Kindergarten Reading List

Read-Alouds:

Beckmeyer, Drew. *I am a Tornado*, 2023. JE
An angry, destructive tornado picks up an empathetic cow, and when Cow politely asks to be put down, the two enter a conversation that has some unforeseen results.

Bernstrom, Daniel. *A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree*, 2022. JE
A hungry bear? An angry bee? Only one will taste sweet victory! Who will it be?

Cali, Davide. *Too Many Pigs and One Big Bad Wolf*, 2022. JCON
The big bad wolf doesn't want to tell a long story. He wants to get to the eating part. But the reader has other ideas.

Frazier, Gibson. *Stop and Smell the Cookies*, 2022. JE
Dash's mom helps him find a way to manage his big feelings.

Le, Minh. *Real to Me*, 2023. 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.

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?
Martin, Bill. *Bing! Bang! Chugga! Beep!,* 2023. JE
This old car has been everywhere from the backyard to the sky, from the hills to the water. Bouncing between the mud in the ground and the clouds up high, the old car is loved by a clever young boy.

Massy, Julie. *Oops!*, 2023. JE
Readers are invited to physically interact with the pages in this picture book of humorous before-and-after scenarios.

A group of kids express a multitude of feelings and discover they are not alone.

Pizzoli, Greg. *Mister Kitty is Lost*, 2023. JE
A child and dog search for a lost pet, Mister Kitty, as the child describes what Mister Kitty looks like to the reader.

Straub, Emma. *Very Good Hats*, 2023. JE
Some people think hats are fancy things you can buy at a dressy store, but that’s just the tip of the iceberg. In this book, acorns and raspberries are snug hats for your fingers, and an empty pudding cup is a good hat for a stuffed bear.

Syed, Anoosha. *That’s Not My Name!*, 2022. JE
Mirha questions her name after her classmates continually pronounce it wrong on the first day of school so her mother helps her to learn the significance of her name and to be proud of it.

Beginning Readers:

Borgert-Spaniol, Megan. *Amana at School*, 2023. JRDR
Amana enjoys making different crafts at school. Illustrations and decodable text will engage younger, emergent readers.
Fenske, Jonathan. *Nothing Fits a Dinosaur*, 2021. JRDR
When being told no drama and to put on his pajamas, the dinosaur is unimpressed and romps around the house undressed since human clothes are much too small for such a mighty dinosaur.

Hamilton, Martha. *The Cats and the Cake*, 2022. JRDR
When a cake falls off a cart at the bakery, two cats claim it. A clever fox offers to help them share, but bit by bit eats the cake all up himself.

Heim, Alistair. *Big Bub, Small Car*, 2023. JRDR
Big Bub the monster needs to take a taxi, but the car is too small. What will he do? It’s time to get creative.

Higgins, Ryan T. *Ballet Bruce*, 2022. JRDR.
When the geese ask him for assistance with getting new ballet gear, Bruce the ever-grumpy bear agrees to help his friends get ready to stretch their wings and follow their dream of dancing.

Perl, Erica S. *A Whale of a Tea Party*, 2021. JRDR
While hosting a tea party for her inanimate rock friends, Whale meets Quail and Snail and invites them to join.

Plohl, Igor. *Happy Again*, 2022. JRDR.
An easy-to-read story about Lucas the lion who learns how to live life with a physical disability with help from his friends and family.

Ransom, Candice F. *School Day*, 2022. JRDR
Although they are in different grades, a brother and sister enjoy their first day of school together.
Regan, Dana. *The Big Mix-Up*, 2021. JRDR
Meet Mike, a helpful hedgehog who lives in the town of Happy River. Although helpful, sometimes he gets involved in some silly mix-ups, like delivering ants instead of pants and pigs instead of wigs!

Stemple, Heidi E. Y. *Flamingo Bingo*, 2022. JRDR
In this hilarious story, feathers fly and balls spin as everyone plays Bingo, hoping to be a winner!

Tabor, Corey R. *Fox at Night*, 2021. JRDR
Fox is up late in the night. There are shadows and noises everywhere. Fox is sure the night is full of monsters!

Tsurumi, Andrea. *I'm on It*, 2021. JRDR
When Frog and Goat turn a simple game into an all-out competition, things get out of hand...until finally, they're over it.