

Superintendent's Message

June 2013

Dear Parents and Students:

This booklet has been prepared to help you choose books to read during the summer months ahead. The books on the list are not an assignment that must be finished, but the beginning of a life long adventure in reading.

Reading is an important part of your education as it opens doors to all other subjects. We believe it is beneficial to all student learning and academic performance to read throughout the summer.

It is our expectation that you join in the fun and choose books from this booklet to enjoy reading and all the adventures it has to offer.

Lexile ratings, where available, accompany each of the selections. These ratings can be matched to the Lexile range indicated on your child's MAP report. You may also visit the website <http://www.lexile.com> and use the Lexile Framework for Reading to match your child's interests and Lexile ranges to find appropriate reading materials that are both interesting and accessible.

I would like to thank the reading teachers and librarians in the elementary schools for their efforts in putting this booklet together.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the faculty and staff of the Hicksville Public Schools, I offer best wishes for a happy, relaxing, and book-filled summer.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen K. Bright
Superintendent of Schools

A Note on Lexiles

Some of the selections in this year's reading list are accompanied by Lexile measures, also known simply as Lexiles. Lexiles are indicators of readability, of how easy or difficult it is to read a particular text, and are based on two factors: word frequency and sentence length. Lexiles increase with the level of reading skills required to comprehend the text; the higher the Lexile measure, the more difficult the text.

Lexile measures are calculated from a reading test or program. The Lexile measures shown in the chart at the end of this booklet correspond to the RIT scores that your child received on the Reading section of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test that your child took most recently in the spring.

You will note that the Lexile Measures are shown in ranges. The bottom of each range represents approximately 100 points below your child's actual Lexile measure; the upper part of the range is set at approximately 50 points above that measure. Books at the lower end of the range should be readily accessible to the reader, while those at the top of the range will be more challenging and will allow your child to stretch his or her skills.

You can find additional Lexile ratings for other books for your child using the book locator that can be found at <http://lexile.com>. The book locator will allow you to specify authors, areas of interest, and Lexile ranges to develop a list of books that are both interesting and accessible to your child. **Please note: lexile.com does not screen for content or age-appropriateness of material: it only provides measures of readability.** You should, as always, assist your child in making appropriate choices for his or her reading material.

Also, parents should understand that while Lexiles are a helpful tool for helping children succeed at reading and improve their skills, they are just that – a tool. They are not a substitute for interest or enthusiasm, and children of all ages should be encouraged at times to just pick up a book that looks interesting, open the cover, and read.

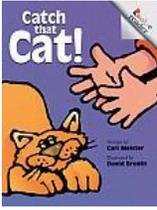
HIGH-INTEREST AND FUN FIRST READERS



Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

Biscuit and the Baby

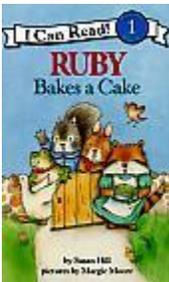
Biscuit the puppy is eager to meet the new baby in his house, but it's not time yet. Finally, the baby wakes up and Biscuit gets to meet the baby. (Lexile = 230)



Meister, Cari

Catch that Cat!

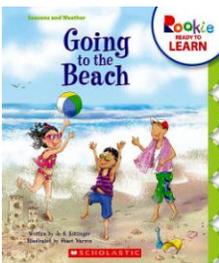
Labeled illustrations of a cat in various situations introduce basic words that are opposites, including "up" and "down," "open" and "shut," and "fast" and "slow." (Lexile = Beginning Reader)



Hill, Susan

Ruby Bakes a Cake

Ruby Raccoon asks her friends for advice on making a cake. (Lexile = 580)

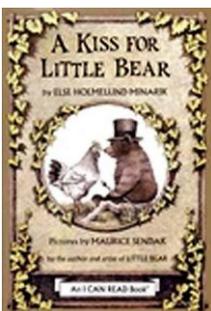


Kittinger, Jo S.

Going to the Beach

A family spends a day at the beach enjoying the water, sand, and sun.

(Lexile = Beginning Reader)



Minarik, Else Holmelund

Little Bear (series)

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party. (Lexile = 100 - 370, varying with the specific title)

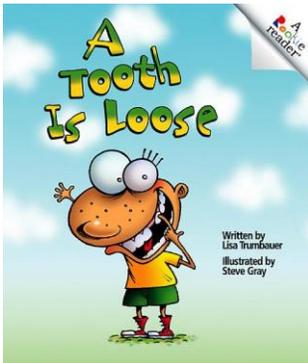


Rylant, Cynthia

Puppy Mudge Wants to Play (series)

Henry wants to read, but his puppy, Mudge, wants to play. Mudge does all kinds of things to get Henry's attention, and, finally, he does.

(no Lexile available)

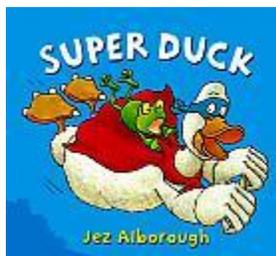


Trumbauer, Lisa

A Tooth Is Loose

Presents a description of how a loose tooth comes out, in simple, rhyming text with color illustrations. (no Lexile available)

PICTURE BOOKS

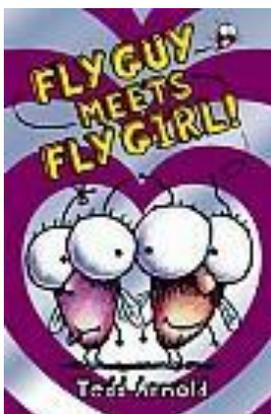


Alborough, Jez

Super Duck

A runaway kite sets the stage for a grand adventure for Duck and his friends, Frog, Sheep, and Goat.

(No Lexile Available)

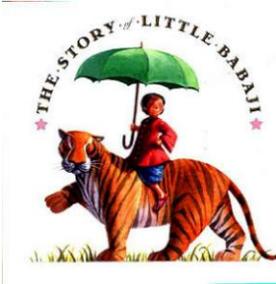


Arnold, Tedd

Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl

When Fly Guy meets Fly Girl, he is amazed and smitten.

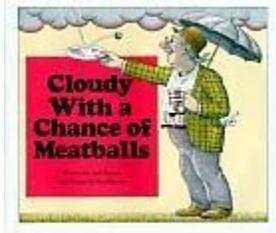
(Lexile = 310)



Bannerman, Helen

The Story of Little Babaji

Little Babaji loses his new clothes to four tigers but gets them back when the tigers get into a fight over which of them is the grandest. (Lexile = 740)



Barrett, Judi

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

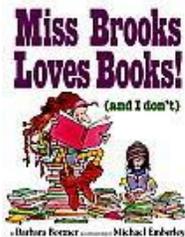
Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers ~ until the weather takes a turn for the worse. (Lexile = 730)



Barton, Byron

Shark Vs. Train

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. (Lexile = 220)



Bottner, Barbara

Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)

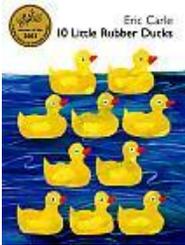
A first grade girl who does not like to read stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind. (Lexile = 470)



Brett, Jan

The Gingerbread Baby

A young boy and his mother bake a gingerbread baby that escapes from their oven and leads a crowd on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale about a not-so-clever gingerbread man. (Lexile = 430)



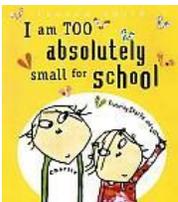
Carle, Eric
10 Little Rubber Ducks

When a storm strikes a cargo ship, ten rubber ducks are tossed overboard and swept off in ten different directions. The story is based on a factual incident. (No Lexile available)



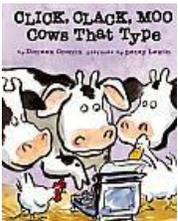
Chen, Zhiyuan
Guji, Guji

Is there really such a thing as a crocoduck? Three bad crocodiles can answer yes! (Lexile = 650)



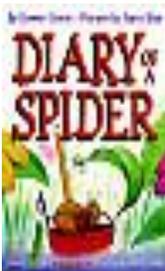
Child, Lauren
I Am Too Absolutely Small for School

Lola is very worried that she will not like school, but her brother Charlie hopes to reassure her. (Lexile = 640)



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 the farmer refuses to give them what they want. (Lexile = 160)



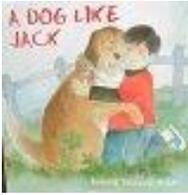
Cronin, Doreen
Diary of a Spider

When Spider's mom tells him he's getting too big for his skin, he molts. He is concerned that he will have to eat leaves and rotten tomatoes when he has a sleepover with Worm. (Lexile = 510)



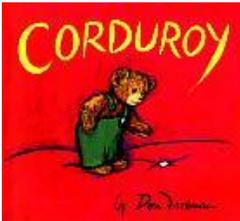
Cronin, Doreen
Duck for President

Tired of his chores on the farm, Duck decides to hold an election and run for office, but eventually realizes that the duties of a politician are not what he expected. (Lexile = 680)



DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne
A Dog like Jack

After a long life of chasing squirrels, licking ice cream cones, and loving his adoptive family, an old dog comes to the end of his days. (Lexile = 630)



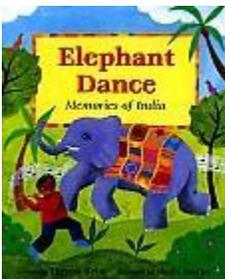
Freeman, Don
Corduroy

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things. When a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has always wanted most of all. (Lexile = 600)



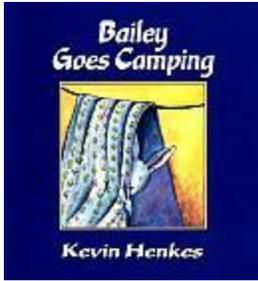
Gall, Chris
Dinotrux

Illustrations and simple text introduce creatures that are part truck and part dinosaur in a safari through a world ruled by the Craneosaurus, the Garbageadon, and Tyrannosaurus Trux. (Lexile 310)



Heine, Theresa
Elephant Dance

Grandfather tells many stories about his native India in answer to Ravi and Anjali's questions, such as the tale of a procession of elephants on the feast of Divaali when he was a boy. (No Lexile available)



Henkes, Kevin

Bailey Goes Camping Bailey is too young to go camping with the Bunny Scouts, but his parents take him on a special camping trip in the house. (Lexile = 400)



Henkes, Kevin

Jessica

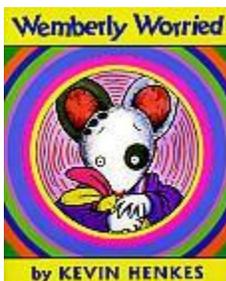
Ruthie does everything with her imaginary friend, Jessica. Then, on her first day at kindergarten, she meets a real new friend with the same name. (Lexile = 590)



Henkes, Kevin

Kitten's First Full Moon

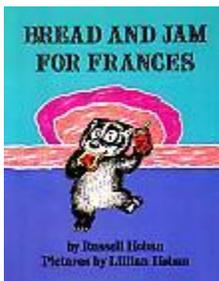
When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it. (Lexile = 360)



Henkes, Kevin

Wemberly Worried

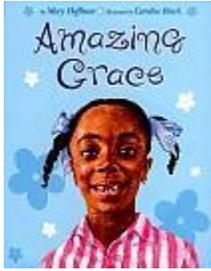
A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school. (Lexile = 170)



Hoban, Russell

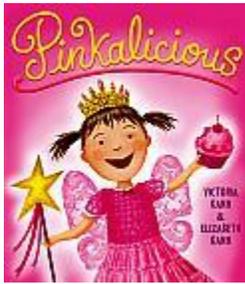
Bread and Jam for Frances

Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal until ~ to her surprise ~ her parents grant her wish. (Lexile = 490)



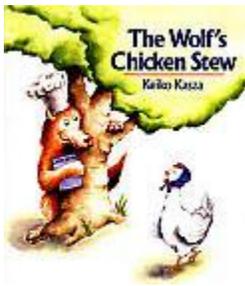
Hoffman, Mary
Amazing Grace

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is African-American, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do. (Lexile = 680)



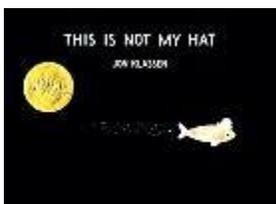
Kann, Victoria
Pinkalicious

After eating too many pink cupcakes, Pinkalicious turns pink and enjoys everything about being her favorite color. Series includes **Purplelicious**, **Goldilicious** and **Silverlicious** (Lexile = 500)



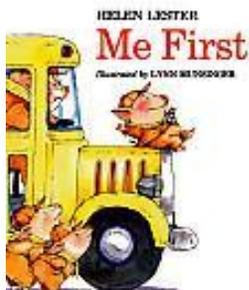
Kaszo, Keiko
The Wolf's Chicken Stew

A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results. (Lexile = 570)



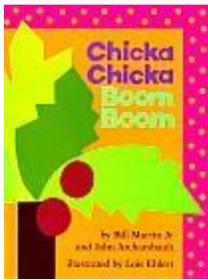
Klassen, Jon
This Is Not My Hat

A tiny fish wearing a blue hat hopes not to wake up the trouble that might be following close behind.



Lester, Helen
Me First

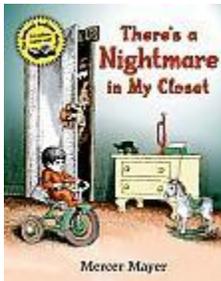
Pinkerton the pig always manages to be first until he rushes for a sandwich and it turns out to be not the edible kind. (Lexile = 550)



Martin, Bill

Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom

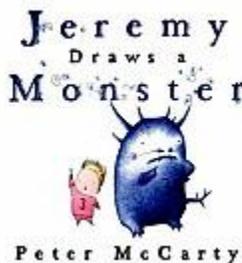
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. (Lexile = 530)



Mayer, Mercer

There's a Nightmare in My Closet

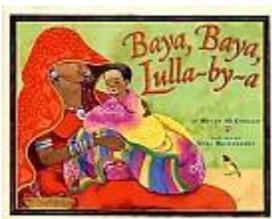
A little boy decides to get rid of the nightmare in his closet. (Lexile = 670)



McCarty, Peter

Jeremy Draws a Monster

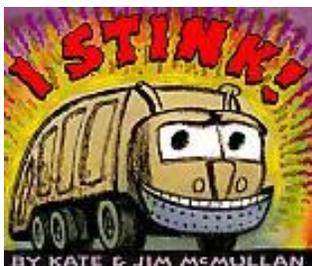
A young boy who spends most of his time alone in his bedroom makes new friends after the monster in his drawing becomes a monstrous nuisance. (Lexile = 160)



McDonald, Megan

Baya, Baya, Lulla-by-a

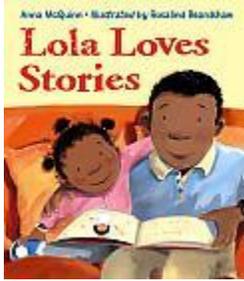
As a mother in rural India sings to her baby, a weaverbird builds a nest for its young. (No Lexile available)



McMullen, Kate

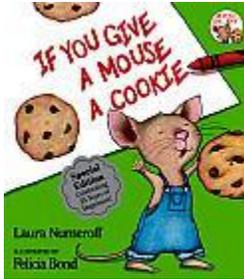
I, Stink

"I stink!" How can you not love such swagger and candor? This big-eyed, loudmouthed garbage truck really *must* stink, given all those smelly bags it's been cramming into its huge back hopper. (Lexile = Beginning Reader)



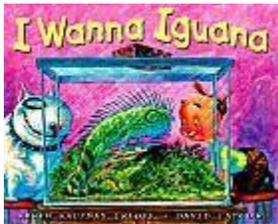
McQuinn, Anna
Lola Loves Stories

Lola loves to hear Daddy read a new library book each night, an activity that spurs her imagination and results in inventive play the next day. (Lexile = 580)



Numeroff, Laura
If You Give A Mouse a Cookie

A young boy, having given a cookie to a bossy mouse, is run ragged by the energetic rodent's subsequent requests. Sequels include *If You Give A Mouse A Muffin* and *If You Give A Pig a Pancake*. (Lexile = 660)



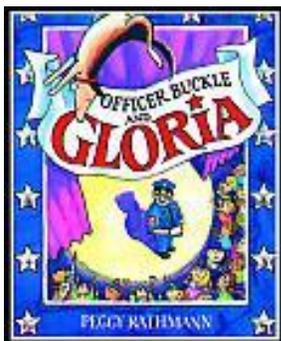
Orloff, Karen Kaufman
I Wanna Iguana

Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet. (Lexile = 470)



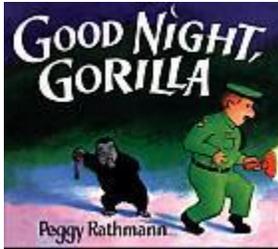
Pinkney, Jerry
The Lion and The Mouse

The classic tale is told in a beautiful Caldecott winning wordless picture book. (No Lexile available)



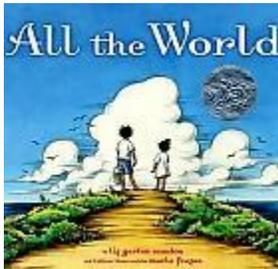
Rathmann, Peggy
Officer Buckle and Gloria

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. (Lexile = 510)



Rathmann, Peggy
Good Night, Gorilla

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo. (no Lexile available)



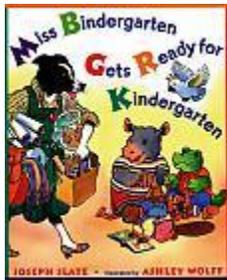
Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton
All the World

Follows a group of family members and friends through the course of a day as they learn the importance of all things great and small.



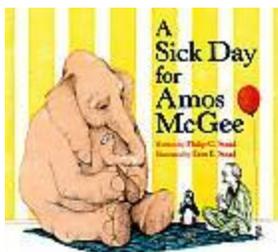
Seuss, Dr.
Horton Hatches the Egg

Lazy Mayzie persuades Horton the elephant to take her place sitting on her nest and the adventure begins. (Lexile = 460)



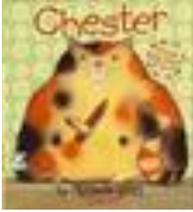
Slate, Joseph
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten. (Lexile = 590)



Stead, Philip C.
A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Zookeeper Amos McGee, who is adored by all the animals, gets some unexpected guests while home sick one day. (Lexile =760)

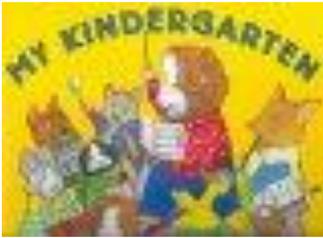


Watt, Melanie

Chester

A self-centered cat named Chester keeps interrupting his owner as she tries to write a story about a mouse.

Lexile = 350



Wells, Rosemary

My Kindergarten

Follow Emily and classmates throughout their kindergarten year with their wonderful teacher, Miss Cribbage. (No Lexile available)



Willems, Mo

The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog

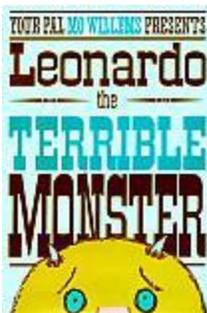
Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog Pigeon has found. (Lexile = 300)



Willems, Mo

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale

Trixie becomes very unhappy when she accompanies her daddy to the laundromat and realizes she has lost her stuffed bunny. (Lexile = 120)



Willems, Mo

Leonardo, the Terrible Monster

Regardless of all his efforts, Leonardo the monster simply cannot seem to frighten anyone, until he meets the perfect nervous little boy. (Lexile = 670)



Winter, Jonah

Here Comes the Garbage Barge

In the spring of 1987, the town of Islip, New York, with no place for its 3,168 tons of garbage, loads it on a barge that sets out on a journey along the east coast, around the Gulf of Mexico, down to Belize, and back again, in search of a place willing to accept and dispose of its very smelly cargo.

(Lexile = 670)

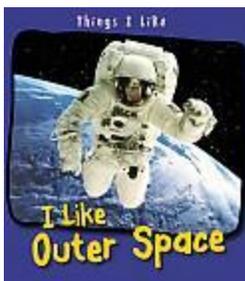


Wyeth, Sharon Dennis

Something Beautiful

When she goes looking for "something beautiful" in her city neighborhood, a young girl finds beauty in many different forms. (Lexile = 410)

INFORMATIONAL TEXT



Ailmore, Angela

I Like Outer Space

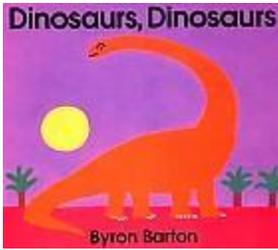
This book highlights the many things about our solar system and space travel that capture the imaginations of young readers. (Lexile = 350)



Anderson, Sara

A Day at the Market

In this colorful, oversized board book, readers go on a tour of Pike Place Market in Seattle. (No Lexile available)



Barton, Byron

Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs

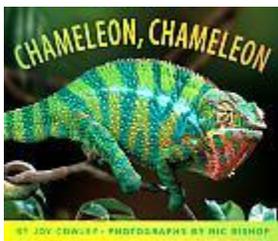
In prehistoric days, there were many different kinds of dinosaurs, big and small, those with spikes, and those with long, sharp teeth. (Lexile = 720)



Children's Press

What's the Weather

Describes different types of weather, explaining what makes a day windy, rainy, snowy, or sunny (Lexile = 140)



Cowley, Joy

Chameleon, Chameleon

A chameleon is on the move. Slowly and steadily, the chameleon climbs out of its tree, passes harmless geckos and a dangerous scorpion, and finally finds food and companionship. (Lexile = 180)



Cowley, Joy

Red-Eyed Tree Frog

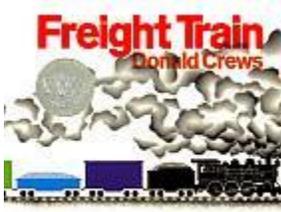
In this simple photo essay, the red-eyed tree frog searches for food and avoids being eaten in a South American rain forest. (Lexile = 350)



Crews, Donald

Parade

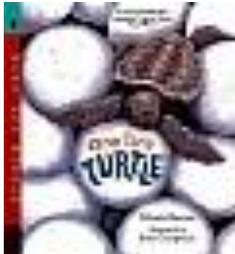
Illustrations and brief text present the various elements of a parade ~ the spectators, street vendors, marchers, bands, floats, and the cleanup afterwards. (Lexile = 290)



Crews, Donald

Freight Train

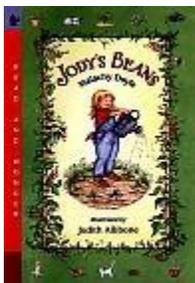
Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles. Includes a study guide. (No Lexile available)



Davies, Nicola

One Tiny Turtle

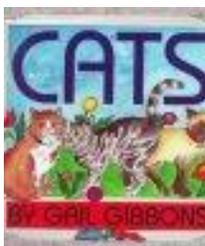
The story of a tiny sea turtle who swims out to sea, then returns after a few years to the beach where she was born to lay her eggs before returning to the sea. (Lexile = 650)



Doyle, Malachy

Jody's Beans

From spring to fall with the help of her grandfather, Jody learns to plant, care for, harvest, prepare, and eat some runner beans. (Lexile = 290)



Gibbons, Gail

Cats

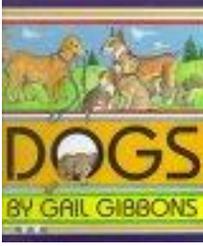
Presents information about the physical characteristics, senses, and behavior of cats, as well as how to care for these animals. (Lexile = 740)



Gibbons, Gail

Fire, Fire!

Explains how fire fighters fight fires in the city, in the country, and in the forest. (Lexile = 560)



Gibbons, Gail

Dogs

An introduction to dogs including their history, types of breeds, senses, and ways of communication. (Lexile = 650)



Guillain, Charlotte

Earth

Read this book to find out about our planet, Earth. (Lexile = 300)



Jenkins, Steve

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest

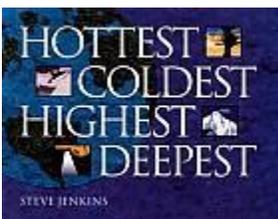
Presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age. Includes bibliographic references. (Lexile = 840)



Kalman, Bobbie

I Eat a Rainbow

Introduces nutrition and the concept of eating natural foods of every color through simple text and photographs. Includes notes for adults and a related activity. (No Lexile Available, Reading Level 1.3)



Jenkins, Steve

Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest

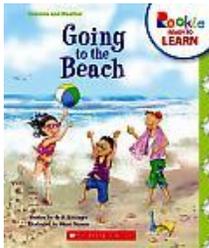
Take a tour of the earth's wonders to find the longest river, the highest mountain, or the coldest place. (Lexile = 920)



Jenkins, Steve.

I See A Kookaburra!

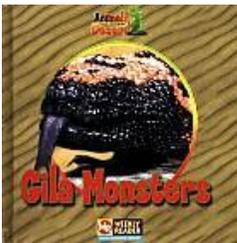
Take a look at six glorious habitats: desert, tide pool, jungle, savanna, forest and pond. (No Lexile available)



Kittenger, Jo S

Going to the Beach

A family spends a day at the beach enjoying the water, sand and sun. (Lexile = BR)



Macken, JoAnn Early

Gila Monsters

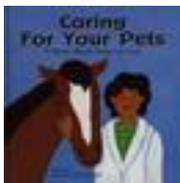
Get a close-up look at the largest reptile in the United States in Gila Monsters. (Lexile = 250)



Miller, Amanda

Let's Play a Five Senses Guessing Game

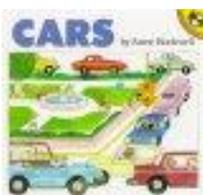
A simple introduction to the five senses presented through a young boy asking the reader to identify the various things he perceived in a day. (Lexile = 210)



Owen, Ann

Caring for Your Pets: A Book About Veterinarians

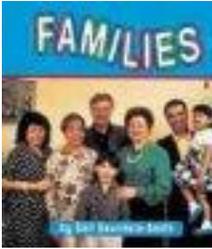
Very young children and their parents will enjoy this book about how veterinarians take care of animals. (Lexile = 390)



Rockwell, Ann

Cars

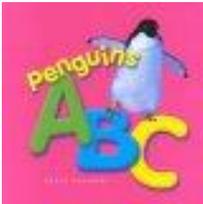
A simple look at cars and their uses. (Lexile = Beginning Reader)



Saunders-Smith, Gail

Families

Describes the relationships among members of a family, including grandparents, aunts and uncles, sisters, brothers, and cousins (Lexile 360)

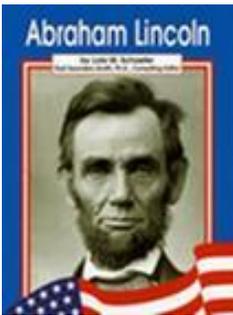


Schaefer, Kevin

Penguins ABC

Labeled photographs present words related to penguins from "Antarctica" and "Dive" to "Ocean" and "Waddle".

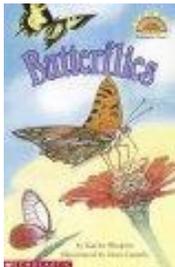
(No Lexile available, reading level 1.3)



Schaefer, Lola

Abraham Lincoln

Presents a brief biography of the country lawyer who became America's sixteenth president and served during the Civil War. Part of the series, "Famous Americans" (Lexile = 350)



Shapiro, Karen

Butterflies

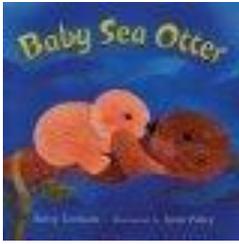
Pictures and simple text describe the life cycle of butterflies (Lexile = 190)



Sturges, Philomon

I Love Trucks

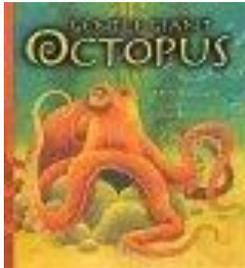
A child names his favorite trucks and each one's most notable characteristic. (Lexile = Beginning Reader)



Tatham, Betty

Baby Sea Otter

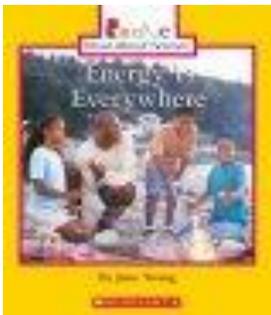
An adorable otter pup and her mother float, dive, and play in a bright blue sea as readers learn how otters care for their young. (no Lexile available)



Wallace, Karen

Gentle Giant Octopus

Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of a Giant Octopus, how she searches for a home at the bottom of the ocean, lays her eggs, and protects them from predators. (Lexile = 490)



Young, June

Energy is Everywhere

Describes and gives examples of energy one can feel, see, and hear, and explains that all energy comes from matter. (Lexile = 50)