

Kindergarten Reading List

1. Ada, (1995). My Name is Maria Isabel

Ages:7-10 For María, switching to a new school is more difficult than usual when the teacher decides to call her Mary.

Theme: School, Family, Transitions, Latino Culture

2. Anda d., (2013). The Patchwork Garden/Pedacitos de huerto

Ages 5-8 After finding her own patch of dirt to plant a garden, a young girl inspires her neighbors to follow her example and grow their own vegetables. A sweet story about how neighbors come together and create an urban oasis in their community.

Theme: Community, Family

3. Bruchac, (1998). A Boy called Slow

Ages: 4- 8 This picture-book biography recounts the boyhood of a real Lakota Sioux named Slow, who grew up in the 1830s. Slow yearns for the special vision or manly deed that will inspire his permanent adult name.

Theme: Coming of age, Historical Fiction, Native American

4. Deedy, (1994). The Rooster who would not be quiet

Ages: 4 -8 A rooster who was born to sing loud and early disrupts the quiet village of La Paz where the new mayor Don Pepe has banned all singing. This celebration of courage and individuality follows the adage of "be careful what you wish for." Engaging, repeating rhythms and mixed-media illustrations highlight the visual-based humor.

5. Demi, (1996), The Empty Pot

Ages 5 – 8 Picture book about an honest schoolboy. A long time ago in China there was a boy named Ping who loved flowers. Demi's exquisite art and beautifully simple text show how Ping's embarrassing failure is turned triumphant in this satisfying tale of honesty rewarded.

Theme: Honesty

6. Dipucchio, (2016). Everyone Loves Cupcake”

Ages 3-6 Cupcake dresses to impress. Her smile is brilliant. Her wave is flawless. She even wears a tiara. Everyone loves a tiara. And Cupcake wants everyone to love her. But when she tries too hard to make everyone happy, she crumbles under the pressure and realizes that sometimes just being yourself is enough. Theme: Virtues and Values

7. Dipucchio, (2013). Everyone Loves Bacon

Ages 3 -5 A cautionary tale about a little slice of bacon with a big greasy ego. Sure, everyone loves Bacon until Bacon's popularity goes right to his head. He's so busy soaking up the attention from his fans that he soon forgets the important things in life like friendship and family.

Theme: Virtues and Values

8. Lisa W., (19195). Bein' with You This Way

Ages: 4 – 8 On a sunny day, a young girl visits the park and rounds up a group of her friends for an afternoon of fun playground games. As they play, the friends discover that despite their physical differences they are all very similar.

Theme: individuality cooperation sharing friendship

9. Mc.Cloud, (2015). Have you filled a Bucket Today?

Ages 4-8 This heartwarming book encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by "filling buckets."

Theme: Kindness

10. McKee, (1989). Elmer

Ages: 4 – 8 lmer is not like other elephants. Instead of being gray, he is checkered with all the colors of the rainbow! The other elephants laugh at him because he is funny and different. He's not sure whether he wants to blend in and be like them, or if he's happy standing out.

Theme: Being different

11. Quallen, (2017). The Mine-o- Saur

Ages: 3 – 6 group of dinosaurs is happily playing in the school yard when. . . oh no! Here comes the Mine-o-saur! He snatches all the toys. He grabs all the snacks at snack time. He hoards the blocks during recess. And all the while he yells, MINE, MINE, MINE!?! But soon enough, no one wants to play with him. What will it take for the Mine-o-saur to realize that what he really wants are friends?

Theme: Friendship, Generosity

12. Shannon, (2004). A Bad Case of Stripes

Ages: 4 – 8 Camilla Cream is very worried about what the other kids at school think about her. Even though she likes lima beans, she never eats them for fear of their teasing. In fact, she's so nervous that she's at risk for a bad case of stripes.

Theme: Growing up/Individuality

13. Dean, (2013). Pete's Big Lunch

Ages 4 – 8 Pete the Cat makes himself a giant sandwich for lunch, but then discovers it's no fun eating alone. So, he invites his friends to join him!

14. Walsh, Melanie, (2012). 10 Things I can do to help my world

Ages: 3 – 7 This book offers 10 ways kids can help take care of our planet. Discover how to reduce, reuse, and recycle and conserve energy through vibrant illustrations and simple ideas.

Theme: Community, recycling

15. Williams, (2017). A Chair for My Mother

Ages: 4 – 8 After losing everything in a fire, Rosa, her mother, and her grandmother are helped by their neighbors to start over. The one thing they don't have is a comfortable chair for Rosa's mother to sit in after a long day of work. The three of them decide to start saving for this important purchase.

Theme: Family, Hardship