

neighbor Margaret, but more often than not, both girls end up in trouble.

**J Fic Pennypacker**

*Maybelle in the Soup* by Katie Speck

Maybelle the cockroach lives in a cozy little home under the refrigerator of Mr. and Mrs. Peabody. She knows it's best to stay hidden, but Maybelle just adores food. Just once she'd like to taste something yummy before it hits the floor. The opportunity arises when the Peabody's invite Very Important Guests for dinner. She takes a tiny taste which launches her into the biggest adventure of her life.

**J Fic Speck**

*Geronimo Stilton* series by Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton runs a newspaper called *The Rodent's Gazette*, but his true passion is writing tales of adventure. In New Mouse City, the capital of Mouse Island, his books are all bestsellers.

**J Fic Stilton/JPB S**

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

Wilbur the pig is terrified when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's

holiday dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

**J Fic White**

*Stuart Little* by E.B. White

Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he is a true lover of adventure. His greatest adventure comes when his best friend, a beautiful little bird named Margalo, disappears from her nest. Determined to find her, he ventures away from home for the first time. Will he find his friend?

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## Chapter Book Read Alouds for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners

The following is a list of recommended chapter books and novels to read to your preschooler or kindergartener.

Does your child love to sit and listen to picture book after picture book? As your child's attention span increases, you can move to longer books, starting with short chapter books and moving to longer novels. Children usually understand two grade levels above their reading level. By reading more challenging books to your children, you are exposing them to more words, which will help increase their vocabulary, getting them ready to read when they start school.

Don't expect to read the entire book in one sitting. Read a chapter or few pages a night for 10 to 20 minutes.

And remember, even if you are reading chapter books, don't stop reading picture books with your children. There are lots of longer pictures books you can also enjoy together.

*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater

Mr. Popper is a house painter who is always dreaming of faraway places. His favorite subject is polar exploration and he reads all the new books and sees all the new movies about the Arctic and the Antarctic. When he receives a penguin from Admiral Drake in the Antarctic, Mr. Popper's life and fortune changes.

**J Fic Atwater**

*The Adventures of Peter Cottontail* by Thornton Burgess

This classic recounts Peter Rabbit's adventures in the Green Forest as he contemplates changing his name to Peter Cottontail, outwits Reddy Fox and wonders why he won't see his friends again until spring.

**J Fic Burgess**

*Boo's Dinosaur* by Betsy Byars

When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.

**J Fic Byars**

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

Ralph S. Mouse lives in a mouse hole in Room 215 of the Mountain View Inn. Life becomes downright thrilling when Keith and his family stop at the inn for a few days, and Keith lets Ralph ride his toy motorcycle.

**J Fic Cleary/JPB C**

*Socks* by Beverly Cleary

Socks, a young tabby cat with four white paws, lives happily with a young married couple, the Brickers. Socks rules the roost, until a new baby arrives and receives all the attention. The baby's arrival fills Socks with jealousy and terrible anxiety. Little does he know, as the baby grows, he'll be joining Socks in all kinds of fun and mischief.

**J Fic Cleary**

*James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

**J Fic Dahl**

*Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who loves him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams and histories.

**J Fic DiCamillo**

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

This story follows the friendship and river bank adventures of Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad. This classic story has some challenging vocabulary and would make a better read aloud for a child who has already listened to a few chapter books.

**J Fic Grahame**

*Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins

This is the story of three toys who belong to

the Little Girl who sleeps on the high bed. Together, the toys participate in a series of small adventures. And together, they must find the Little Girl a birthday present.

**J Fic Jenkins**

*Ruby Lu, Brave and True* by Lenore Look

Almost 8-year-old Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive and has adventures with both old and new friends.

**J Fic Look**

*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, the widow of a pirate, is friends with every child in town. And all the parents know to go to Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle for advice on misbehaving children. Parents consistently ask for her help in curing their Answer-Backers, Never-Want-To-Go-To-Bedders and Slow-Eater-Tiny-Bite-Takers and Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle always has a cure.

**J Fic MacDonald**

*Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine is having a bad week. She's constantly being told to pay attention, but in her mind she is paying attention and making clever observations. Her best friend is her