

**HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2011**  
**PreSchool, PreKindergarten, Kindergarten**

*Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.*

- Alexander, Cecil Frances. ***All Things Bright and Beautiful***. Atheneum, 2010. The words of the well-known hymn reflect God's creation of animals, flowers, mountains, sun, rivers, humans, and the ability to enjoy all that he made.
- Andrews, Julie, and Emma Walton Hamilton. ***The Very Fairy Princess***. Little, Brown, 2010. Despite her scabby knees and dirty fingernails, Geraldine knows that she is a princess inside and shows it through her behavior at home and in school.
- Baker, Keith. ***LMNO Peas***. Beach Lane Books, 2010. Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.
- Barton, Chris. ***Shark vs. Train***. Little, Brown, 2010. A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more.
- Beard, Alex. ***The Jungle Grapevine***. Abrams Books, 2009. When Turtle makes an off-hand remark to Bird at the watering hole one day, Bird's misunderstanding starts rumors that stir up the other animals.
- Berne, Jennifer. ***Calvin Can't Fly: The Story of a Bookworm Birdie***. Sterling, 2010. A young starling chooses to read books when his cousins are learning to fly, and the knowledge he acquires comes in handy when a hurricane threatens the flock's migration.
- Berry, Lynne. ***Ducking for Apples***. Holt, 2010. Five little ducks ride bicycles and gather apples to make a sweet treat.
- Birdsall, Jeanne. ***Flora's Very Windy Day***. Clarion, 2010. When a big wind blows her annoying little brother away, Flora decides to save him despite the many tempting offers she gets for him from, among others, a cloud, an eagle, the man in the moon, and the wind itself.
- Blackwood, Freya. ***Ivy Loves to Give***. Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Ivy loves to give presents, and although they are not always appropriate, they are always given with enthusiasm and generosity.
- Bloom, Suzanne. ***What about Bear?*** Boyds Mills, 2010. When Fox joins Goose and Bear for playtime, one of them is left out and someone must figure out how all three of them can play together.
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl -- who does not like to read -- stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Braun, Sebastien. ***Back to Bed, Ed!*** Peachtree, 2009. Ed the mouse will not sleep in his own bed, but eventually his exasperated and tired parents find a way to keep him from joining them in the middle of the night.

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- Brown, Peter. ***Children Make Terrible Pets***. Little, Brown, 2010. When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train.
- Brun-Cosme, Nadine. ***Big Wolf & Little Wolf***. Enchanted Lion Books, 2009. Alone but happy, Big Wolf gets a new perspective on life when Little Wolf arrives.
- Carroll, James Christopher. ***The Boy and the Moon***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2010. A boy and his animal friends go out at night to play, but when Moon gets stuck in a tree, the boy undertakes a daring rescue.
- Casanova, Mary. ***Some Dog!*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. A stray dog moves into George's formerly peaceful home, dazzling the man and woman of the house with lively tricks and antics that just leave George exhausted.
- Clements, Andrew. ***The Handiest Things in the World***. Atheneum, 2010. The many things that hands can do are celebrated in verse, accompanied by photographs.
- Cotten, Cynthia. ***At the Edge of the Woods: A Counting Book***. Holt, 2002. A variety of animals, birds, and insects enjoy the flowers and trees of the forest early one morning.
- Covert, Ralph. ***Me and My Animal Friends***. Holt, 2009. Ralph ventures across land and sea looking at everything from elephants to ants, promising that he will be very good and take care of them if only he can have them as pets. Lyrics with guitar chords are included.
- Craig, Lindsey. ***Dancing Feet!*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Easy-to-read, rhyming text depicts different animals having fun dancing.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Rescue Bunnies***. Balzer + Bray, 2010. Newbie struggles to pass her field test to become a full-fledged Rescue Bunny.
- Dodd, Emma. ***I Love Bugs!*** Holiday House, 2010. Easy-to-read text celebrates the many kinds of bugs that can be found in a backyard.
- Donaldson, Julia. ***What the Ladybug Heard***. Holt, 2009. Although much quieter than the farm animals that moo, cluck, or oink, a gentle ladybug is instrumental in foiling a plan to steal the farm's prize-winning cow.
- Elliott, David. ***In the Wild***. Candlewick, 2010. This woodcut-illustrated collection of poems celebrates wild animals.
- Emberley, Ed. ***Go Away, Big Green Monster!*** Little, Brown, 1992. Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

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- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Turn-around, Upside-down Alphabet Book***. Simon & Schuster, 2004. In this alphabet book each letter becomes three different objects when the book is turned in different directions, as when A becomes a bird's beak, a drippy ice cream cone, and the point of a star.
- Everitt, Betsy. ***Mean Soup***. Harcourt, 1992. Horace feels really mean at the end of a bad day until he helps his mother make Mean Soup.
- Feiffer, Kate. ***But I Wanted a Baby Brother!*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. Oliver Keaton wants a baby brother more than anything, but when he gets a sister instead he sets out with his dog Chaplin to trade her for the perfect baby brother.
- Fischer, Scott M. ***Jump!*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. From bugs and frogs to alligators and whales, frightened animals always move out of the way of a larger opponent.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Seven Hungry Babies***. Atheneum, 2010. A mother bird frantically tries to keep her seven baby birds fed.
- Fleming, Denise. ***The Cow Who Clucked***. Holt, 2006. When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.
- Fox, Lee. ***Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair***. Walker, 2007. A little girl refuses to brush her hair until it becomes so unruly that it takes over everything.
- Fraser, Mary Ann. ***Pet Shop Lullaby***. Boyds Mills, 2009. When the pet store closes for the night, a hamster's activities keep the other animals awake as they try to think of some way to put him to sleep.
- French, Jackie. ***Diary of a Baby Wombat***. Clarion, 2010. Through a week of diary entries, a wombat describes his life of sleeping, playing, and helping his mother look for a bigger hole in which to make their home.
- Garcia, Emma. ***Tap Tap Bang Bang***. Boxer Books, 2010. Colorful illustrations and brief text show a variety of tools and what they can do.
- Gravett, Emily. ***Dogs***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. A surprising narrator reveals the characteristics and attributes of dogs he loves, including dogs that are big or small, striped or spotted, and good or bad.
- Hall, Michael. ***My Heart Is Like a Zoo***. Greenwillow, 2010. Rhyming text describes how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Cupcake: A Journey to Special***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Cupcake, feeling drab because he is only vanilla, and his friend, Candle, come up with a plan to make themselves stand out in the crowd.

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- Henkes, Kevin. ***My Garden***. Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.
- Houblon, Marie. ***A World of Colors: Seeing Colors in a New Way***. National Geographic, 2009. Simple text and photographs explore the relationship between colors and objects with images from around the world, encouraging children to find both expected and surprising colored objects, such as green leaves and pink fish.
- Howe, James. ***Brontorina***. Candlewick, 2010. Despite her size and not having the proper footwear, a determined dinosaur pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina.
- Hutchins, Pat. ***The Doorbell Rang***. Greenwillow, 1986. Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***Say Hello!*** Putnam's, 2010. A little girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages.
- Karas, G. Brian. ***The Village Garage***. Holt, 2010. Throughout the seasons the workers at the Village Garage are busy taking care of the town and its residents.
- Kerby, Johanna. ***Little Pink Pup***. Putnam's, 2010. Pink, a piglet who is the runt of the litter, is adopted by Tink, a dachshund who is nursing a litter of her own, and Pink is raised in the house along with the puppies.
- Kettelman, Helen. ***Goodnight, Little Monster***. Marshall Cavendish, 2010. Rhyming text describes a mother guiding her young monster through bedtime preparations, such as howling at the moon, snacking on worm juice and beetle bread, and choosing a bedtime story.
- Khan, Rukhsana. ***Big Red Lollipop***. Viking, 2010. Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.
- LaRochelle, David. ***1+1=5: And Other Unlikely Additions***. Sterling, 2010. Colorful illustrations and unusual calculations encourage children to think about numbers in a creative way.
- Lester, Helen. ***Tacky Goes to Camp***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true.

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- Lloyd, Sam. **Mr. Pusskins and Little Whiskers: Another Love Story.** Atheneum, 2007. When Emily brings home a little kitten to be best friends with Mr. Pusskins, the older cat does not appreciate the gesture.
- London, Jonathan. **A Plane Goes Ka-zoom.** Holt, 2010. Easy-to-read, rhyming text describes the sounds of, and uses for, different kinds of airplanes.
- Love, Maryann Cusimano. **You Are My Wish.** Philomel, 2010. Illustrations and rhyming text describe how a grandparent and child complement each other.
- Lyon, George Ella. **Trucks Roll!** Atheneum, 2007. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal many different -- and sometimes silly -- items that trucks can haul.
- Macken, JoAnn Early. **Flip, Float, Fly: Seeds on the Move.** Holiday House, 2008. Illustrations and simple text introduce children to how seeds travel from place to place and propagate new plants.
- Martin, Bill, Jr. and John Archambault. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.** Simon & Schuster, 1989. This alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.
- Mayo, Margaret. **Dig Dig Digging.** Holt, 2001. Simple rhymes introduce various large vehicles, such as dump trucks, fire engines, and tractors, and describe the work that they do.
- McCarty, Peter. **Fabian Escapes.** Holt, 2007. While Hondo the dog stays home and enjoys his usual pursuits, Fabian the cat escapes out the window and has many adventures.
- McKee, David. **Elmer's Special Day.** Andersen Press, 2009. Once a year on Elmer's Day, all the elephants decorate themselves and have a parade, and this year Elmer comes up with a plan to include the other animals as well as the elephants.
- McNaughton, Colin. **Not Last Night But the Night Before.** Candlewick, 2009. A child's quiet night is transformed into a rowdy party as different fairy tale creatures come knocking.
- Meadows, Michelle. **Hibernation Station.** Simon & Schuster, 2010. Rhyming text and pictures introduce the reader to a variety of animals as they try to snuggle in to sleep.
- Melling, David. **Hugless Douglas.** Tiger Tales, 2010. Poor Douglas, a young bear, goes from place to place looking for someone to give him a hug.
- Meyers, Susan. **Bear in the Air.** Abrams Books, 2010. A teddy bear begins an adventurous journey home after being lost by the child who loves him.
- Miller, Heather. **Subway Ride.** Charlesbridge, 2009. Five children are shown as they ride subways in ten cities throughout the world.

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- Milton, Giles. ***Call Me Gorgeous!*** Boxer Books, 2009. Young readers are encouraged to identify the mysterious creature in the illustrations.
- Mora, Pat. ***Gracias = Thanks.*** Lee & Low, 2009. With English and Spanish text, a young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful.
- Munro, Roxie. ***Go! Go! GO! With More Than 70 Flaps to Uncover & Discover.*** Sterling, 2009. Colorful illustrations with flaps to lift depict people in action, from flying in a hot air balloon to exploring the sea.
- Na, Il Sung. ***The Thingamabob.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. An elephant finds a "thingamabob" and experiments until he discovers its real purpose.
- Nevius, Carol. ***Baseball Hour.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Using rhyming, rhythmic text and photorealistic artwork, a typical baseball practice is described in which the girls and boys in a multicultural group demonstrate teamwork.
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. ***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.*** Harper & Row, 1985. A young boy, having given a cookie to a bossy mouse, is run ragged by the energetic rodent's subsequent requests.
- Oppel, Kenneth. ***The King's Taster.*** HarperCollins, 2009. The royal chef takes Max the dog, who is the royal taster, on several international journeys to find a dish for the land's pickiest king.
- Pelé. ***For the Love of Soccer!*** Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Pelé, the three-time World Cup soccer champion, shares his enthusiastic love of the sport and his rise to fame.
- Perry, Andrea. ***The Bicklebys' Birdbath.*** Atheneum, 2010. This cumulative rhyme, in the style of "The House That Jack Built," describes the antics that occur when a girl with a long leaky hose squirts a flock of curious crows.
- Prelutsky, Jack. ***Me I Am!*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. This illustrated poem celebrates the individuality of three very different children, with a concluding scene that shows a gaggle of other ME I AMs.
- Rathmann, Peggy. ***Officer Buckle and Gloria.*** Putnam's, 1995. The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
- Reidy, Jean. ***Too Pickley!*** Bloomsbury, 2010. A child rejects a number of foods before settling on one that is just right.
- Rex, Michael. ***My Race Car.*** Holt, 2000. This simple presentation of a race car shows how it is used and serviced during a race.
- Rickards, Lynne. ***Jacob O'Reilly Wants a Pet.*** Barron's, 2010. Jacob, desperately wanting a pet, takes his parents' advice to start a pet-sitting business and realizes what type of animal is perfect for him to keep.

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- Ritz, Karen. ***Windows with Birds***. Boyds Mills, 2010. A cat adjusts to its new home in an apartment, high above the ground, after living in a house.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Bedtime for Mommy***. Bloomsbury, 2010. In a reversal of the classic bedtime story, a child helps her mommy get ready for bed, enduring pleas for one more book, five more minutes of play time, and a glass of water before the lights go out.
- Saltzberg, Barney. ***Beautiful OOPS!*** Workman, 2010. The many ways that torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper can be transformed into various shapes and images are demonstrated.
- Schaefer, Lola. ***Just One Bite: 11 Animals and Their Bites at Life Size!*** Chronicle Books, 2010. The diets of eleven creatures are examined, focusing on the amount of food each one consumes in a single bite, and covering the sand-grain-sized bite of dirt eaten by an earthworm to the giant squid swallowed by a sperm whale.
- Schertle, Alice. ***Little Blue Truck Leads the Way***. Harcourt, 2009. A country truck feels out of place in the speedy, noisy city until he comes to the rescue during a giant traffic jam.
- Schoenherr, Ian. ***Don't Spill the Beans!*** Greenwillow, 2010. A little bear just cannot keep a secret and shares it with all his friends.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***What If?*** Roaring Brook, 2010. The concept of sharing is explored using three different scenarios of what could happen after a boy throws a beach ball into the ocean.
- Shapiro, Zachary. ***We're All in the Same Boat***. Putnam's, 2009. After being on the ark for months and months, the ants get antsy, the bees bored, and the llamas livid, and Noah must find a way to make everyone get along.
- Siddals, Mary McKenna. ***Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth***. Tricycle Press, 2010. This rhyming recipe explains how to make the dark, crumbly, rich, earth-friendly food called compost.
- Spinelli, Jerry. ***I Can Be Anything!*** Little, Brown, 2010. A little boy ponders the many possible jobs in his future, from paper-plane folder and puppy-dog holder to mixing-bowl licker and tin-can kicker.
- Staines, Bill. ***All God's Critters***. Simon & Schuster, 2009. How all the animals in the world make their own music in their own way is celebrated, some singing low, some singing higher.
- Stein, David Ezra. ***Pouch!*** Putnam's, 2009. A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time.

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- Swinburne, Stephen R. ***Whose Shoes? A Shoe for Every Job.*** Boyds Mills, 2010. Different occupations are explored through simple text and colorful photographs of shoes and the people who wear them.
- Teague, Mark. ***Funny Farm.*** Orchard Books, 2009. Cousin Edward visits Aunt Judy and Uncle Earl on their farm and tries to help with all the chores.
- Ufer, David A. ***The Giraffe Who Was Afraid of Heights.*** Sylvan Dell, 2006. A young giraffe's fear of heights prevents him from having fun until two new animal friends with their own fears help the giraffe become less afraid.
- Underwood, Deborah. ***The Quiet Book.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text and clever illustrations help the reader explore the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.
- Urbanovic, Jackie. ***Sitting Duck.*** Harper, 2010. Max the duck volunteers to babysit for puppy Anabel, unaware of all the mischief a puppy can get into.
- Van Camp, Katie. ***Harry and Horsie.*** Balzer & Bray, 2009. Harry has an out-of-this-world adventure when he goes in search of his favorite stuffed animal, Horsie, after it is carried away by a bubble.
- Voake, Steve. ***Insect Detective.*** Candlewick, 2010. This illustrated story tells the reader where to look for different insects, including wasps, ants, bees, beetles, and others, and provides facts about each six-legged creature.
- Wheeler, Lisa. ***Dino-baseball.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2010. Meat-eating dinosaurs face plant-eating dinosaurs in a baseball game.
- Willems, Mo. ***City Dog, Country Frog.*** Hyperion, 2010. When City Dog comes to the country he meets Country Frog for the first time, and every season afterward the two have a fun time playing together.
- Willis, Jeanne. ***Cottonball Colin.*** Eerdmans Books, 2008. Afraid that her smallest child, Colin, will be hurt if he goes outside or plays, a mother mouse insists that he sit quietly indoors until his grandmother suggests wrapping him in cotton wool, which proves to be effective but in a most unexpected way.
- Wilson, Karma. ***Don't Be Afraid, Little Pip.*** McElderry Books, 2009. Afraid to swim, Pip the penguin would much rather learn to fly.
- Wood, Audrey. ***Silly Sally.*** Harcourt, 1992. With humorous illustrations and rhyming text, this is the story of Silly Sally who makes many friends as she travels to town -- backward and upside down.

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