, Julie	Collection of Poems, Songs, and Lullabies
De la Mare, Walter	Any of his.
Hoberman, Mary Ann	The Tree that Time Built; A celebration of nature, Science, and imagination.
Kennedy, Caroline	A Family of Poems; My favorite poetry for children
Milne, A.A.	*Now We Are Six
Phillips, Neil	*When we Were Very Young New Treasury of Poetry