

Great Books for Elementary Classrooms:

*One comment below says, "Read first before you recommend." Yes. Please. Especially for older students. Know what you are recommending.

Grades K-3

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

Chloe and the Lion by Mac Barnett and Adam Rex

Guess Again! by Mac Barnett and Adam Rex

Anything Written by Mo Willems

Exclamation Mark! by Tom Lichtenheld and Amy Krause Rosenthal

Each Kindness by Woodson

Penny series by Kevin Henkes

One Cool Penguin by Mac Barnett

Oh no! by Mac Barnett

One by Kathryn Otoshi [Get it here!](#)

Toon-books.com - Excellent publisher of graphic novels for younger readers

Wordless Picture Books:

Tuesday by David Wiesner

June 29, 1999 by David Wiesner

<http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/wordless-picture-books> (Why recreate the wheel? Check out this link.)

Owly series - wordless graphic novels - could be good for younger students inferring.

Polo series - wordless graphic novels - good "next read" for fans of Owly

Grades 3-6-

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

The One and Only Ivan by K. A. Applegate

Ida B by Katherine Hannigan

City of Ember Series by Jeanne DuPrau

May B. by Caroline Starr Rose (historical fiction in verse)

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson - please consult

<http://www.americanindiansinchildrensliterature.com/> if using this book

Poetry: Mirror Mirror and Follow Follow by Margaret Sanger

Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck - The author is a WI school librarian

Lupita Manana by Patricia Beatty

Savvy and Scumble by Ingrid Law (third book coming soon)

Ties that Bind. Ties that Break by Lensey Namioka

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (read first before you recommend)

Ok for now

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

One Dead Spy and Big Bad Ironclad by Nathan Hale - humorous/sarcastic historical graphical novel

A Tale Dark and Grimm and In a Glass Grimmly by Adam Gidwitz

Picture Books for Older Readers

Henry and the Cannons

Sit In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down

Wordless Books

Unspoken - about the Underground Railroad

Grades 6-8

_____ Everyday by David Levithan

_____ One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullay Hunt

_____ Wonder by R.J. Palacio

_____ Divergent series by Veronica Roth

Sports - Dan Gutman, Mike Lupica, Carl Deuker, Tim Green

_____ Okay for Now and The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

_____ The Maze Runner (series) by James Dashner (movie out 2/14/14)

_____ Hold Fast by Blue Balliett (comes out in March)

_____ Savvy and Scumble by Ingrid Law (third book coming soon)

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

_____ A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (read first before you recommend)

_____ The Giver by Lois Lowry

_____ Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka

_____ Guys Read by Jon Scieszka (3 volumes currently out - Humor, Sports, Thriller)

Using Children's Books to teach financial literacy K-12

Over 100 classics - choose by topic on right hand side:

<http://www.financialresiliency.org/bookstore.php>

Great Strategies to Motivate Readers: Provide a ton of book choice...I mean a ton!

Book chats / talks

Book trailers - watching them or making their own
Read Aloud
Choice, choice, choice - let students choose what they read
"Tangle of the Titles" or "Battle of the Books"
We put our "books read" on our Shelfari shelf on our class blog.
Let the kids share books on any day of the week.
Monthly reading challenge for the sole purpose of meeting the challenge
Create a class Twitter account - tweet readers workshop conference gems from students, contact authors on Twitter.
World Read Aloud Day
Read Across America - create a USA map, read books set in all 50 states, keep track
Global Read Aloud www.globalreadaloud.com

What Reading Behaviors Do We Show Our Students?

"I'm reading..." sign and "My next book is..." on the sign
I read and let them see me reading
Talking about books with students. Acknowledging their choices with discussion.
Reading books THEY want you to read...
I have a poster up showing what books I've read this year and my reading resolutions
We're going to try a book blind date display (books covered in brown paper bag with a hook on it)
Skype book recommendations with other classes/skyping with authors
Edmodo
Get book easels, one for each student. Make it their responsibility to keep it filled with one of their favorites in classroom library
Display the book you are currently reading. Don't discuss it or anything, just display it. Watch what desks it shows up on.

Great Resources

Please consider joining other schools, libraries, and communities in Wisconsin with our One Book One Community Wisconsin <http://goo.gl/trHQV> with the Bucket Filling Theme. Together we can change attitudes! Have YOU filled a bucket today?

Blogs: Watch. Read. Connect, Sharpreads

Twitterchats: #titledtalk - Last sunday of the month at 7 CT - discussion of books, great reads, reading promotion, etc. Lots of participation!

_____ www.HelpReadersLoveReading.com (Shameless self-promotion. My apologies.)

Goodreads! - great place to connect with authors, teachers, readers, etc.

We Give Books - Free online books

Authors on Twitter - (Please add who you know! Thanks! -Joy)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoxdpYkKzcbtO1wAKiXDslalE5DCILwOaLOJSqGENZM/edit>

Authors who Skype w/classes free -

<http://www.katemessner.com/authors-who-skype-with-classes-book-clubs-for-free/>

Donalyn Miller - The Book Whisperer

World Readaloud Day

<http://www.mrsp.com/>