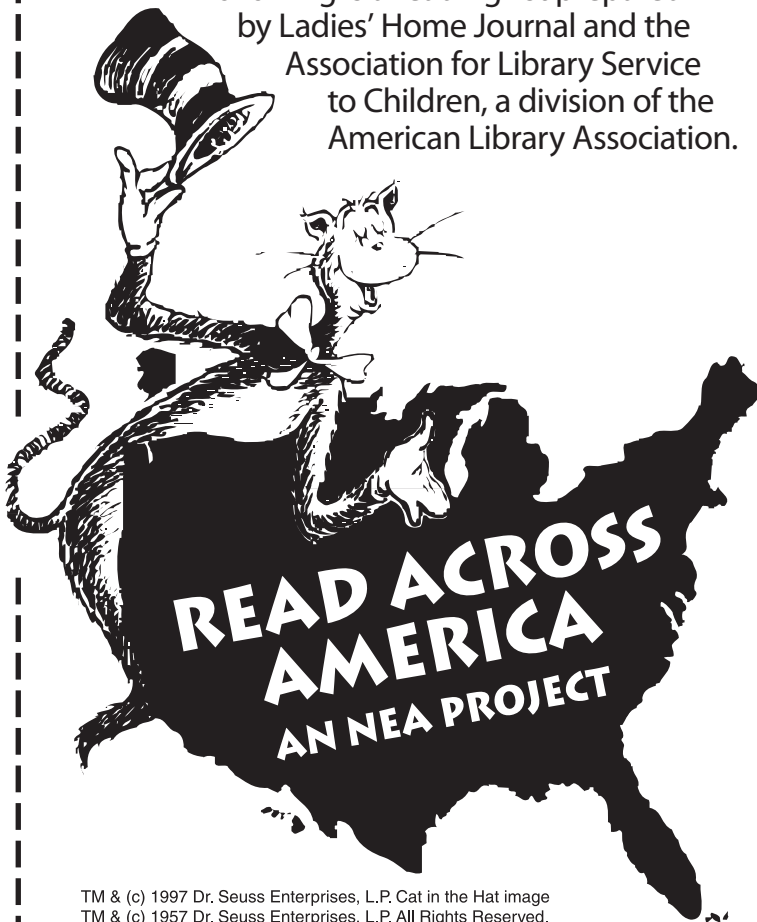


Read and Reap the Rewards

Many parents know the importance of reading to their children. Reading skills are essential to every child's success, and adults play an important role in encouraging reading habits. That's why the Missouri National Education Association sponsors Read Across America each year.

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A recommended reading list for children, birth through grade 8

Birth to 3 years

- "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown
- "The Everything Book" by Denise Fleming
- "Pat the Bunny" by Dorothy Kunhardt
- "This Little Baby's Playtime" by Lynn Breeze
- "Max's Bath" by Rosemary Wells
- "More, More, More, Said the Baby" by Vera B. Williams
- "Jack and Jill and Other Nursery Rhymes" by Lucy Cousins
- "Have You Seen My Duckling?" by Nancy Tafuri
- "Trucks" by Byron Barton
- "Pat-A-Cake and Other Play Rhymes" by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmenson
- "Where Does the Brown Bear Go?" by Nicki Weiss
- "Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill

Preschoolers

- "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?" by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
- "Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck" by Lisa Westberg Peters
- "Ten, Nine, Eight" by Molly Bang
- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle
- "Blueberries for Sal" by Robert McCloskey
- "Sam Who Never Forgets" by Eve Rice
- "Let's Go Home, Little Bear" by Martin Waddell
- "How Do I Put It On?" by Shigeo Watanbe
- "Abuela" by Arthur Dorros
- "Ben's Trumpet" by Rachel Isadora
- "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr.
- "Corduroy" by Don Freeman

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Kindergarten

- "Bread and Jam for Frances" by Russell Hoban
"Madeline" by Ludwig Bemelsmans
"Stone Soup" by Marcia Brown
"I Need a Lunch Box" by Jeannette Caines
"Will I Have a Friend?" by Miriam Cohen
"Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born"
by Jamie Lee Curtis
"Sam and the Lucky Money" by Karen Chinn
"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen
"The Doorbell Rang" by Pat Hutchins
"Chicken Little" by Steven Kellogg
"There's a Nightmare in My Closet" by Mercer Mayer
"The Napping House" by Audrey Wood

Grades 1 and 2

- "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble" by William Steig
"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,
Very Bad Day" by Judith Viorst
"Miss Nelson Is Missing" by Harry Allard
and James Marshall
"The Night Worker" by Kate Banks
"Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin
"Minnie and the Moo and the Musk of Zorro"
by Denys Cazet
"Inspector Hopper" by Doug Cushman
"Alfie Gives a Hand" by Shirley Hughes
"Iris and Walter" by Elissa Haden Guest
"Just the Two of Us" by Will Smith
"Cam Jansen and the Mystery at the Haunted House"
by David A. Adler
"My Brother, Ant" by Betsy C. Byars

Grades 3 and 4

- "Radio Rescue" by Lynne Barasch
"Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys" by Elizabeth
Fitzgerald Howard
"The Doll People" by Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin
"Surviving Brick Johnson" by Laurie Myers
"Freedom River" by Doreen Rappaport
"The Ramona Series" by Beverly Cleary
"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White

- "The Borrowers" by Mary Norton
"The Mystery of the Several Sevens" by Bill Brittain
"Julian, Secret Agent" by Ann Cameron
"No Such Thing As a Witch" by Ruth Chew
"Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein

Grades 5 and 6

- "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo
"Joey Pigza Loses Control" by Jack Gantos
"Digging for Bird-Dinosaurs: An Expedition
to Madagascar" by Nic Bishop
"Crazy Horse's Vision" by Joseph Bruchac
"Space Race" by Sylvia Waugh
"The Indian in the Cupboard" by Lynne Reid Banks
"A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle
"Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry
"Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson
"Sarah, Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan
"Dear Mother, Dear Daughter" by Jane Yolen
and Heidi E. Y. Stemple
"The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle" by Avi

Grades 7 and 8

- "A Year Down Yonder" by Richard Peck
"Nory Ryan's Song" by Patricia Reilly Giff
"Samir and Yonatan" by Daniella Carmi
"The Wanderer" by Sharon Creech
"Visiting Miss Caples" by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
"Hope Was Here" by Joan Bauer
"Kit's Wilderness" by David Almond
"Nothing But the Truth" by Avi
"The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier
"The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank
"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee
"The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien •

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