

H AISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2013
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Andreae, Giles. ***Giraffes Can't Dance***. Orchard Books, 1999. Gerald wants to dance along with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but it is a known fact that giraffes can't dance . . . can they?
- Asch, Frank. ***The Sun Is My Favorite Star***. Harcourt, 2000. Celebrating a child's love of the sun, this book illustrates the wondrous ways in which the sun helps the earth and the life upon it.
- Barnett, Mac. ***Extra Yarn***. Balzer + Bray, 2012. With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2013
- Barton, Byron. ***My Car***. Greenwillow, 2001. Sam describes in loving detail his car and how he drives it.
- Battersby, Katherine. ***Brave Squish Rabbit***. Viking, 2012. A small rabbit who is afraid of the dark overcomes his fears to search for his missing friend Twitch the Squirrel and discovers that the dark can be magical.
- Becker, Bonny. ***A Visitor for Bear***. Candlewick, 2008. Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.
- Bell, Cece. ***Bee-wigged***. Candlewick, 2008. Jerry Bee, having trouble making friends because of his enormous size, puts on a wig and discovers he looks just like a boy, and his kindness wins him many admirers who might be scared away when they learn he is really a bee.
- Berger, Carin. ***Forever Friends***. Greenwillow, 2010. In the spring, a blue bird awakens a rabbit and invites him to play, and they enjoy every day together until it is time for the bird to fly south for the winter with a promise to return again next year.
- Berk, Ari. ***Night song***. Simon & Schuster, 2012. Chiro, a young bat, is nervous about flying into the world for the first time without his mother, especially on a very dark night, but he soon learns to rely on his "song" to find his way and stay safe.
- Bertrand, Diane Gonzales. ***We Are Cousins***. Piñata Books, 2007. In English and Spanish text, this story of children who are cousins shows how they fit into the family unit, and the celebrations they enjoy together are described.
- Bingham, Kelly L. ***Z Is for Moose***. Greenwillow, 2012. Moose is very eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, but he behaves badly when his letter passes and he does not have a role until Zebra finds a spot for him.
- Blexbolex. ***Seasons***. Translated from the French by Claudia Bedrick. Enchanted Lion Books, 2010. This artist explores various aspects of each season of the year using images and single words on each page.
- Butler, John. ***Can You Cuddle Like a Koala?*** Peachtree, 2003. Rhyming text and soft, delicate illustrations describe some of the actions and traits of various animals.

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- Buzzeo, Toni. ***Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten***. Dial Books, 2010. Even though there are rules to follow, a little girl who loves adventure has an exciting first day of kindergarten.
- Chall, Marsha Wilson. ***One Pup's Up***. McElderry Books, 2010. Rhyming text counts off ten puppies as they awaken one by one, chase and bounce around the house, eat kibble and get washed, then fall back to sleep.
- Child, Lauren. ***I Am Too Absolutely Small for School***. Candlewick, 2003. When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie encourages and reassures her.
- Christensen, Bonnie. ***Plant a Little Seed***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Two friends plant seeds in their community garden and then water them, weed, wait, and dream as the plants grow and are harvested. Facts about gardening and harvest festivals are included.
- Cordell, Matthew. ***Another Brother***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. Davy the sheep wishes he had time alone with his parents, as he did before his twelve brothers came along and started imitating his every move, but when his wish comes true Davy misses playing with the youngsters.
- Costello, David Hyde. ***Little Pig Joins the Band***. Charlesbridge, 2011. When Little Pig and his older siblings get out Grandpa's marching-band instruments, he is too little to play any of them, but he decides the disorganized band needs a leader.
- Cousins, Lucy. ***Maisy Goes on Vacation***. Candlewick, 2010. Maisy packs her bags and sets off on a fun vacation to the seashore with Panda and Cyril.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure***. Atheneum, 2006. In this counting adventure, Duck and his friends plan an unusual fishing trip while Farmer Brown is sleeping.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Dolphin Baby!*** Candlewick, 2011. A baby dolphin follows his mother and learns about life under the sea, from catching his first fish to developing his own unique whistle.
- Dewdney, Anna. ***Llama Llama Time to Share***. Viking, 2012. Llama Llama does not want to share his toys with his new neighbors, but when fighting leads to breakage and tears, he learns that it is much better to share.
- Doremus, Gaetan. ***Bear Despair***. Enchanted Lion Books, 2012. In this wordless picture book, a bear's teddy is stolen and passed from animal to animal as the bear chases and gobbles up each one in his rage until an octopus returns the prized possession.
- Egielski, Richard. ***The Gingerbread Boy***. HarperCollins, 1997. In this modern version of the well-known tale, a freshly baked gingerbread boy escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes his pursuers throughout a busy city until he meets a clever fox.
- Ehlert, Lois. ***RRRalph***. Beach Lane Books, 2011. The narrator describes discovering how Ralph the dog can talk, appropriately saying words such as "roof," "rough," "bark," and "wolf."
- Elliott, David. ***In the Wild***. Candlewick, 2010. This woodcut-illustrated collection of short poems celebrates a variety of wild animals.

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- Falconer, Ian. ***Olivia and the Fairy Princesses***. Atheneum, 2012. Olivia, the little pig with an attitude, does not want to be a ruffly, sparkly princess like many of the other girls, so she searches for a way to stand out and assert her individuality.
- Finn, Carrie. ***Manners in Public***. Picture Window Books, 2007. Colorful, cartoon-like illustrations and simple text teach children the importance of proper etiquette in public places.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Oh, No!*** Schwartz & Wade, 2012. One by one, animals fall into a deep, deep hole, only to be saved by a very large rescuer.
- Frazier, Craig. ***Lots of Dots***. Chronicle Books, 2010. Circular shapes are spotted in familiar objects and everyday situations.
- Freymann, Saxton. ***Food for Thought: The Complete Book of Concepts for Growing Minds***. Arthur A. Levine, 2005. Fruits and vegetables are carved into different shapes and used to teach colors, numbers, letters, shapes, and opposites.
- Graham, Bob. ***How to Heal a Broken Wing***. Candlewick, 2008. When Will finds a bird with a broken wing, he takes it home and cares for it, hoping that in time it will be able to return to the sky.
- Gravett, Emily. ***Monkey and Me***. Simon & Schuster, 2008. With the help of her stuffed toy monkey, a little girl imitates various animals such as bats, penguins, and kangaroos.
- Guy, Ginger Foglesong. ***Perros! Perros! = Dogs! Dogs!*** Rayo, 2006. Find out where all the dogs are going as they enjoy a playful romp through town.
- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Hatchlings: Life-size Baby Dinosaurs***. Running Press, 2012. With vibrant to-scale pictures, young readers are taught about baby dinosaurs.
- Haughton, Chris. ***Oh No, George!*** Candlewick, 2012. George finds it very hard to be a good dog when there are cats to chase, flowers to dig up, and a delicious cake sitting on the kitchen table.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Old Bear***. Greenwillow, 2008. When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again enjoying each of the four seasons.
- Hennessy, B.G. ***The Boy Who Cried Wolf***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A boy tending sheep on a lonely mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry "wolf" and watch the people come running -- and then one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.
- Hest, Amy. ***Guess Who, Baby Duck!*** Candlewick, 2004. On a rainy day when Baby Duck is sick with a cold, her grandfather cheers her up by showing her family photographs.
- Hunter, Jana Novotny. ***I Can Do It!*** Frances Lincoln, 2006. Little Guinea Pig is shown going through a day in preschool where he discovers a sense of accomplishment as he participates in different activities.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Bea at Ballet***. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. Bea and her friends have fun attending a toddler ballet class where she learns the basic positions and how to bow to say good-bye at the end of class.

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- Jenkins, Steve. ***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Using award-winning collage illustrations, Jenkins looks at the way in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet and tails. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2012
- Katz, Susan. ***Oh, Theodore! Guinea Pig Poems.*** Clarion, 2007. This collection of short, funny poems describes the behavior of a pet guinea pig and how to care for one.
- Laden, Nina. ***Peek-a-Who?*** Chronicle Books, 2000. The reader can look through die-cut pages for a colorful clue and then guess about what is hiding on the next page.
- LaRochelle, David. ***1 + 1 = 5 and Other Unlikely Additions.*** Sterling, 2010. This playful approach to addition shows that the answer to 1 + 1 is not always 2.
- Lawson, Dorie McCullough. ***Tex.*** Trafalgar Square, 2011. A little boy imagines all the jobs he would have during the day as a cowboy on the Wymont Ranch, such as checking fences, rounding up cattle, and taking care of his horse, Thunder.
- Lee, Spike and Tonya Lewis Lee. ***Please, Baby, Please.*** Simon & Schuster, 2002. A toddler's antics keep his mother busy as she tries to feed him, watch him on the playground, give him a bath, and put him to sleep.
- Liebman, Daniel. ***I Want to Be a Zookeeper.*** Firefly Books, 2003. Photographs and simple text describe the many different facets of being a zookeeper: from cleaning and feeding the animals to answering questions from visitors.
- Lin, Grace. ***Dim Sum for Everyone!*** Dragonfly Books, 2001. A child describes the various little dishes of dim sum that she and her family enjoy on a visit to a restaurant in Chinatown.
- Litwin, Eric. ***Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons.*** HarperCollins, 2012. Pete the Cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them; and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.
- Logue, Mary. ***Sleep Like a Tiger.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2012. At bedtime a young girl asks, "Does everything in the world go to sleep?" Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2013
- London, Jonathan. ***Little Penguin: The Emperor of Antarctica.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2011. In Antarctica, Little Emperor grows from a hatchling, who depends on his parents for food and warmth, to an adult ready to live in the sea on his own.
- Low, William. ***Machines Go to Work in the City.*** Holt, 2012. This lift-the-flap book shows the machines that are at work in and around cities, such as garbage trucks, trains, cranes, and planes.
- Mack, Jeff. ***Frog and Fly: Six Slurpy Stories.*** Philomel, 2012. Through a series of easy-to-read scenes, Frog always gets the better of Fly; but in the end, Fly has the last word.
- Maizes, Sarah. ***On My Way to the Bath.*** Walker, 2012. Livi imagines herself as a snake, a gymnast, a rock star, and more as she tries to avoid taking a bath.

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- Martin, Bill. **Ten Little Caterpillars.** Beach Lane Books, 2011. Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf where something amazing happens.
- McBratney, Sam. **The Adventures of Little Nutbrown Hare.** Candlewick, 2012. This collection of four stories features the activities of Little Nutbrown Hare and the encouragement he receives from Big Nutbrown Hare.
- McMullan, Kate. **I'm Fast!** Balzer + Bray, 2012. A train and a speedy little sports car race each other to Chicago.
- Menotti, Andrea. **How Many Jelly Beans?** Chronicle Books, 2012. Aiden and Emma cannot decide how many jelly beans are enough and how many are too many as they learn about big numbers
- Messner, Kate. **Over and Under the Snow.** Chronicle Books, 2011. Over the snow the world is hushed and white, but under the snow is a secret world of squirrels and snowshoe hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many others who live outside in the woods during the winter.
- Mitton, Tony. **Amazing Airplanes.** Kingfisher, 2002. Rhyming text introduces air travel, from the airport to the flight deck, with information about how planes fly, safety rules, in-flight entertainment and air traffic control.
- Mora, Pat. **Let's Eat! = A Comer!** Rayo, 2008. English and Spanish text describes a family as they sit down to a table filled with good food.
- Murphy, Stuart J. **Jack the Builder.** HarperCollins, 2006. This story about blocks and what Jack builds with them introduces the reader to counting and simple addition.
- Norman, Kim. **I Know a Wee Piggy.** Dial Books, 2012. In this cumulative, rhyming tale, an ordinary pig leaps out of a boy's arms at a state fair and wallows in color after color, turning himself into a work of art.
- Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School.** Greenwillow, 2009. A literal-minded little girl's first day of school is filled with confusing adventures, much to her delight.
- Reynolds, Peter H. **Sky Color.** Candlewick, 2012. Marisol is excited when her teacher asks her to paint the sky for a school library mural, but she does not have any blue paint and will have to find a new "sky color."
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Little Pea.** Chronicle Books, 2005. Little Pea hates eating candy for dinner, but his parents will not let him have his spinach dessert until he cleans his plate.
- Savage, Stephen. **Where's Walrus?** Scholastic, 2011. In this wordless book, an adventurous walrus escapes from the zoo and uses a number of disguises to avoid being caught by the zookeeper.
- Scanlon, Liz Garton. **All the World.** Beach Lane Books, 2009. Pictures and rhyming text celebrate a family's day spent going to the beach, shopping at the market, eating at a restaurant, and spending the evening with the rest of the extended family.

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- Schlein, Miriam. ***Little Raccoon's Big Question***. Greenwillow, 2004. When Little Raccoon asks his mother when she loves him the most, she finally answers "Always right now."
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Melvin Might?*** Simon & Schuster, 2008. Melvin, a cautious cement mixer, worries that he cannot keep up with the other trucks; but when Rita needs help, he overcomes his fear in order to come to her aid.
- Scotton, Rob. ***Russell the Sheep***. HarperCollins, 2005. Russell the sheep tries many different ways to get to sleep.
- Seder, Rufus Butler. ***Waddle!*** Workman, 2009. The reader is asked to move like a variety of animals in this Scanimation book which teaches color and movement.
- Segal, John. ***Pirates Don't Take Baths***. Philomel, 2011. A young pig tries to avoid taking a bath by claiming to be a variety of characters, from an astronaut to an Eskimo, as his mother tries to lure him into the tub.
- Shannon, David. ***Duck on a Bike***. Blue Sky Press, 2002. A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.
- Sherry, Kevin. ***I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean***. Dial Books, 2007. A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean -- almost.
- Siegel, Randy. ***My Snake Blake***. Roaring Brook, 2012. A long, bright green snake a boy receives from his father as an early birthday present proves to be an incredibly smart and talented pet.
- Sierra, Judy. ***Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur: A First Book of Manners***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Manners and basic polite behavior are illustrated when a little girl finds herself grocery shopping at the same time as a dinosaur.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***Tallulah's Tutu***. Clarion, 2011. Tallulah takes ballet lessons and eagerly awaits her coveted tutu, which, she learns, she must work hard to earn.
- Srinivasan, Divya. ***Little Owl's Night***. Viking, 2011. Little Owl enjoys a lovely night in the forest visiting his friend the raccoon, listening to the frogs croak and the crickets chirp, and watching the fog that hovers overhead.
- Stead, Philip C. ***Bear Has a Story to Tell***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Bear, with the help of his animal friends, remembers the story he had hoped to tell before the onset of winter.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. ***The Moon***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. In this poem, colorful paintings bring the magic of the moon alive as it shines on nocturnal creatures, and a father and son explore outdoors late at night before returning to their cozy home.
- Stojic, Manya. ***Rain***. Crown, 2000. The animals of the African savanna use their senses to predict and then enjoy the rain.
- Sturges, Philemon. ***I Love Trains!*** HarperCollins, 2001. A boy expresses his love of trains and describes many kinds of train cars and their special jobs.
- Tafari, Nancy. ***The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book***. Simon & Schuster, 2009. Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow one by one; but when the storm is over, a rumbling tells them there is still danger afoot.

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- Teague, Mark. **Firehouse!** Orchard Books, 2010. Edward and his cousin Judy visit a firehouse and learn about the work of fire fighters, including fire drills.
- Thomas, Jan. **Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy.** Beach Lane Books, 2012. Brave Cowboy tries to sing his young calf pals to sleep on a dark, dark night, with humorous results.
- Thomson, Bill. **Chalk.** Marshall Cavendish, 2010. This wordless book illustrates the story of three children who go to a park on a rainy day, find some chalk, and draw pictures that magically come to life.
- Thong, Roseanne. **Red is a Dragon: A Book of Colors.** Chronicle Books, 2001. A Chinese American girl provides rhyming descriptions of the great variety of colors she sees around her, from the red of a dragon, firecrackers, and lychees to the brown of her teddy bear.
- Tillman, Nancy. **Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You.** Feiwel and Friends, 2010. Children feel the reassuring love of their parents no matter where they go or what they do.
- Todd, Traci N. **C is for Caboose: Riding the Rails from A to Z.** Chronicle Books, 2007. Photographs and illustrations of various things associated with trains and the railroad are used with each letter of the alphabet.
- Van Dusen, Chris. **The Circus Ship.** Candlewick, 2009. After courageously swimming to shore when the ship that they are traveling on sinks and the wretched captain does nothing to rescue them, circus animals find a way to become a valued part of a coastal community.
- Watt, Melanie. **Scaredy Squirrel.** Kids Can Press, 2006. Scaredy Squirrel is afraid to leave his nut tree; but one day when he is finally forced out of his home, he discovers some interesting things about the great unknown.
- Willems, Mo. **I Broke My Trunk!** Hyperion, 2011. Gerald the elephant tells his best friend Piggie a long, crazy story about how he broke his trunk.
- Wilson, Karma. **Bear Says Thanks.** McElderry Books, 2012. Bear thanks his friends for bringing food dishes to his dinner party and finds a way of sharing something of his own.
- Wormell, Christopher. **A Number of Animals.** Creative Editions, 1993. A chick gets lost and must search for its mother among groups of barnyard animals while introducing numbers one through ten and basic counting skills to children and early readers.
- Yates, Louise. **Dog Loves Drawing.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Dog loves drawing so much that he draws his own adventure.
- Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?** Blue Sky Press, 2007. Colorful illustrations and simple text describe how ten dinosaurs should and should not behave during a typical school day.
- Young, Ed. **Seven Blind Mice.** Philomel, 1992. In this retelling of the Indian fable, seven blind mice each discover a different part of an elephant and argue about its appearance. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 1993

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Zalben, Jane Breskin. ***Mousterpiece***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Janson the mouse, who lives in a museum, becomes an acclaimed artist by copying the styles of paintings she sees there. Includes notes about the artists and works featured.

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