

# January

SNOW DAY by Betsy Maestro - shows what happens on real “snow day”. Kids in Texas will be fascinated!

SNOWMEN AT NIGHT by Caralyn Buehner - a rhyming, frolicking fun book with super illustrations of snowmen playing baseball, sledding, and just having fun!

FOX’S DREAM by Tejima - in his domain of snow and ice, a lone fox treks through a faraway forest envisioning the outlines of animals in the tangled, ice-laden branches. Looking at the end papers of the book, lead your students in an artistic adventure drawing their own trees.

OWL MOON by Jane Yolen - a beautiful father-daughter snowy adventure. Let the children practice owl calls and find out more fascinating facts about owls!

GRANDMA’S PROMISE by Elaine Moore - Kim and Grandma wait out a snowstorm in a house filled with warmth, memories and love.

SADIE AND THE SNOWMAN by Allen Morgan - Sadie loves the snowman that she builds and rebuilds all winter long and when spring arrives, she devises a way to save him until next winter.

SNOW LION by David McPhail - finding the jungle too hot, Lion visits the cool mountains and fall in love with the snow.

THERE WAS A COLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED SOME SNOW by Lucille Colandro- you guessed it - a hilarious adaptation of the original THERE WAS AN OLD LADY

WINTER LULLABY by B. Seuling - questions on one page with rhyming couplet answers on the next page

LITTLE BIT OF WINTER by Paul Stewart - a witty tale of two friends - one hibernates and one doesn’t.

YOU CAN DO IT, SAM by Amy Hest - a snow story of giving and sharing and being a “big boy bear”

# February

A GARDEN FOR GROUNDHOG by Lorna Balian - good read aloud to learn about groundhog's day and the seasons.

SUBSTITUTE GROUNDHOG by Pat Miller - Groundhog is sick and must find just the right substitute!

MY BROTHER MARTIN by Christine King Farris - a biography about M.L. King written by his sister. Does not mention his death.

ABE LINCOLN: THE BOY WHO LOVED BOOKS by Kay Winters - provides an edifying example of how Lincoln's life story can be presented without ever mentioning that he was assassinated.

SO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT by Judith George - written as a faux career guide, part of the humor is derived from the notion that anyone can be president as long as they have the right qualities. (If you want to be president it might help if your name is James - six presidents were named James)

STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON by Patricia Pingry

THE DAY IT RAINED HEARTS by Felicia Bond - a down pouring of hearts makes for a fulfilled day

NIGHT BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY by Natasha Wing - fun to read

THE VERY SPECIAL VALENTINE by Maggie Kneen - Little Bunny Gray searches for the perfect valentine for his special friend

BUBBA, THE COWBOY PRINCE by Helen Ketteman - a take-off Cinderella story about Bubba and his two mean step brothers. his step daddy and his Fairy God Cow!

RANCH by Roxie Munro - a seek and find book - great fun!

RODEOS by James Fain - a New True book with simple factual info on rodeoing

# March

(MARCH 1ST IS NATIONAL PIG DAY)

ZIGGY PIGGY AND THE THREE LITTLE PIGS by Frank Asch - have you heard about the fourth little piggy?

OTIS by Janie Bynum - Otis just doesn't like getting dirty like a pig should

HOORAY FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY by Joan Holub (lift flap book) - crafts, food, play and a parade bring St. Pat's Day alive to your students

SEVEN HUNGRY BABIES by C. Fleming - seven little birdies make a mother weary trying to fill them up - GULP!

GILBERTO AND THE WIND by Marie Hall Ets - a classic story of a young boy who finds the wind to be a moody playmate

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE MORNING by Eve Bunting - a fun St. Pat story with a glimpse into the country of Ireland

BEAR AND KITE by C. Wright - simple board book with lovely illustrations

WAKE UP, IT'S SPRING by Lisa Campbell Ernst - the happy secret is spread from seed to worm to ladybug to cat to dog....

IT'S A FROG'S STORY; MY STORY OF LIFE IN THE POND by Steve Parker - entertaining text, written from the point of view of a common green frog who lives in a pond

EMMA'S TURTLE by Eve Bunting - when Emma's box turtle digs out of his pen, Emma imagines he is going to all the places she has described to him.

# April

LOOK OUT! IT'S APRIL FOOL'S DAY by Frank Modell - Marvin loves to play tricks on his friend Milton but on April Fool's Day, Milton just won't be fooled

MAURICE SENDAK'S LITTLE BEAR: APRIL FOOLS! - Little Bear wants to have some fun on April Fool's Day but if he's not careful his friends might trick him

THE UMBRELLA by Jan Brett - go to her web site [janbrett.com](http://janbrett.com) for lots of activities to go with this book and all her books

MOUSE'S FIRST SPRING by Lauren Thompson - mouse's discoveries on a spring day are exciting and colorful

OTTO'S RAINY DAY by Natasha Yim - a little boy makes his own rainy day fun when his mother is too busy to play

RABBITS RABBITS AND MORE RABBITS by Gail Gibbons - fascinating rabbit facts in the classic Gibbon's format

EASTER EGG FARM by M.J. Auch - personable Pauline is a hen of a different color and her adventures are full of fun

IT'S RAINING PIGS AND NOODLES by Jack Prelutsky - kids love Prelutsky poetry - all of his books are fun

THE RAIN CAME DOWN by David Shannon - the rain effects different people in different ways

PIGGY IN THE PUDDLE by Charlotte Pomerantz - loosen up your tongue and prepare to have fun reading this tongue twister story

NOAH'S ARK by Lucy Cousins - great to use for art ideas

PLANTING A RAINBOW by Lois Ehlert - bright colorful flowers make up the rainbow

WHAT MAKES A RAINBOW by Betty Schwartz - a ribbon threaded through the book makes the rainbow

# May

MOTHER'S MOTHER'S DAY by Lorna Balian - a sweet circular story of generations

BERENSTAIN BEARS AND THE MOTHER'S DAY SURPRISE by Stan and Jan Berenstain

ON MOTHER'S LAP by Ann Scott - a great book to share when a new baby comes into the family - "there's always room on mother's lap".

ALL THE PLACES TO LOVE by Patricia MacLachlan - beautiful story of family love - great gift book to young families

BUNNY MY HONEY by Anita Jeram - a sweet story of a bunny, his friends and his mommy

YOU'RE ALL MY FAVORITES by Sam McBratney - first there was one baby bear, then along came a second and later a third - "the most wonderful baby bears in the whole wide world" - sweet sweet story with precious illustrations

ROBERT THE ROSE HORSE by Joan Heilbroner - Robert is allergic to roses and becomes a hero because of one!

CLARA CATERPILLAR by Pamela Duncan - there's lots of "c" practice in this contented caterpillar story

HAVE YOU SEEN MY DUCKLING? by Nancy Tafuri - children will enjoy looking for the missing duckling through out the story

I LOVE YOU ALL DAY LONG by Francesca Rusackas - When a little pig worries about going off to school, his mother reassures him.

MY GARDEN by Kevin Henkes - the little girl in this book envisions growing chocolate rabbits, tomatoes as big as beach balls and seashells. You can always count on Henkes!

# August/September

WEMBERLY WORRIED by K. Henkes - Wimberley worries about everything but especially the first day of school.

LITTLE MISS SPIDER AT SUNNYPATCH SCHOOL by D. Kirk - this will be a favorite of "Miss Spider" fans

OFF TO SCHOOL, BABY DUCK! by Amy Hest - No matter how many "going to school" books you have, you may want to get this one

FIRST DAY by Joan Rankin - Rhyming text gives a soft singsong quality to this first day story

FIRST DAY JITTERS by Julie Dannelburg - a delightful surprise ending teachers will love!

WHEN KANGAROO GOES TO SCHOOL by Sonia Levitia - a listener participation story - fun to read!

STUART GOES TO SCHOOL by Sara Pennypacker - the first day of school brings nothing but worries for Stuart!

THE BEST PLACE TO READ by Debbie Bertram - a little boy searches for just the right place to read his book resulting in a perfect find!

THE BEST CLASS PICTURE EVER! by Denis Roche - a warm, engaging and funny story about an orphaned class

CRAZY HAIR DAY by Barney Saltzberg - Stanley has rolled, wrapped and dyed his hair for Crazy Hair Day only to discover he's a week early and today is school picture day!

# October

I KNOW IT'S AUTUMN by Eileen Spinelli - a little girl identifies the clues that tell autumn has come

WHEN AUTUMN FALLS by Kelly Nidey - Poetic text emphasizes all the things that "fall" in autumn

FOUR FRIENDS IN AUTUMN by Tomie dePaola - a funny dinner party "gone wrong"

EVERY AUTUMN COMES THE BEAR by Jim Arnosky - the illustrations alone are worth the read

FIREMAN SMALL by Wong Yee - Young listeners will applaud Fireman Small's heroism and learn safety tips

OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA by Peggy Rathmann - Gloria, the dog, steals the show as Officer Buckle offers fire safety rules - A CLASSIC

THE RUNAWAY PUMPKIN by Kevin Lewis - laugh your way through this book following a pumpkin set loose by Buck and Billy Baxter as it bumps and thumps its way through the family farm

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS by Iris Van Rynbach - Picture-book version of an old finger rhyme

THE MONSTER BED by Jeanne Willis - a little monster is terrified that there may be a human under his bed

CREEPY THINGS ARE SCARING ME by Jerome and Jarrett Pumphrey - a little boy's bedroom is full of creepy shadows and sounds until his mother explains them all away

POINSETTIA AND THE FIRE FIGHTER by Felicia Bond - Poinsettia's quick thinking saves the neighborhood

# November

TEN FAT TURKEYS by Tony Johnston - Children will gobble up this hilarious story of ten goofy turkeys and their antics

THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING by Eileen Spinelli - Two families - one that is perfect and one that is far from it - celebrate Thanksgiving in their own loving ways

THIS FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY: A COUNTING STORY by Laura Melmed - Lots of smiles and counting practice result in a super read aloud

TURK AND RUNT: A THANKSGIVING COMEDY

THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING by Natasha Wing - your typical rhyme

TURKEYS NEVER GOBBLE by Joan Holub - Board Book about Thanksgiving Day and manners

ALL ABOUT TURKEYS by Jim Arnosky - your classic Arnosky nonfiction with wonderful water colors

LOTS OF THANKS! A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT BEING THANKFUL by Thierry Courin (board book)

SETTING THE TURKEYS FREE by W. Nikola-Lisa & Ken Wilson-Max - a fun story of "hand-print" turkeys - the story can be drawn as it's told!

ONE LITTLE, TWO LITTLE, THREE LITTLE PILGRIMS by B. G. Hennessy - A familiar rhyme with cheerful pictures that capture the mood of the holiday

VETERAN'S DAY by Jacqueline Cotton - this book teaches young readers the importance of recognizing the people who keep us safe during times of war and peace

# December

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN by Margaret Wise Brown - snippets of Christmas Carols will have everyone singing

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY by Cynthia Rylant - a winning combination for even little listeners

BEAR STAYS UP FOR CHRISTMAS by Karma Wilson - many kids may recognize this popular bear from other books - the rhyming text sings, shouts, whispers and crows!

LIGHT THE LIGHTS! A STORY ABOUT CELEBRATING HANUKKAH AND CHRISTMAS Emma helps her dad light the Menorah and helps her mom decorate the Christmas tree

WHO WAS BORN THIS SPECIAL DAY by Eve Bunting - stunning picture book that brings the message of Christmas to the very young

NOW IT IS WINTER by Eileen Spinelli - an impatient little mouse asks the questions that only a very patient mother can answer

WHO'S COMING TO OUR HOUSE? by Joseph Slate - the animals in the stable get ready for their very special guest - Mary and Joseph

THE AFTER CHRISTMAS TREE by Linda Tyler - a good idea for the weeks after Christmas when the excitement of Christmas is over - however, read it to your students before they head off for the holidays!

BEAR'S FIRST CHRISTMAS by Robert Kinerk - A young bear is awakened from his winter nap by a mysterious sound. Step by step under the stars, bear finds his way to a place that glows magically with something he could never have imagined - his first Christmas.

