



2008-2009
2 x 2 Reading List
Age 2 to Grade 2

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Arnosky, Jim. *Babies In The Bayou*. Ages 4-8. *The mommies of the bayou stay busy teaching their babies how to survive while protecting their little ones from the dangers all around.* AR 2.5, .5 pts

Ayres, Katherine. *Up, Down, and Around*. Ages 4-8. *Gardening becomes a delightful adventure where some grow up, some down, some around and around providing nutritious, delicious food for everyone.*

Bruel, Robert O. *Bob and Otto*. Ages 4-8. *A worm and a caterpillar enjoy spending time together until life takes them apart. When they meet again they come to appreciate the other's role in life.* AR 2.6, .5 pts

Ficocelli, Elizabeth. *Kid Tea*. Ages 3-8. *The dirt on the kid makes color in the tub when you make kid tea. Whether it's Brown Kid Tea on Mud-Pie Monday or Blue Kid Tea on Saturday Splatter Day—getting clean is fun every day of the week.* AR 1.9, .5 pts

Friend, Catherine. *The Perfect Nest*. Ages 4-8. *Jack the Cat's scheme to build the perfect nest to attract the perfect chicken, who will lay the perfect egg for him to make a perfect omelet, turns out a little differently than he plans.* AR 2.5, .5 pts

Gonzalez, Maya Christina. *My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo*. Ages 4-8. *The colors of the southwestern desert surround Maya with the unique beauty of hot pink sunsets, purple and orange blossoms, and the dark blue of the night sky.* AR 2.0, .5 pts

Horacek, Petr. *Butterfly Butterfly: A Book of Colors*. Ages 2-5. *Colorful die cut pages compel the reader to join Lucy exploring in the garden in search of a butterfly.* AR 2.7, .5 pts

Jay, Allison. *1 2 3: A Child's First Counting Book*. Ages 4-8. *Fairy tale surprises and stories within the story provide pages to peruse again and again.*

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Johnson, Angela. *Lily Brown's Paintings*. Ages 4-8. *Lily Brown's everyday experiences are reflected in the pictures she paints and her imagination allows them to become magical and wondrous.* AR 3.3, .5 pts

Kasza, Keiko. *Badger's Fancy Meal*. Ages 4-8. *Badger is in search of a fancy meal--- something out of the ordinary, and then discovers that veggies, fruit and worms might be best after all.* AR 2.6, .5 pts

Katz, Susan. *Oh, Theodore!* Ages 4-8. *Lively poems and vibrant illustrations combine to tell the story of a boy who wanted a dog but got a personable guinea pig instead.* AR 2.3, .5 pts

Klise, Kate. *Imagine Harry*. Ages 3-7. *Having an invisible friend named Harry makes Little Rabbit's days special until he goes to school and makes many new friends.* AR 3.4, .5 pts

McElligott, Matthew. *Bean Thirteen*. Ages 5-8. *When friends share 13 beans, it all works out perfectly, if not evenly, in this mathematical quest for equal shares.* AR 2.4, .5 pts; LEX 320

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby See the Stars*. Ages 6-8. *Mr. Putter eats too many sweet treats and gets a tummy ache. After a midnight walk with Tabby, he has a lovely chat with his neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry.* AR 2.7, .5 pts; LEX 600

Schertle, Alice. *Very Hairy Bear*. Ages 2-6. *Spring, summer, fall and winter come and go with a lovable, boulder-big, shaggy, raggy, very hairy bear and his no-hair nose.* AR 3.0, .5 pts

Schoenherr, Ian. *Pip and Squeak*. Ages 2-6. *The surprise of snow distracts Pip and Squeak as they leave for a friend's party and later discover that they forgot the present.* AR 1.8, .5 pts

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories*. Ages 3-7. *In three short stories, two friends have fun around the house getting down from a chair, reading and playing together, and trying to decide on a new name for dog.* AR 1.3, .5 pts

Teckentrup, Britta. *Big Smelly Bear*. Ages 2-6. *Big Smelly Bear doesn't see the need for a bath until a new friend points out that he really needs one!* AR 2.6, .5 pts

Tourville, Amanda Doering. *A Crocodile Grows Up*. Ages 4-8. *A newly hatched crocodile learns the skills of survival from her mother.* AR 3.9, .5 pts; LEX 730

Van Fleet, Matthew. *Dog*. Ages 2 up. *Dog photos that almost leap off the page combine with furry textures, pull-tabs, rhyming words, opposites and concepts that will entice children to repeated readings.*