

# LITERATURE AND POETRY READING GUIDE

## PRESCHOOL (JR. KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN)

### 3-YEAR JR. KINDERGARTEN

*Jesus Is With Me* by Joni Walker  
*Jesus Hears Me* by Joni Walker  
*Jesus Knows Me* by Joni Walker  
*Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*The Best Mouse Cookie* by Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond  
*Little Fur Family* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*Bunny's Noisy Book* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle  
*Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle  
*Numbers, Colors, Shapes*  
*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle  
*Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter  
*Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings* by Matthew Van Fleet  
*My Very First Book of Shapes* by Eric Carle  
*ABC: Amazing Alphabet Book!* by Dr. Seuss  
*Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire  
*Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb* by Al Perkins  
*Cars and Trucks From A to Z*  
*My First Counting Book: A Little Golden Book Classic*  
*The Animals' Christmas Eve: A Little Golden Book*  
*Big Dog ... Little Dog* by P.D. Eastman  
*Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?* by Dr. Seuss  
*My First Real Mother Goose*  
*1 Is One* by Tasha Tudor

### 4-YEAR JR. KINDERGARTEN

*The Little Red Hen* by Paul Galdone  
*The House That Jack Built* by J.P. Miller  
*Mr. Pine's Purple House* by Leonard Kessler  
*Curious George* by H.A. Rey  
*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans

*My Shadow* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie dePaola  
*Barndance* by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault  
*Tikki Tikki Tembo* retold by Arlene Mosel  
*Noah's Ark* by Hazen & Muldrow  
*The Quilt Story* by Johnston & dePaola  
*In November* by Cynthia Rylant  
*The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone  
*The Little Drummer Boy* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*The Friendly Beasts* by Tomie dePaola  
*Color Kittens* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*The Mitten* by Jan Brett  
*Snow* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Guess How Much I Love You* by McBratney  
*Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann  
*Never Tease a Weasel* by Jean Conder Soule  
*The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*The Golden Egg Book* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*Home for a Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss  
*Corduroy* by Don Freeman  
*One Fine Day* by Nonny Hogrogian  
*Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Paul Galdone  
*Andy and the Lion* by James Daugherty  
*Chester's Way* by Kevin Henkes  
*The Story of Little Babaji* by Helen Bannerman  
*Ten Little Rubber Ducks* by Eric Carle  
*The Empty Pot* by Demi  
*The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant

*Myself and Others* literature:

*Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books*  
*The Little Red Hen*  
*Miss Rumphius*  
*Rikki Tikki Tavi*  
*The Gardener*  
*The Monkey and the Crocodile*  
*One Morning in Maine*  
*Cinderella*  
*Winnie the Pooh*  
*The Ugly Duckling*

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### KINDERGARTEN

*American Poetry (Poetry for Young People Series)*, John Hollander

*Animal Poems (Poetry for Young People Series)*, John Hollander

*Are You My Mother?*, P.D. Eastman

***Bad Meg!*, Ned Bustard**

***Ben and His Pen*, Emily Fischer**

*The Best Nest*, P.D. Eastman

*Big Al*, Andrew Clements

*The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook*, Shirley Hughes

***Big Brown Bear*, David McPhail**

*The Biggest House in the World*, Leo Lionni

***Biscuit*, Alyssa Satin Capucilli and Pat Schories**

*Bread and Jam for Francis*, Russell Hoban

*Caps for Sale*, Esphyr Slobodkina

*The Cat in the Hat* (+ any in series), Dr. Seuss

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

*Chickens Aren't the Only Ones*, Ruth Heller

*The Children's Book of Virtues* (selections), William J. Bennett

*Curious George* (+ any in series), H.A. Rey

***Dan of the Den*, Emily Fischer**

*Danny and the Dinosaur*, Sydney Hoff

*Dogger*, Shirley Hughes

***The Dog the Hog the Rat the Ram the Hen and the Big Big Din*, Emily Fischer**

*Freight Train*, Donald Crews

***Fun in the Sun*, Guyla Nelson, Sandra Scovell Lamgo**

*The Gingerbread Boy*, Paul Galdone

*Go, Dog. Go!*, P.D. Eastman

*Green Eggs and Ham*, Dr. Seuss

*Gregory, the Terrible Eater*, Mitchell Sharmat

*Harry the Dirty Dog* (+ any in series), Gene Zion

*Hop on Pop*, Dr. Seuss

***The Horse in Harry's Room*, Syd Hoff**

***In a Camel's Eye*, Ben & Bekah Merkle**

*Inch by Inch*, Leo Lionni

*Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse*, Barrett George

*The Little Engine that Could*, Watty Piper

*Little Fur Family*, Margaret Wise Brown

*The Little Red Hen*, Paul Galdone

***Morris the Moose*, Bernard Wiseman**

***Pan and the Mad Man*, Laurie Detweiler**

***Pepin the Not-Big*, Tyler Fischer**

*Read-Along Rhymes for the Very Young*, Jack Prelutsky

*Red is Best*, Kathy Stinson

*The Relatives Came*, Cynthia Rylant

***The Rig Ran On*, Joanna Veith & Emily Fischer**

*Round Trip*, Ann Jonas

***Runs from Guns*, Emily Fischer**

***Sammy the Seal*, Syd Hoff**

***Scamp and Tramp*, Guyla Nelson and Sandra Scovell Lamgo**

***Soft and White*, Nelson and Lamgo**

*Ten Black Dots*, Donald Crews

*The Seasons (Poetry for Young People Series)*, John N. Serio

*The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, Beatrix Potter

*There Once Was a Puffin*, Florence Page

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### KINDERGARTEN (CONT)

*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, Paul Galdone  
*Three Little Kittens*, Paul Galdone  
***To the Rim of the Map*, Eric Vanderhoof**  
*Wait and See*, Robert Munsch  
*Yertle the Turtle*, Dr. Seuss

### TEACHER READS ALOUD

*The Kissing Hand*, Audrey Penn  
*Wimberly Worried*, Kevin Henkes  
*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault  
*Chester's Way*, Kevin Henkes  
*Chrysanthemum*, Kevin Henkes  
*Petunia*, Roger Duvoisin  
*Petunia, Beware!*, Roger Duvoisin  
*Nights of the Pufflings*, Bruce McMillan  
*Puffling Patrol (Adventures Around the World)*, Ted Lewin  
*Puffins (Pocket Book)*, Drew Buckley  
*Blueberries for Sal*, Robert McCloskey  
*Why Do Leaves Change Color?*, Betsy Maestro  
*Leaf Man*, Lois Ehlert  
*Ducks Don't Get Wet*, Augusta Goldin  
*Make Way for Ducklings*, Robert McCloskey  
*Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden*, George Levenson  
*The Story about Ping*, Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese  
*Angus and the Ducks*, Marjorie Flack  
*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran  
*The Little Scarecrow Boy*, Margaret Wise Brown

*The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*, Beatrix Potter  
*All About Turkeys*, Jim Arnosky  
*The Berenstain Bears Thanksgiving Blessings*  
*The Blessings Jar*, Colleen Coble  
*The First Thanksgiving*, Jean Craighead George  
*The Quiltmaker's Journey*, Jeff Brumbeau  
*The Quiltmaker's Gift*, Jeff Brumbeau  
*The Pine Tree Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs  
*The Crippled Lamb*, Max Lucado  
*Stranger in the Woods*, Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick  
*The Tale of Three Trees*, Angela Elwell Hunt  
*The Berenstain Bears and the Joy of Giving*, Jan and Mike Berenstain  
*The Candymaker's Gift: Legend of the Candy Cane*, Helen and David Haidle  
*The Last Straw*, Fredrick H. Thury  
*The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*, Susan Wojciechowski  
*The Mitten*, Jan Brett  
*Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Atwater  
*Owls in the Family*, Farley Mowat  
*Owl Moon*, Jane Yolen  
*My Father's Dragon*, Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*Kitten's First Full Moon*, Kevin Henkes  
*Elmer and the Dragon*, Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*The Dragons of BlueLand*, Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*A Chair for My Mother*, Vera B. Williams  
*Me on the Map*, Joan Sweeney  
*As the Crow Flies*, Gail Hartman

