

HAI SLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2005
Grade 1 and Grade 2

Any unabridged title is acceptable.

**Beginning readers are marked with an asterisk.*

- *Adler, David. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Double Beach Mystery***. Viking, 2002. Cam uses her photographic memory and her brain to solve two mysteries at the beach, involving a missing mother and a missing set of papers. Cam Jansen Adventure Series
- Bailey, Linda. ***Stanley's Party***. Kids Can Press, 2003. Stanley is a good dog, but when his people go out at night, he begins to wonder what it would be like to taste the forbidden pleasures of sitting on the couch. When he tries it, one thing leads to another.
- Bildner, Phil. ***Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy***. Simon & Schuster, 2002. Shoeless Joe Jackson goes into a hitting slump, just before he is to start his minor league career. He asks his friend to make him a special bat to help him hit. Bluebonnet Award Winner
- Brett, Jan. ***On Noah's Ark***. Putnam, 2003. Told from the perspective of Noah's grandchild, Brett's striking rendition follows the animals two-by-two as they climb into the ark and make it their home for forty days and forty nights.
- Bunting, Eve. ***Trouble on the T-Ball Team***. Clarion, 1997. Linda feels left out as the only one on her first grade team who hasn't lost a tooth.
- Chesworth, Michael. ***Alphaboat***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2002. A rhyming text full of puns tells the story of the letters of the alphabet sailing off to look for a buried treasure.
- Christopher, Matt. ***The Dog that Pitched a No-Hitter***. Little, Brown, 1993. When Mike's pitching goes wild, Harry, the amazing Airedale with ESP finds a hilarious solution to the problem.
- Climo, Shirley. ***The Little Red Ant and the Great Big Crumb***. Clarion, 1995. A small red ant finds a crumb in a Mexican cornfield, but she is afraid that she lacks the strength to move it herself and goes off to find an animal that can move the crumb.
- Creech, Sharon. ***A Fine, Fine School***. HarperCollins, 2001. When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Worm***. HarperCollins, 2003. A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.
- Crummel, Susan Stevens. ***City Dog, Country Dog***. Marshall Cavendish, 2004. Two French dogs, Henri and Vincent, meet at art school and become good friends despite their differences.
- Danneberg, Julie. ***First Year Letters***. Charlesbridge, 2003. Through a series of letters sent to Mrs. Hartwell in the classroom mailbox, we experience the sometimes hilariously funny pleasures and pains of a normal group of kids and an innovative first-year teacher.
- *Danziger, Paula. ***Second Grade Rules***. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. Amber Brown loves the second grade but wonders if she will ever receive an award from Deskarina, the desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean. A is Amber Series

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- Florian, Douglas. ***Bow Wow Meow Meow: It's Rhyming Cats and Dogs***. Harcourt, 2003. It's rhyming cats and dogs in Douglas Florian's furr-ocious collection of twenty-one original poems and paintings about our favorite animal friends.
- Gerstein, Mordicai. ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers***. Roaring Brook Press, 2003. Philippe Petit's tightrope walk between the World Trade Center Towers in 1974 is described. Caldecott Medal
- Gibbons, Gail. ***Horses!*** Holiday House, 2003. Gibbons relates some of the long history that horses and humans have shared and looks at horse biology and behavior.
- Golenbock, Peter. ***Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way***. Harcourt, 2001. This is a biography of the Hall of Fame baseball player who broke Babe Ruth's career home run record.
- *Guest, Elissa Haden. ***Iris and Walter and Cousin Howie***. Harcourt, 2003. Walter's visiting cousin, Howie, has exciting plans, but none of them include Walter's friend, Iris. Iris and Walter Series
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***There was a Bold Lady who Wanted a Star***. Little, Brown, 2002. In this variation on the traditional cumulative rhyme, a feisty woman tries roller skates, a bicycle and even a rocket to reach a star.
- *Helmer, Marilyn. ***Yummy Riddles***. Kids Can Press, 2003. These riddles will provide budding comedians with a fresh batch of food-related material to try out on their friends and family.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. ***You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together***. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for young children and adults to read together.
- *Hoff, Syd. ***Danny and the Dinosaur Go To Camp***. HarperCollins, 1996. When Danny brings his favorite dinosaur to camp, they enjoy boating, hiking, and roasting marshmallows.
- Holabird, Katharine. ***Angelina Ice Skates***. Pleasant Co., 2001. Angelina and some other mice are preparing for a New Year's Eve ice skating show, but the hockey players keep getting in the way until Angelina gets them involved.
- *Holub, Joan. ***Why Do Birds Sing?*** Dial Books, 2004. A colorful book that explains why birds sing by examining several facts that look at their behavior and characteristics.
- *Howe, James. ***Pinky and Rex and the Just-Right Pet***. Simon & Schuster, 2001. Seven-year-old Pinky, a confirmed dog lover, has a change of heart after his family's new pet kitten pounces on his foot in the middle of the night.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Nick Plays Baseball***. G.P. Putnam's, 2001. The story of Nick and his teammates' championship baseball game provides an introduction to the aspects of the game of baseball including equipment, player positions and rules.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Sophie Skates***. G.P. Putnam's, 1999. A young girl who loves to ice skate introduces the sport: the parts and care of skates, the techniques of different skating moves and ice-skating competitions.

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- Jenkins, Steve. ***What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book. Caldecott Honor book
- *Johnston, Tony. ***Alien and Possum: Friends No Matter What.*** Simon & Schuster, 2001. When a spaceship drops out of the sky and a space creature arrives in his woods, Possum makes kindly gestures toward the fearful alien and the two of them become friends.
- Katz, Alan. ***Take Me Out of the Bathtub.*** McElderry, 2001. Comedy writer Katz provides ludicrous lyrics to 14 traditional tunes, offering playful parodies on some familiar routines.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi and the Magic Stick.*** Holiday House, 2001. Part trickster tale, part sorcerer's apprentice story, this cheerful picture book about Anansi the Spider is loosely based on the West African story, "The Magic Hoe."
- *Krensky, Stephen. ***Arthur and the 1,001 Dads.*** Little, Brown, 2003. Arthur and his friends try to find a substitute to attend the Father's Day picnic with Buster, whose father isn't around much since his parent's divorce.
- *Krensky, Stephen. ***Lionel's Birthday.*** Dial, 2003. It's a time of questions, wishes, and a search for hidden presents as Lionel prepares to celebrate his birthday.
- *Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. ***Zelda and Ivy the Boy Next Door.*** Candlewick Press, 1999. In three brief stories, two fox sisters meet the boy next door, play pirates and camp out in the yard in sleeping bags.
- *Labatti, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost.*** Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city.
- Lester, Helen. ***Hooway for Wodney Wat.*** Houghton Mifflin, 1999. All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.
- *Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends.*** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. Series
- MacDonald, Margaret Read. ***The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle.*** August House Littlefolk, 1995. In this British variant of a traditional tale, an ungrateful woman who complains constantly about her house is granted increasingly grandiose wishes by a fairy.
- *Marshall, James. ***Fox on the Job.*** Dial, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money.
- McCall, Francis. ***A Huge Hog is a Big Pig: A Rhyming Word Game.*** Greenwillow, 2002. A variety of mostly farm animals are introduced with such phrases as a granny nanny, a soggy doggy, and a loose goose.
- McCloskey, Robert. ***Blueberries for Sal.*** First published 1948. On a summer day in Maine, a little girl and a bear cub wander away from their blueberry-picking mothers and mistake the other mother for their own.

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- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon Rain Forest.*** Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven.
- McKissack, Patricia. ***The Honest-To-Goodness Truth.*** Atheneum, 2000. After promising never to lie, Libby learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth.
- McMillan, Bruce. ***Jelly Beans for Sale.*** Scholastic, 1996. This colorful book explains jelly bean manufacturing as well as showing how different combinations of coins are used to buy varying amounts of jelly beans.
- *Miller, Sara Swan. ***Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat.*** Houghton Mifflin, 1997. A cat hears three stories about a dull, rainy day, a yummy bug, and a good day of destruction in the house.
- *Mills, Claudia. ***Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson.*** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. After Gus, who would rather play outside than practice music, does not do too well at his piano recital, his grandfather shows him how music can be fun.
- *Milton, Joyce. ***Mummies.*** Sagebrush, 1996. The Egyptian pharaohs' beliefs about life after death, details about mummification, and pyramids as burial places are all explained in this easy reader.
- Minshull, Evelyn. ***Eaglet's World.*** Whitman, 2002. From the time he is still in the egg, a baby bald eagle is reluctant to take each new step in his growth, until the day comes when he flies and sees the beautiful world beyond his parents' nest.
- Murray, Julie. ***Black Widow Spiders.*** Abdo Publishing, 2002. This book describes the physical characteristics, behavior and habitat of the poisonous black widow spider.
- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Albert.*** Harcourt, 2001. Albert seems to have opted out of life until a pair of cardinals build a nest in his hand and deposit four eggs in it.
- *Nixon, Joan Lowery. ***Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms.*** SeaStar Books, 2002. The fine-feathered heroes Gus and Gertie return for another slapstick easy-to-read mystery as they arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold as Antarctica's first synchronized swimming team.
- *Nolen, Jerdie. ***Max and Jax in Second Grade.*** Harcourt, 2002. Second grade twins Max and Jax prepare to start the summer right with a fishing trip and a slumber party.
- *Novak, Matt. ***No Zombies Allowed.*** Atheneum, 2002. As they look at photographs of their previous year's Monster Party, two witches begin to exclude zombies, ghosts and vampires to avoid problems, but finally decide that a party is more fun when everyone is included.
- *O'Connor, Jane. ***Dear Tooth Fairy.*** Grosset & Dunlap, 2002. As Class Picture Day approaches, Robby is upset about being the only child in class who has not lost a tooth, and so he writes a letter to the Tooth Fairy in hopes that she can help.
- Ormerod, Jan. ***If You're Happy and You Know It.*** Star Bright Books, 2003. A little girl and various animals sing their own versions of this popular rhyme.

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- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***High Tide in Hawaii***. Random House, 2003. In this easy chapter book Jack and Annie travel in their Magic Tree House back to a Hawaiian island of long ago where they make friends, learn how to surf, and encounter a tsunami. Magic Tree House Series
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Kate and the Beanstalk***. Simon & Schuster, 2000. In this version of the classic tale, Kate climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where she uses her quick wits to outsmart a giant and make her and her mother's fortune.
- *Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia. Bookworm***. Greenwillow Publishing, 2003. The literal minded housekeeper causes chaos at her local library when she stops by to help the librarian.
- Park, Barbara. ***Junie B., First Grader: Toothless Wonder***. Junie B. Jones learns some interesting things about the tooth fairy when she becomes the first students in Room One to lose a tooth. Junie B. Jones Series
- Rappaport, Doreen. ***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** Hyperion, 2001. This 2003 Caldecott Honor Award winning picture book biography relates the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr., who always inspired others with his words and peaceful actions. The book portrays his values in a simple but profound manner.
- Recorvits, Helen. ***My Name is Yoon***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat", "bird", and "cupcake", as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- *Roberts, Bethany. ***May Belle and the Ogre***. Dutton, 2003. Three easy-to-read short stories describe the funny adventures of an energetic little girl and a furry little ogre.
- *Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: the Case of the Baffled Bear***. Greenwillow, 2004. Bunny and Jack, animal detectives, take a break from playing cards to look for Bernard Bear's missing messenger whistle. High Rise Private Eye Series
- *Rylant, Cynthia. ***Henry and Mudge and Mrs. Hopper's House***. Aladdin, 2003. Henry and his dog, Mudge spend a special Valentine's Day with Mrs. Hopper while his parents are at a sweetheart dance. Henry and Mudge Series
- Sachar, Louis. ***Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal?*** Random House, 2000. In this beginning chapter book, when Marvin Redpost agrees to go over to Casey Happleton's house, he doesn't know what he's in for until Casey shows him the magic crystal she has just found and offers to give Marvin a few wishes.
- Sams, Carl R. and Jean Stoick. ***Lost in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy***. Carl R. Sams II Photography, 2004. In this photographic story, a fawn is discovered sleeping alone in the tall grass at the edge of the forest, which raises the concerns of the animal community.

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- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Army Ant Parade***. Holt, 2002. The animals in the forest prepare for the army ants to swarm over the ground in a thick stream, searching for food.
- Schwartz, David. ***If You Hopped Like a Frog***. Scholastic, 1999. David Schwartz introduces the concept of ratio by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***The Frog Prince, Continued***. Viking, 1991. The author offers a tongue-in-cheek “rest of the story,” telling what happens after the princess kissed the frog.
- Seuss, Dr. ***Green Eggs and Ham***. First published in 1960. In verse, Sam-I-Am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham.
- *Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great on the Owl Express***. Dell Yearling, 2003. Nate investigates when an owl named Hoot disappears on board the Owl Express. Series
- *Shea, George. ***First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers***. HarperCollins, 1997. A twelve-year-old boy named Tom Tate meets Orville and Wilbur Wright and witnesses the invention of the airplane in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903.
- Simon, Seymour. ***Incredible Sharks***. Seastar Books, 2003. Using fabulous photos, this book examines different kinds of sharks, their physical characteristics, their keen senses and their diets.
- *Skinner, Daphne. ***Almost Invisible Irene***. Kane Press, 2003. After a shy girl named Irene learns about animal camouflage, she tries to avoid being noticed at a party and at school by blending in with her surroundings.
- Smothers, Ethel Footman. ***Hard-Times Jar***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Emma, the daughter of poor migrant workers, longs to own a real book. When she turns eight and must attend school for the first time, she is amazed to discover a whole library in her classroom.
- Stanley, Diane. ***Goldie and the Three Bears***. HarperCollins, 2003. In this fractured Goldilocks tale, Goldie, who has yet to find a friend to love with all her heart, makes an unplanned visit to the house of some bears.
- Steig, William. ***Amazing Bone***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1976. On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.
- Sturges, Philemon. ***She'll be Comin' Around the Mountain***. Little, Brown, 2004. New words to the traditional tune describe a camper-driving, “hooting” and “shouting” guest and the party that will begin when she arrives.
- *Sutcliffe, Jane. ***Jesse Owens***. Carolrhoda Books, 2001. This is a biography of track-and-field athlete Jesse Owens, from his childhood in Alabama to his athletic career, which culminated in his winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.
- Swope, Sam. ***Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. Although she doesn't know how or why, a small creepy-crawly bug is certain that she must make her way to Mexico.

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- Teague, Mark. ***Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from the Investigation***. Scholastic, 2004. While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog, Ike, who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name.
- *Thomas, Shelley Moore. ***Get Well, Good Knight***. Dutton, 2002. The much-heralded Good Knight is back—only this time his three little dragon friends are sick in bed.
- *Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Oliver the Mighty Pig***. Dial, 2004. Oliver feels like the superhero Mighty Pig when he wears his Mighty Pig cape, but he finds that being a superhero in the real world has some complications.
- Ward, Jennifer. ***The Seed and the Giant Saguaro***. Rising Moon, 2003. A packrat, carrying fruit from the giant saguaro, is chased by various desert animals and inadvertently helps spread the cactus's seeds. Information on saguaros is included.
- Weatherby, Brenda. ***The Trucker***. Scholastic, 2004. Wesley dreams his toy semi-flatbed truck grows big enough for him to have a trucking adventure but wakes to find he is in the back of his father's truck.
- Whatley, Bruce. ***Wait! No Paint!*** HarperCollins, 2001. Full of surprises, interaction between the illustrator and the characters, and hilarious wordplay, this quirky retelling of "The Three Little Pigs" encourages readers to look at this favorite story in a whole new way.
- Willems, Mo. ***The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog***. Hyperion, 2004. Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog the pigeon has found.
- Wood, Audrey. ***The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear***. Child's Play International, 1984. Little Mouse worries that the big, hungry bear will take his freshly picked, red, ripe strawberry for himself.
- Yolen, Jane. ***A Sip of Aesop***. Scholastic, 1995. The author retells, in verse, thirteen fables from the Greek slave, Aesop, including "The Hare and the Tortoise," "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," and "The Fox and the Stork."
- Young, Ed. ***What About Me?*** Philomel, 2002. In this Sufi tale, a young boy determinedly follows the instructions of the Grand Master in the hope of gaining knowledge, only to be surprised as to how he acquires it.
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?*** HarperCollins, 2004. This book discusses the discovery and analysis of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur which may have been an ancestor of modern birds.

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