

# Classroom Read Alouds

**“Help! I’m the mystery reader tomorrow and I don’t know what to read!”**

Barrett, Judi. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers—until the weather takes a turn for the worse! (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK BAR**

Brumbeau, Jeff. The Quiltmaker’s Gift. When a generous quiltmaker finally agrees to make a quilt for a greedy king but only under certain conditions, she causes him to undergo a change of heart. (*Gr. 1 – 4*) **jPICT BK BRU & jPICT PLUS BRU**

Buehner, Caralyn. Superdog: The Heart of a Hero. Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, a big-hearted dog named Dexter transforms himself into a superhero. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK BUE**

Cocca-Leffler, Mary Ann. Bravery Soup. Carlin, who is frightened by everything, wants to try some of Big Bear’s bravery soup, but first he must travel through a dark forest to a monster’s cave to retrieve an important ingredient. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK COC**

Cooney, Barbara. Miss Rumphius. Great-aunt Alice Rumphius was once a little girl who loves the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to do something to make the world more beautiful. (*K – Gr. 5*) **jPICT BK COO**

Cronin, Doreen. Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type. When Farmer Brown’s cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when Farmer Brown refuses to give them what they want. (*PreS – Gr. 4*) **jPICT BK CRO**

De Paola, Tomie. Jamie O’Rourke and the Big Potato: an Irish Folktale. The laziest man in all of Ireland catches a leprechaun, who offers a potato seed instead of a pot of gold for his freedom. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK 398.2 DEP**

Donaldson, Julia. The Gruffalo. A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake, only to have to outwit that creature as well. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK DON**

Egan, Tim. Roasted Peanuts. Sam the horse gets picked to be on the local baseball team, but unfortunately his friend Jackson the cat, despite being a good thrower, is not selected. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK EGA**

Fleming, Candance. Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables. (*K – Gr. 4*) **jPICT BK FLE**

Forest, Heather. Stone Soup. Two hungry travelers use a stone as a soup started and demonstrate the benefits of sharing. Includes a recipe for soup. (*K – Gr. 5*) **jPICT BK 398.2 FOR**

Fraustino, Lisa Rowe. The Hickory Chair. A blind boy tells of his warm relationship with his grandmother and the gift she left for him after her death. (*Gr. 3 – 6*) **jPICT PLUS FRA**

Helakoski, Leslie. Big Chickens. While trying to escape from a wolf, four frightened chickens keep getting themselves into the very predicaments they are trying to avoid. (*PreS – Gr. 2*) **jPICT BK HEL**

Hoberman, Mary Ann. Seven Silly Eaters. Seven fussy eaters find a way to surprise their mother for her birthday. (*Gr. 2 – 5*) **jPICT BK HOB**

Jackson, Ellen. Cinder Edna. Cinderella and Cinder Edna, who live with cruel stepmothers and stepsisters, have different approaches to life, and although each ends up with the prince of her dreams, one is a great deal happier than the other. (*K – Gr. 6*) **jPICT PLUS JAC**

Kaczman, James. A Bird and His Worm. A bird who does not like to fly becomes good friends with a worm, and together they set out walking south for winter. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK KAC**

Lester, Helen. Hooway for Wodney Wat. All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK LES**

Long, Melinda. How I Became a Pirate. Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of pirate life. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK LON**

Lord, John. The Giant Jam Sandwich. When four million wasps fly into their village, the citizens of Itching Down devise a way to getting rid of them. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK LOR**

Lovell, Patty. Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon. Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK LOV**

Manushkin, Fran. The Shivers in the Fridge. One-by-one, the members of the Shivers family disappear from the inside of their chilly refrigerator home. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK MAN**

McKissack, Patricia. The Honest to Goodness Truth. After promising never to lie, Libbey learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth either. (*Gr. 1 – 6*) **jPICT PLUS MCK**

Mosel, Arlene. Tikki Tikki Tembo. When the eldest sone fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names. (*K – Gr. 4*) **jPICT BK 398.2 MOS**

Munsch, Robert. Mud Puddle. Jule Ann has an adventure with a mud puddle. (*Gr. 2 – 5*) **jPICT BK MUN**

Napoli, Donna Jo. Albert. One day when Albert is at his window, two cardinals come to build a nest in his hand, and event that changes his life. (*K – Gr. 3*) **jPICT BK NAP**

Palatini, Margie. Sweet Tooth. Stewart's loud, obnoxious sweet tooth constantly gets him into trouble, until Stewart uses a healthy diet to take control of the situation. (*Gr. 2 – 6*) **jPICT BK PAL**

Pilkey, Dav. The Halloweiner. All the other dogs make fun of Oscar the dachshund until one Halloween when, dressed as a hot dog, Oscar bravely rescues the others. (*PreS – Gr. 3*) **jHOLIDAY PIL & jPICT BK PIL**

Pinkwater, Daniel. The Big Orange Splot. When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his neat house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood. (*PreS – Gr. 4*) **jPICT BK PIN**

Polacco, Patricia. In Enzo's Splendid Garden. A cumulative rhyme describe the uproarious chain of events that ensue when a waiter trips over a book dropped by a boy watching a bee. (K – Gr. 4) **jPICT PLUS POL**

Saltzberg, Barney. Crazy Hair Day. Stanley is excited about Crazy Hair Day at his school, until he discovers that he has gotten the date wrong. (K – Gr. 3) **jPICT BK SAL**

Schnitzlein, Danny. The Monster Who Ate My Peas. A young boy agrees to give a disgusting monster first his soccer ball, then his bike in return for eating the boy's peas, but when the monster asks for his puppy, the boy makes a surprising discovery. (Gr. 1 – 3) **jPICT BK SCH**

Scieszka, Jon. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. (K – Gr. 6) **jPICT BK SCI**

Seuss, Dr. Horton Hatches the Egg. When a lazy bird hatching an egg wants a vacation, she asks Horton the elephant, to sit on her egg which he does through all sorts of hazards until he is rewarded for doing what he said he would. (PreS – Gr. 4) **jPICT BK SEU**

Shannon, David. A Bad Case of Stripes. In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself. (PreS – Gr. 4) **jPICT BK SHA**

Slangerup, Erik Jon. Dirt Boy. To avoid taking a bath, Fister Farnello runs away from home and is befriended by Dirt Man, a filthy giant who lives in the woods. (K – Gr. 4) **jPICT BK SLA**

Stadler, Alexander. Beverly Billingsly Borrows a Book. Beverly is thrilled to finally check out a book with her own library card, but when she accidentally keeps the book too long she worries that she'll have to pay a huge fine or go to jail. (PreS – Gr. 3) **jPICT BK STA**

Trivizas, Eugenios. The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf – with a surprise ending! (PreS – Gr. 6) **jPICT BK 398.2 TRI**

White, Linda. Too Many Pumpkins. Rebecca Estelle, an old woman who has hated pumpkins ever since she was a girl and her family had nothing else to eat, finds herself with a full crop of them. (K – Gr. 3) **jPICT BK WHI**

Wisniewski, David. The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups. A humorous revelation of the real reasons why adults tell children to do things, such as “eat your vegetables,” “comb your hair,” and “don't blow bubbles in your milk.” (Gr. 1 – 5) **j818 W**

Wood, Audrey. Jubal's Wish. Jubal Bullfrog wishes for happiness for his animal friends and finds that sometimes wishes come true in an unexpected way. (PreS – Gr. 2) **jPICT BK WOO**

Zemach, Margot. It Could Always Be Worse: a Yiddish Folk Tale. Unable to stand his overcrowded and noisy home any longer, a poor man goes to the Rabbi for advice and soon learns to appreciate what he has. (K – Gr. 6) **jPICT BK 398.2 ZEM**