

ABC CORE LITERATURE LIST

KINDERGARTEN

ESSENTIAL(Read Aloud – Required)

Chrysanthemum - Kevin Henkes

Read-Aloud Rhymes,- Jack Prelutsky

Tomie de Paola's Mother Goose - Tomie de Paola

Goldilocks and The Three Bears - Jan Brett

Stellaluna - Janell Cannon

RECOMMENDED (Read Aloud)

Art Lesson, The - Tomie De Paola

Dog Who Had Kittens, The - Polly Robertus

I Wish I Were a Butterfly - James Howe

Jesse Bear What Will You Wear- Nancy White Carlstrom

Little Engine That Could, The - Watty Piper

Mama Do You Love Me? - Barbara M. Joesse

Napping House - Audrey Wood

Owl Babies - Martin Waddell

Quick as a Cricket - Audrey Wood

Three Bears, The - Paul Goldone

Umbrella - Yashima Taro

Will I Have a Friend - Miriam Cohen

Charlie the Caterpillar - Dom De Luise

Farmer's Garden - David L. Harrison

It's About Time Jesse Bear and Other Rhymes – Nancy W. Carlstrom

Leo the Late Bloomer - Robert Kraus

Little House, The - Virginia L. Burton

Mitten, The - Alvin Tressett

Old Bear - Jane Hissey

Pumpkin Pumpkin - Jeanne Titherington

Snowball - Lois Elbert

Three Billy Goats Gruff - Paul Galdone

We are a Rainbow - Nancy Tabor

EXTENDED

Animal Born Alive and Well - Ruth Heller

Caps for Sale - Espliy Slobodkina

Could Be Worse - James Stevenson

Dogger - Shirley Hughes

Good-Night Owl – Pat Hutchins

Happy Birthday Moon – Frank Asch

Little Old Lady Who was not Afraid of Anything, The – Linda Williams

Mixed-up Chameleon, The – Eric Carle

Mouse Paint – Ellen Stoll Walsh

Quilt Story – Tony Johnston

Very Hungry Caterpillar, The – Eric Carle

Busy Year, The - Leo Leonin

Carrot Seed, The - Ruth Kraus

Deep in the Forrest - Brinton Turkle

Families Art Different – Nina Pelligrini

Grouchy Ladybug, The – Eric Carle

Junglewalk – Nancy Tafuri

Machines at Work – Byron Barton

Mouse Count – Ellen Stoll Walsh

Peter's Chair – Ezra Jack Keates

Story About Ping, The – Marjorie Falck

Whale is Stuck – Karen Hayles & Charles Fuge

GRADE ONE

ESSENTIAL(Read Aloud – Required)

Abiyoyo – Pete Seeger

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain – Verna Aardema

Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter

Thundercake – Patricia Polacco

Apples – Gail Gibbons

Lizard's Song – Aida Marcuse

The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle

Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

RECOMMENDED (Read Aloud)

A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln – David Adler

All Colors of the Earth – Sheila Hamanaka

Barn Dance – Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault

Chicken Sunday – Patricia Polacco

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs – Judi Baret

Fairy Tales – Various Authors

I Call it Sky – Will Howard

Just Plain Fancy – Patricia Polacco

Listen to the Rain – Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault

Miss Penny and Mr. Grubbs – Lisa Ernst

GRADE ONE – cont.

Now One Foot, Now the Other – Tammy de Paula

Somebody Loves you Mr. Hatch – Eileen Spinelli

Tiny Seed, The – Eric Carle

Watch the Stars Come Out – Riki Levenson

Abuela – Arthur Dorros

Arthur's Pet Business – Marc Brown

Bear Shadow – Frank Ash

Cleversticks – Bernard Ashley

Dear Peter Rabbit – Alma Flor Ada

Frederick – Leo Lionni

Ira Sleeps Over – Bernard Waber

Lilly's Purple Plactic Purse – Kevin Henkes

Little Red Hen, The – Lucinda McQueen

My Head if Full of Colors – Catherine Friend

Runaway Bunny, The – Margaret Wise Brown

The Story of Ruby Bridge – Robert Coles

Very Quiet Cricket, The – Eric Carle

EXTENDED

Blueberries for Sal - Robert McCloskey
Gingerbread Man -
House is a House for Me, A - Mary Ann Hoberman
If you Give a Mouse a Cookie - Laura Joffe Numeroff
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth - Lucy Bate
Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree, The - Gail Gibbons
There's a Nightmare in My Closet - Mercer Mayer
William's Doll - Charlotte Zolotow

Chickens Aren't the Only Ones - Ruth Heller
Gunnwolf - Wilhelmina Harper
If the Dinosaurs Came Back - Bernard Most
Jamberry - Bruce Degen
Millions of Cats - Wanda Gag
Snowy Day, The - Extra Jack Keats
Too Much Noise - Ann McGovern

GRADE TWO

ESSENTIAL(Read Aloud – Required)

A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. - David Adler
Butterfly House - Eve Bunting
Our Home is the Sea - Riki Levinson

Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman
My Great Aunt Arizona - Gloria Houston
Strega Nona - Tomie de Paola

RECOMMENDED (Read Aloud)

A Picture Book of George Washington Carver - David Adler
All the Places to Love - Patricia MacLachlan
Chicken Little - Steven Kellogg
Corduroy - Polly Robertus
Foolish Rabbit's Big Mistake - Rafe Martin
Halmoni and the Picnic - Sook Nyul Choi
Let's Go Rock Collecting - Alma Flor Ada
Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from - Ed Young
My Buddy - Audrey Osofsky
Owl Moon - Jane Yolen
Rag Coat - Lauren Mills
Relatives Came, The - Cynthia Rylant
Surprises - Lee Bennett Hopkins
The Memory String - Eve Bunting
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge - Mem Fox
Yours Truly, Goldilocks - Alma Flor Ada

A. Lincoln and Me - Louise Borden
Babushka Baba Yaga - Patricia Palacco
Chicken Soup w/Rice - Maurice Sendak
Everybody Needs a Rock - Byrd Baylor
Grandmother's Chair - Ann Herbert Scott
Jack and the Beanstalk – Beatrice De Regniers
Little Red Riding - Trina Schart Hyman
Ming Lo Moves the Mountain - Arnold Loba
No Problem - Eileen Browne
Prince William - Gloria Rand
Rainbabies - Laura Krauss Melmed
Spectacular Science, A Book of Poems - Lee Bennet Hopkins
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble - William Steig
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale - Verna Aardema
Wolf! - Beck Bloom

EXTENDED

Anteater Named Arthur, An - Bernard Waber
Bread and Jam for Frances - Russell Hoban
Chair for My Mother - Vera Williams
Digging Up Dinosaurs – Alike
Gregory, the Terrible Eater - Mitchell Sharmat
I have a Sister my Sister is Deaf - Jeanne W. Peterson
Keep the Light, Burning, Abbie - Peter and Connie Ropp
Madeline - Ludwig Bemelmans
Music Music for Everyone - Vera Williams
Pierre - Maurice Sendak
Simon's Book - Henrik Drescher
Swimmy - Leo Lionni
Yonder - Tony Johnston

Arthur's Eyes - Marc Brown
Cassie's Journey: Going West in the 1860's - Harvey Brett
Chester's Way - Kevin Henkes
Frog and Toad are Friends - Mitchell Sharmat
Henry and Mudge - Cynthia Rylant
Josephina Story Quilt - Eleanor Coerr
Lyle Lyle Crocodile - Bernard Waber
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel – Virginia Burton
Papa's Panda - Nancy Willard
Round Trip - Ann Jonas
Story of Ferdinand, The - Munroe Leaf
There's More...Much More - Sue Alexander

GRADE THREE

Charlotte's Web – E. B. White

Abuela - Arthur Dorrus
 Courage of Sarah Noble - Alice Dalgliesh
 Dragonfly's Tale - Kristina Rodanas
 Fables - Arnold Lobel
 George Washington's Breakfast - Jean Fritz
 How Many Days to America - Eve Bunting
 Koko's Kitten - Francine Patterson
 Magic Fan - Keith Baker
 Molly's Pilgrim - Barbara Cohen
 Pied Piper of Hamelin, The - Mercer Mayer
 Poppy – Avi
 Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific - Gerald McDermott
 Sailing with the Wind - Thomas Locker
 Stone Soup - Ann McGovern
 Tall Boy's Journey - Joanna Halpert Kraus
 Three Stalks of Corn, The - Leo Politi
 Velveteen Rabbit - Margery Williams

All About Sam - Lois Lowry
 Big Bad Bruce - Bill Peet
 Drinking Gourd, The - F.N. Monjo
 Johnny Appleseed - Steven Kellogg
 Make Way for Ducklings – Robert McClosky
 Maria Isabella - Alma Flor Ada
 Mouse and The Motorcycle, The - Beverly Cleary
 Oxcart Man - Donald Hall
 Ramona Quimby, Age Eight - Beverly Cleary
 Three Days on a River on a Red Canoe - Vera Williams

GRADE FOUR

Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O'Dell

Alejandro's Gift - Richard E. Albert
 Big Book of Peace - Edited by Ann Durell
 By the Great Horn Spoon - Sid Fleischman
 Crane Wife - Sumiko Yagawa
 El Chino - Allan Say
 Faithful Elephants - Yu Kio Tsuchiya
 Grandfather's Journey - Allen Say
 Hundred Dresses - Eleanor Estes
 I'm in Charge of Celebrations - Byrd Baylor
 Jeremy Thatcher-Dragon Hatcher - Bruce Coville
 Owl Moon - Jane Yolen
 Rough Face Girl - Rafe Martin
 Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes - Eleanor Coerr
 Sierra - Diane Siebert
 Sky Songs - Myra Cohn Livingston
 Trumpet of the Swans - E.B. White
 Willow Pattern Story, The - Allan Drummond

GRADE FOUR - cont.**ESSENTIAL (Required)****RECOMMENDED**

Annie and the Old One - Miska Miles
 Crow Boy - Taro Yashima
 Dreaming of America - Eve Bunting
 Frindle - Andrew Clements
 Helen Keller - Stewart Graff
 Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World - Mildred Walter
 Lotus Seed - Sherry Garland
 Miss Rumphius - Barbara Cooney
 Mr. Popper's Penguins - Richard Atwater
 Polar Express - Chris Van Allsburg
 Rapunzel - Barbara Rogasky
 Rumpelstiltskin - Paul Zelinsky
 Sams, Bangs and Moonshine - Evaline Ness
 Talking Eggs, The - Robert San Souci
 The Memory Coat - Elvira Woodruff
 "Til All the Stars Have Fallen - David Booth-Selector
 Winnie the Pooh - A.A. Milne

EXTENDED

Amelia Bedelia - Peggy Parish
 Chocolate Fever - Robert Smith
 Island Boy - Barbara Cooney
 Lily and Miss Liberty - Carla Stevens
 Many Moons - James Thurber
 More Stories Julian Tells - Ann Cameron
 Muggie Maggie - Beverly Cleary
 Ralph S. Mouse - Beverly Cleary
 Runaway Ralph - Beverly Cleary
 When I Was Young in the Mountains - Cynthia Rylant

ESSENTIAL (Required)**RECOMMENDED**

Back in the Beforetime: Tales of the American Indians - Jane Cury
 Blue Willow - Doris Gates
 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl
 Dawn - Molly Bang
 Enora and the Black Crane - Arone Raymond Meeks
 Fire Race - Jonathan London
 Hot and Cold Summer - Johanna Hurwitz
 Hundred Penny Box - Sharon Mathis
 Indian in the Cupboard, The - Lynn Reid Banks
 Mojave - Diane Siebert
 Owls in the Family - Farley Mowat
 Sadako - Eleanor Coerr
 Shiloh - Phyllis Naylor
 Stone Fox - John Gardiner
 Song of Sedna - Robert San Souci
 War with Grandpa - Robert K. Smith

EXTENDED

Babe Gallant Pig - Dick King-Smith
Buffalo Woman - Paul Goble
Enormous Egg, The - Oliver Butterworth
Gone-Away Lake - Elizabeth Enright
Henry Huggins - Beverly Cleary
Leaves in October - Karen Ackerman
Legend of the Indian Paintbrush - Tomie de Paola
River Ran Wild, A - Lynne Cherry
Stuart Little - E.B. White
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume

Be A Perfect Person In Just Three Days - Steven Manes
Encyclopedia Brown Series - Donald Sobol
Girl Who Love Wild Horses, The - Paul Goble
Great Cheese Conspiracy - Jean Van Leeuwen
James and the Giant Peach - Roald Dahl
Legend of the Blue Bonnet - Tomie de Paola
Maria-A Christmas Story - Theodore Taylor
Shoeshine Girl - Clyde Bulla
Superfudge - Judy Blume

GRADE FIVE

Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth Speare

All By Herself - Ann Whitford
Big Men Big Country - Paul R. Walker
Casey at the Bat - Ernest Thayer
Conestoga Wagons - Richard Ammon
Dear Mr. Henshaw - Beverly Cleary
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E.L. Konisburg
Imaginary Gardens: American Poetry and Art for Young People - Charles Sullivan
Lord Johnny Appleseed - Reeve Lindbergh
Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The - Washington Irving
Mary Poppins - P.L. Travers
Moss Gown - William H. Hooks
My Side of the Mountain - Jean George
Paul Bunyan - Adrienne Stoutenburg
People Could Fly, The - Virginia Hamilton
Prairie Songs - Pam Conrad
Rip Van Winkle - William Armstrong
Sarah Plain and Tall - Patricia MacLachlan
Scared Stiff - Willow Roberts
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt - Deborah Hopkinson
The Great Turkey Walk - Kathleen Karr
The Universe - Seymour
Trouble With Tuck, The - Theodore Taylor
Women of the West - Kalman and Lewis

Abraham Lincoln-A Picture Biography - R. Freedom
Aurora Means Dawn - Scott Russell Sander
Ben and Me - Robert Lawson
Earth Songs - M.C. Livingston
Harriet the Spy - Louise Fitzhugh
Make Way for Sam Houston - Jean Fritz
Mississippi Bridge - Mildred Taylor
Moffats, The - Eleanor Estes
North to Freedom - Anne Holm
Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon, Maybe - Bette Green
Pocahontas - Ingri and Edgar d' Aulaire

GRADE FIVE - cont

Terrible Wave, The - Marden Dahstedt
Who Really Killed Cock Robin? An Ecological Mystery - Jean Craighead George

ESSENTIAL (Required)

RECOMMENDED

At the Crack of the Bat - Lillian Morrison
Caddie Woodlawn - Carol Brink
Castle in the Attic - Elizabeth Winthrop
Cricket in Times Square - George Selden
Encounter - Jane Yolen
Humbug Mountain - Sid Fleischman
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson - Betty Bao
Journey to America - Sonia Levitin
Little House on the Prairie - Laura Ingalls Wilder
Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster - Debra Frasier
My America - Lee Bennet
Night Journey - Avi
Pecos Bill - Adrienne Stoutenburg
Post Road to Boston - Gail Gibbons
Ring of Earth - Jane Yolen
Robinson Crusoe - Daniel Defoe
Save Queen of Sheeba - Louise Speare
Sour Land - William Armstrong
Talking Walls - Mary Burns Knight
The Talking Earth - Jean C. George
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - Christopher Curtis
What are You Figuring Now? - Jeri Ferris
Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree: An Appalachian Story, The - Gbriia Houston

EXTENDED

American Girl-Felicity Series - V. Tripp
Bells of Christmas, The - Virginia Hamilton
Cut from the Same Cloth - Robert San Souci
Great Gerbil Roundup, The - Stephen Manes
Little Firefly, The - Terri Cohlene
Middle Moffat, The - Eleanor Estes
Misty of Chincoteague - Marguerite Henry
Nobody's Orphan - Anne Lindbergh
Nothing's Fair in 5th Grade - Barthe De Clements
Pinballs - Betsy Byars
Skinnybones - Barbara Park

Westering - Alice Putnam
Yankee Doodle - Gary Chalk

GRADE SIX

Cay, The - Theodore Taylor

ESSENTIAL (Required)**RECOMMENDED**

Abel's Island - William Steig
 Aida - Leontyne Price
 Beauty - Bill Wallace
 Bridge to Terabithia - Katherine Paterson
 Empty Pot, The - Demi
 Fortune Teller, The - Lloyd Alexander
 Gilgamesh the King - Ludmila Zeman
 Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
 Homesick: My Own Story - Jean Fritz
 King's Chessboard, The - David Birch
 Maroo of the Winter Caves - Ann Turnbull
 Night of the Twisters - Ivy Ruckman
 Number the Stars - Lois Lowry
 Revenge of Ishtar, The - Ludmila Zeman
 Secret Garden - Frances Burnett
 Stranded - Ben Mikaelson
 The Yellow Star - Carmen Agra Deedy
 Welcome home, Jellybean - Marlene F. Shyer
 Wish Giver, The - Bill Brittain
 Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China - Al-Ling Louie

Adventures of Ulysses, The - Bernard Evslin
 Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson
 Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The - Barbara Robinson
 Call it Courage - Armstrong Sperry
 First Dog, The - Jan Brett
 Gib Rides Home - Zilpha Keatley
 Girl Who Loved the Wind, The - Jane Yolen
 Hobbit, The - J.R.R. Tolkien
 House Without a Christmas Tree, The - Gail Rock
 Little Prince - Antoine De Saint-Exupery
 Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - John Steptoe
 Nightingale - Hans Christian Anderson
 On My Honor - Marion Bauer
 Seasons of Splendor - Madhur Jaffrey
 Seth of the Lion People - Bonnie Pryor
 Sword of Egypt - Bert Williams
 Tuck Everlasting - Tuck Everlasting
 White Mountains - John Christopher
 Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

EXTENDED

Boy of the Painted Caves, The - Justin Denzel
 Bunnincla: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery - Deborah and James Howe
 City - David Macaulay
 Egypt Game - Zilpha Snyder
 Golem and the Dragon Girl, The - Sonia Levitin
 Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling
 Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh - Robert O'Brien
 My Name is Brain Brain - Jeanne Betancourt
 Pyramid - David Macaulay
 Space Songs - Myra Cohn Livingston
 Zekmet the Stone Carver: A Tale of Ancient Egypt - Mary Stolz

Bronze Bow, The - Elizabeth Speare
 China Homecoming - Jean Fritz
 Detectives in Togas - Henry Winterfeld
 Golden Goblet, The - Eloise McGraw
 Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices - Paul Fleischman
 Maniac Magee - Jerry Spinnelli
 Mummies Made in Egypt - Alike
 Mystery of the Roman Ransom - Henry Winterfeld
 Rabble Starkey - Lois Lowry
 Way of His Own - T.A. Dyer