

## Kindergarten Reading List

### Akron-Summit County Public Library

#### Read-Alouds:

Averbeck, Jim. **Trevor**, 2018. JE

This is an elegantly told, truly unique tale of a canary who befriends a lemon and finds that you don't have to be two of a kind to form a meaningful and lasting friendship.

Barnett, Mac. **Extra Yarn**, 2012. JE

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.

Berger, Samantha. **What If...**, 2019. JE

A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative.

Campoy, F. Isabel. **Maybe Something Beautiful**, 2016. JE

In this exuberant picture book about transformation through art, Mira lives in a gray urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and hope to the neighborhood.

Ciraolo, Simona. **Hug Me**, 2015. JE

Ever feel like you need a hug, a really big hug from someone? That's how Felipe the young cactus feels, but his family just isn't the touchy-feely kind. Cactuses can be quite prickly sometimes you know . . . and so can Felipe. He'll be darned if this one pointy issue will hold him back, so one day Felipe sets off on his own to find a friend and just maybe, that long awaited hug.

Cornwall, Gaia. **Jabari Jumps**, 2017. JE

After he passes his swimming test, little Jabari decides he's ready to try jumping off the diving board, but when the big moment arrives, Jabari needs to work up the courage to jump.

Fleming, Candace. **Oh, No!**, 2012. JE

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.

Mangal, Melina. **Jayden's Impossible Garden**, 2021. JE

Nine-year-old Jayden loves the outdoors, but his mother is nervous about him playing in their neighborhood. With the help of his neighbor Mr. Curtis, can Jayden help Mama see that nature and beauty are all around?

Martinez-Neal, Juana. **Alma and How She Got Her Name**, 2018. JE

When Alma Sofia Esperanza Josâe Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.

Miller, Pat Zietlow. **Be Kind**, 2018. JE

From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference or at least help a friend.

Penfold, Alexandra. **All are Welcome**, 2018. JE

Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms.

Pizzoli, Greg. **The Watermelon Seed**, 2013. JE

After swallowing a watermelon seed, a crocodile imagines a scary outcome.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey. **Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site**, 2011. JE

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **The Day You Begin**, 2018. JE

Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.

### **Beginning Readers:**

Bridwell, Norman. **Clifford Makes the Team**, 2011. JRDR

Clifford wants to play baseball with the boys and girls, but he cannot find a big enough bat.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. **Biscuit Plays Ball**, 2012. JRDR

Biscuit is excited to be at the ball game, but dogs are not allowed to play. Can the determined puppy find a way to join in the fun?

Dean, James. **Pete the Cat's Groovy Bake Sale**, 2018. JRDR

While trying to make something for the school bake sale, Pete seems to only be able to make a mess.

Eastman, P.D. **Aaron is a Good Sport**, 2015. JRDR

Aaron the Alligator loves to play sports but isn't quite an all-star athlete.

Florian, Douglas. **Pig and Cat Are Pals**, 2018. JRDR

Pig and Cat are pals, but now Pig wants to play with Dog.

Kenah, Katharine. **The Best Seat in First Grade**, 2020. JRDR

On the first day of first grade Sam has news to share with the class--over the summer, his elephant had a baby! His classmates find out the truth when they go to a school field trip to the local zoo.

Long, Ethan. **Dance, Dance, Dance!**, 2018. JRDR

Horse and Buggy are best friends, but Horse likes to dance and Buggy doesn't--until Horse shows him how to get down!

Milgrim, David. **Poof! A Bot!**, 2018. JRDR

Zip, the unlucky alien magician, zaps a bot and tells it what to do, but the bot does not listen.

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Takes the Cake**, 2016. JRDR

Amelia Bedelia and her friends host a bake sale to benefit their school library.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Puppy Mudge Wants to Play**, 2005. JRDR

Just when Henry thinks it's safe to snuggle up with a good book, Mudge has other ideas for the afternoon.

Tharp, Jason. **Bunny Will Not Smile**, 2018. JRDR

Big and Bunny are friends. Bunny will not smile. Big even tried carrots! Can you help?

Willems, Mo. **We Are in a Book!**, 2010. JRDR

When Gerald the elephant and Piggie realize that they are in a book, they decide to have some fun with the reader.