

PICTURE BOOK LIST: ANNOTATED SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2005

SPLISH—SPLASH: READ!

The following annotated lists are arranged by topic. These are extensive lists that include titles that are in print. Some titles do not include publishers, because they may be available only through reprint vendors, but they are in **Books in Print**. Two topics do not have Story Planners: Lakes and Otters. A shorter list of picture books that are particularly useful to have in your collections and to use in storytimes is also included for your convenience.

AQUARIUM

Curious George Goes to the Aquarium by Margaret Rey. Houghton, 1999. 0395366348. 32 p. Preschool. The little monkey jumps in with the seals at the aquarium and becomes the star attraction.

The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish by Neil Gaiman. Illustrated by Dave McKean. HarperCollins Publishers, 2004. 0060587016. 64 p. Grades K-3. After trading his father for two goldfish, a boy and his little sister go on a rollicking adventure around town to get him back.

A Fish Out of Water by Helen Palmer. Beginner Books, 1961. 0394800230. 72 p. Grades K-3. A little boy feeds his goldfish, Otto, more than he is supposed to. Otto grows and grows until the pet store owner must use magic to return him to goldfish size.

My Visit to the Aquarium by Aliki. Grades K-3. A young boy enthusiastically shares tidbits of information about aquatic life as readers join him on a tour of the aquarium.

Tom's Fish by Nancy Coffelt. Harcourt, 1994. 0152005870. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. Tom can't understand why his pet goldfish, Jessie, swims upside down.

BATH TIME

Bernard's Bath by Joan Goodman. Preschool-Grade 3. A story about a bath-phobic elephant who learns to brave the waters.

Casey in the Bath by Cynthia DeFelice. Preschool. Casey hates baths until a traveling salesman introduces some magical green soap that adds gooey creatures to Casey's bath.

The Dirty Little Boy by Margaret Wise Brown. Illustrated by Steven Salerno. Winslow, 2001. 189081752X. Preschool-K. In this reissue of a book published 45 years ago, a little boy tries to clean himself by imitating the bathing habits of different animals with very funny results.

Dory Story by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by David Biedrzycki. Charlesbridge, 2000. 0881060755. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. While taking a bath with his new red toy dory, a boy imagines himself alone on the ocean getting a first-hand look at the ocean's food chain.

Five Minutes' Peace by Jill Murphy. Penguin Putnam, 1999. 0698117875. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. When Mrs. Large attempts to have a relaxing moment in the bath, her three elephant children parade into the bathroom and ultimately join her in the tub.

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion. HarperCollins, 1956. 0060268654. 32 p. Preschool. Harry is a white dog with black spots until he runs away from home to avoid getting a bath. He returns covered with dirt and looking like a black dog with white spots and begs his family to give him a bath so that they will recognize him.

Huggly Takes a Bath by Tedd Arnold. Scholastic, Inc., 1999. 0590918206. 32 p. Preschool-K. A naïve little monster comes out from under the bed at night and, while exploring the bathroom, enjoys such delightful discoveries as bubble bath.

Is It Time? by Marilyn Janovitz. North-South Books, 1996. 1558583319. 32 p. Preschool-K. Rhyming questions and answers lead Ted the wolf from his bath into bed.

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood. Grades K-3. King Bidgood and his court have too much fun in the bathtub and only a young page can get them out.

Maisy Takes a Bath by Lucy Cousins. Preschool. Maisy the mouse wants to take a bath, but Tallulah wants to play.

No More Water in the Tub! by Tedd Arnold. Preschool-K. While taking a bath, William goes on a fantastic voyage caused by a flood of water.

Rub-a-Dub Sub by Linda Ashman. Illustrated by Jeff Mack. Harcourt Children's Books, 2003. 0152026584. 40 p. Preschool. A young boy meets many friendly sea animals as he travels underwater in his bright orange submarine.

Splish, Splash! by Sarah Weeks. Preschool. A little fish loves to scrub in his tub, but can the tub hold all of his friends who want to join him?

Squeaky Clean by Simon Puttock. Illustrated by Mary McQuillan. Little, Brown Children's Books, 2002. 0316788163. 32 p. Preschool–K. Mama pig figures out clever ways to get her three squeaky piglets to take a bath.

Taking My Bath by Elizabeth Vogel. PowerKids Press, 2001. 0823956822. 24 p. Preschool-K. Readers will learn about bath time and its health benefits as they enjoy bright photos that show one young boy's favorite time of the day.

Tiny's Bath (Puffin Easy-to-Read) by Cari Meister. Preschool-Grade 2. A little boy finds it's a big job to wash his large dog.

To Bathe a Boa by C. Imbior Kua. Preschool–Grade 3. At bath time, a youngster has to struggle to get his recalcitrant pet boa into the bathtub.

To the Tub by Peggy Perry Anderson. Preschool. Joe, a stubborn young frog, refuses to take a bath and comes up with all kinds of delay tactics, asking Father to collect all his favorite toys and join him in playing in the mud.

The Tub People by Pam Conrad. Illustrated by Richard Egielski. Preschool–Grade 2. One wooden doll member of the Tub family falls down the drain of the bathtub, and a plumber arrives to pull her out.

Waves in the Bathtub by Eugenie Fernandes. Preschool. When Kady has a bath, she gets carried away as the waves get bigger and bigger. She and her faithful feline share the tub with creatures big and small.

Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck. Illustrated by Valeria Petrone. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2004. 0689851103. 32 p. Grades K-3. A child explores the treasures of the deep blue sea from the safety of a bathtub.

BEACH DAY

All You Need for a Beach by Alice Schertle. Illustrated by Barbara Lavallee. Harcourt Children's Publishing, 2004. 0152167552. 32 p. Preschool–K. Rhyming text describes items essential for fun at the beach, from the first grain of sand, to a beach umbrella, to a bucket and shovel, to the waves rolling in to tickle your toes.

At the Beach by Anne Rockwell. Preschool–Grade 2. A child's visit to the seashore and the contents of her canvas picnic bag provide a source of colorful images, all of which are easily identifiable by young children.

Beach Day by Karen Roosa. Illustrated by Maggie Smith. Clarion, 2001. 0618029230. 32 p. Preschool–K. Bouyant rhyming text describes a family's day at the beach, complete with a ball game, water-skiers, sailboats, a picnic and a sand castle with a moat.

Come Away from the Water, Shirley by John Burningham. Paperback. Random House, 2004. 009989940X. 24 p. Preschool–K. Shirley has her own adventure with pirates and buried treasure when she and her parents go to the beach.

Curious George Goes to the Beach by Margaret and H. A. Rey. Houghton, 1999. 0395978343. 32 p. Preschool. The little monkey has fun feeding the sea gulls at the beach and then saves the day when he rescues a picnic basket and helps his friend overcome her fear of the water.

Dinosaur Beach by Liza Donnelly. Scholastic, 1991. 0685439442. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. A boy and his dog spend a lovely day playing with the dinosaurs at a beach.

D. W. All Wet by Marc Brown. Little, Brown, 1988. 0316110779. 32 p. Grades K–3. D.W. bosses her brother Arthur into carrying her on his shoulders at the beach because she hates the water, but then she gets a wet surprise and finds out that she loves it.

Famous Seaweed Soup by Antoinette Martin. Illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Whitman, 1996. 0807522643. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. In this twist on the "Little Red Hen" story, Sara has her family for help in making soup that includes snails, seashells, sand and seaweed.

Grandma's Beach by Rosalind Beardshaw. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2004. 1582349355. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 2. Emily and her grandmother use their imaginations to explore the beach together.

Harmonica Night by M. C. Helldorfer. Illustrated by Alexi Natchev. Simon & Schuster, 1995. 0027435180. Grades K–3. A family goes out on the beach at night for a magical moonlight picnic and has fantastic adventures. The illustrations are wonderful, but some children may be confused about whether the events are real or imaginary.

Harry by the Sea by Gene Zion. Illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham. HarperCollins, 1965. 060268565. 32 p. Preschool–K. Harry (of *Harry the Dirty Dog* fame) goes to the beach with his family and is mistaken for a sea serpent when a big wave covers him with seaweed.

Homer the Beachcomber by Janet Craig. Illustrated by Benton Mahan. Troll, 1996. 0816710864. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Homer looks for treasure by the sea and digs up many interesting things.

How Will We Get to the Beach? by Brigitte Luciani. Illustrated by Eve Tharlet. North-South Books, 2003. 0735817839. 32 p. Preschool-K. Roxanne is trying to go to the beach, but the car won't start. So she must take other modes of transportation (bus, bicycle, skateboard, kayak), each time having to leave something behind.

Joshua by the Sea by Angela Johnson. Illustrated by Rhonda Mitchell. Board Book. Orchard, 1994. 0531068463. 12 p. Toddler-Preschool. Joshua goes to the shore with his family.

Lottie's New Beach Towel by Petra Mathers. Preschool-K. On an outing with a friend, Lottie the hen finds many uses for her new beach towel.

Mine's the Best (My First I Can Read Books) by Crosby Bonsall. Harper, 1973. 0060205784. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 1. Two small boys on the boardwalk argue about whose balloon is the best.

Nate the Great and the Boring Beach Bag by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat. Grades 2-4. Nate the Great searches for Oliver's boring blue beach bag.

Pigs on a Blanket by Amy Axelrod. Illustrated by Sharon McGinley-Nally. Simon & Schuster, 1996. 0689805055. 40 p. Grades K-3. Because the Pig family has so many delays in getting to the beach, they are in for a big disappointment when they're finally ready to enjoy a swim in the ocean.

Riptide by Frances Weller. Illustrated by Robert J. Blake. Putnam, 1990. 0399216758. 32 p. Grades K-3. A dog named Riptide acts as a lifeguard on Cape Cod.

Sally Goes to the Beach by Stephen Huneck. Harry N. Abrams, 2000. 0810941864. 38 p. Preschool-K. Sally, a black Labrador retriever, goes to the beach where she enjoys various activities with other visiting dogs.

Sand Cake by Frank Asch. Parents Magazine Press, 1979. 0819309869. 48 p. Preschool. On the beach, Papa Bear makes a sand cake.

The Sand Children by Joyce Dunbar. Illustrated by Mark Edwards. Crocodile Books, 1999. 1566563097. 32 p. Grades K-3. A boy and his father build a sand giant and that night the boy sees the giant come to life and create a set of sand-children.

Sand in My Shoes by Wendy Kesselman. Illustrated by Ronald Himler. Hyperion, 1995. 0786820454. 32 p. Preschool. At the end of summer, a little girl says good-bye to the beach she loves but still retains little remembrances like sand in her shoes.

Sea, Sand, Me! by Patricia Hubbell. Illustrated by Lisa Campbell Ernst. HarperCollins, 2001. 0688173799. 32 p. Preschool. This rhyming story of a young girl's afternoon at the beach building sandcastles, uncovering seashells and jumping in the waves is filled with playful illustrations.

The Seashore Book by Charlotte Zolotow. Illustrated by Wendell Minor. Paperback. HarperCollins, 1994. 0064433641. 32 p. Preschool-K. A young boy's mother describes the sea to him in this gentle poem filled with the colors, sounds and sights of the beach. Soft, detailed illustrations reflect the lyrical words.

Spot Goes to the Beach by Eric Hill. Putnam, 1985. 0399212477. 32 p. Preschool. In the lift-the-flap book about the cute puppy Spot, his parents take him to the beach for a fun-filled day.

Stella, Star of the Sea by Marie-Louise Gay. Groundwood, 2004. 0888993374. 32 p. Preschool. Sam is full of questions on his first trip to the seashore and his older sister has an answer for each one, except whether or not Sam will ever come into the water.

Yellow Ball by Molly Bang. Morrow, 1991. 0688063152. 24 p. Preschool. During a beach game, a yellow ball is accidentally tossed out to sea, has adventures and finds a new home.

When the Tide Is Low by Sheila Cole. Illustrated by Virginia Wright-Frierson. HarperCollins, 1985. 0688140667. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. A little girl and her mother talk about all the things they will do at the beach when the tide is low.

BOATS

Baby's Boat by Jeanne Titherington. Greenwillow. 0688085555. 24 p. Preschool. A baby falls asleep while sailing in a silver moon boat.

Boat Book by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House, 2000. 0823404781. 32 p. Grades K-3. All sorts of boats are illustrated by simple drawings.

Boats by Byron Barton. HarperCollins, 1986. 0690045360. 32 p. Preschool. Recreational and functional roles of boats are explained in simple text and bright colors.

Boats by Anne Rockwell. Preschool–Grade 2. Colored pictures show where and how boats move.

Boats, Boats, Boats by Joanna Ruane. Illustrated by Patti Boyd. Scholastic, 2003. 0516229222. 32 p. Grades 1-2. Rhyming text introduces a variety of boats.

Canoe Days by Gary Paulsen. Grades K-3. A young boy floats down a river in his canoe on a lazy summer day.

Curious George Rides a Bike by H. A. Rey. The mischievous little monkey has a newspaper route and makes a whole fleet of ships with the newspapers.

Don't Rock the Boat by Sally Grindley. Illustrated by Sarah Battle. DK, 2001. 0789478935. 32 p. Preschool. A group of animal friends share a boat ride so that they will keep nice and clean on their way to Grey Donkey's party.

Dory Story by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by David Biedrzycki. Charlesbridge, 2000. 0881060755. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. While taking a bath with his new red toy dory, a boy imagines himself alone on the ocean getting a first-hand look at the ocean's food chain.

Elliot's Shipwreck by Andrea Beck. Kids Can Press, 2004. 1550746987. 32 p. Preschool. Elliot, a toy moose, and Socks, a toy monkey, are rescued by their friend Amy when the boat they build sinks.

Ferryboat Ride! by Anne Rockwell. Grades K-3. A little girl notices all the sights, smells and sounds along the way when her family takes a ferryboat ride to their summer island.

Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey by Maira Kalman. Penguin Group (Putnam), 2002. 0399239537. 48 p. Grades 2-6. A fireboat, launched in 1931, is retired after many years of fighting fires along the Hudson River, but is saved from being scrapped and called into service again on September 11, 2001.

Franklin's Canoe Trip by Paulette Bourgeois. Grades K-3. Franklin and Bear go on a canoe trip with their fathers like real explorers.

Harbor by Donald Crews. Preschool–Grade 2. This book presents various kinds of ships and boats which come and go in a busy harbor.

Jack's Fantastic Voyage by Michael Foreman. Harcourt, 1992. 0152394966. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Jack doubts that his grandfather really had the adventures he claims until one night the two experience together an equally amazing voyage.

Little Bear's Little Boat by Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Clarion, 2003. 0395974623. 32 p. Preschool. When Little Bear can no longer fit into his boat that he loves to row around Huckleberry Lake, he finds someone else who can use it in this simple, lyrical story about growing up.

The Little Boat by Kathy Henderson. Grades K-3. A little boy makes a toy boat from Styrofoam and sticks and plays with it until it is swept out to sea, survives storms and fish and is eventually found by a little girl on a distant shore. The lyrical prose and the boy's song, "We are unsinkable my boat and me," create a sense of wonder.

Little Rat Sets Sail by Monika Bang-Campbell. Grades K-3. Little Rat's parents sign her up for sailing lessons.

Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky. Putnam, 1992. 039922419X. 80 p. Grades K-3. Little Toot, son of the mightiest tug in the harbor, only wants to play until a raging storm hits and he finds the courage and strength to save the day. This classic story, which was originally published in 1939, is filled with so much drama and excitement that children will sit and listen to it, despite its length.

Loud Emily by Alexis O'Neill. Grades K-3. Emily, who just cannot help being loud, sees a ship with a sign that asks for "loud help," so she sets out for an adventure on the high seas.

The Maggie B. by Irene Haas. Simon & Schuster, 1975. 0689500211. 32 p. Grades K-3. Beautiful watercolors enhance this story of a little girl and her adventures on an imaginary ship named for her—the Maggie B.

Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham. Holt, 1971. 0805007083. 32 p. Preschool. Mr. Gumpy consents to take the farm animals and kids on a ride in his boat, but they all become so rambunctious that the boat tips over. This classic story filled with repetitive animal sounds is a delightful story about friendship.

My Father's Boat by Sherry Garland. Grades K-3. As a young boy and his father board their shrimp boat on the Texas coast, the older man remembers his boyhood in Vietnam and promises to take his son to meet his grandfather there.

One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey. Grades K-3. Sal, who was the little girl in *Blueberries for Sal*, is older now and very excited about her loose tooth. She and her father dig for clams then take the boat out, only to have the motor quit working. During the excitement, Sal loses her tooth.

Pigs Ahoy! by David M. McPhail. Grades K-3. Passengers on a cruise ship are perturbed by a band of impertinent pigs.

Polar the Titanic Bear by Daisy Corning Stone Spedden. Illustrated by Laurie McGaw. Little, Brown, 1998. 0316806250. 64 p. Grades 2-5. This is the true story of a toy bear, his many owners and his rescue from the Titanic.

The Puddle by David McPhail. Preschool. A little boy sets out to find a puddle to sail his boat.

The Raft by Jim LaMarche. HarperCollins, 2000. 0688139779. 40 p. Grades 1-4. Nick is not happy about having to spend the summer with his Grandmother, but his attitude changes when he finds a raft. The two of them share the joy of rafting down the river and watching the animals on the bank.

Red Fox and His Canoe by Nathaniel Benchley. Illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Paperback. HarperCollins, 1985. 00644440753. 64 p. Grades K-3. Red Fox gets a big canoe and sets off to catch fish, but numerous animals including bears, otters, and a raccoon crowd into the boat until there soon won't be any room left for Red Fox.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Heather Collins. Board Book. Kids Can Press, 2000. 1550745700. 12 p. Toddler-Preschool. This board book illustrates the familiar song.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Penny Dann. Barron's, 2001. 0764118323. 20 p. Toddler-Preschool. This is an illustrated version of the familiar song.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Robin Muller. Scholastic, 1995. 0590745840. Toddler-Preschool. This is an illustrated version of the familiar song.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Iza Trapani. Gareth Stevens, 2000. 083682668X. 32 p. Preschool. This expanded version of the traditional song shows what happens when a family of bears rows their boat down the stream. Music is included on the last page.

Rub a Dub Dub by Kin Eagle. Illustrated by Rob Gilbert. Charlesbridge, 1999. 1580890083. 32 p. Preschool. This expanded version of the traditional rhyme shows what happens to the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker when they go fishing in their tub.

Sailaway Home by Bruce Degan. Scholastic, 1996. 0590464434. 32 p. Preschool. A little pig imagines all sorts of adventures that could take place aboard his toy boat.

Salty Dog by Gloria Rand. Illustrated by Ted Rand. Henry Holt & Company, 1991. 0805018476. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Zack, a boatbuilder, acquires a puppy and takes him to work each day, but when Salty gets older he is left at home. Salty discovers a way to visit Zack each day at work.

Scuffy the Tugboat by Gertrude Crampton. Illustrated by Tibor Gergely. Golden Books, 2003. 0307105474. 32 p. Preschool. This classic Little Golden Book tells the story of the little tugboat who sets off to explore the world, but on his daring adventure he realizes that he would rather be home sailing in his bathtub.

Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta by Lisa Wheeler and Mark Siegel. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2004. 068985689X. 40 p. Grades 1-4. A motley crew of dogs presents a rhyming tale of seagoing adventure, illustrated as if it were a stage play.

The Sea House by Deborah Turney Zagwyn. Tricycle, 2004. 1582460302. 32 p. Grades K-3. Uncle Fishtank Hal takes Clee and Simon aboard his barge and after trouble with some pesky knots they find themselves at sea.

Sheep on a Ship by Nancy Shaw. Illustrated by Margot Apple. Houghton, 1989. 0395481600. 32 p. Preschool. This rhyming story is about the misadventures of a group of zany sheep on a pirate ship.

Ship Ahoy! by Peter Sis. Greenwillow, 1999. 068816644X. 24 p. Preschool. In this wordless picture book a boy takes imaginary voyages on a variety of different ships pretending that the blue living room rug is the ocean. When his mother comes to vacuum the rug, he pretends that the vacuum cleaner is a sea monster.

Shipwreck Saturday by Bill Cosby. Illustrated by Varnette P. Honeywood. Scholastic, 1998. 0590164007. 40 p. Grades K-3. Although his brother's friends make fun of it, Little Bill is very proud of the toy boat he has built and is very upset when it is wrecked the first time he puts it in the water.

Stuart Sets Sail by Susan Hill. Illustrated by Lydia Halverson. HarperCollins, 2001. 006029633X. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Stuart Little and his family go for a picnic at a lake, he has several adventures as he tries to sail across the lake on George's boat.

Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow, 1981. 0688843077. 32 p. Grades K-3. A little girl describes a canoe trip down a river with her cousins and their mother.

The Walloping Window-Blind by Charles Carryl. Illustrated by Jim LaMarche. HarperCollins, 1994. 0688125182. 24 p. Grades 1-4. This classic 19th century nonsense poem about a fantastical seafaring voyage has been modernized. It is now set in the 20th century, and the crew is a group of children. The imaginative use of language and the rich gold and purple pages make this a wonderful book.

Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen. Coward-McCann, 1996. 069811373X. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 1. A group of five animal friends crowd into a boat, and one of them is guilty of sinking the boat.

CRUSTACEANS

Basgjetto Spaghetti by Susanne Vettiger. Illustrated by Marie-Anne Raber. North-South Books, 2005. 0735819912. Grades K-3. Oscar, a little crab, had trouble talking until the octopus invites Oscar aboard his sunken pirate ship and presents him with a series of challenges and games that cure his problem.

Bob and Shirley: A Tale of Two Lobsters by Harriet Ziefert. Illustrated by Mavis Smith. HarperCollins Children's, 1991. 32 p. 0060269081. Grades K-3. Two old lobsters are saved by patrons when they are shipped from Maine to a fish market in Philadelphia.

The Classroom Pet by Grace MacCarone. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Cartwheel, 1995. 32 p. Grades K-3. Sam is in charge of taking care of the classroom hermit crab over Christmas vacation, but when he turns his back, the crab disappears.

Down the Crawfish Hole by Wes Thomas. Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., 2004. 1589801636. 32 p. Grades K-3. While fishing on the bayou, Maurice sees a little blue crawfish drop a watch, follows him down crawfish hole, and embarks on an adventure reminiscent of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Going Lobstering by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by Rob Bolster. Charlesbridge, 1990. 0881064750. 32 p. Grades K-3. A boy and his sister spend a fascinating day on a lobster boat.

Grasper: A Young Crab's Discovery by Paul Owen Lewis. Tricycle Press, 2004. 1883672988. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. A young crab finds wisdom and himself on his journey to become the crab he is meant to be.

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle. Simon & Schuster, 1991. 0887080561. 32 p. Preschool. Herman the hermit crab is depressed when he outgrows his first shell-house. This modern day fable is illustrated with magnificent collages of undersea life.

Is This a House for Hermit Crab? by Mary McDonald. Grades K-3. When Hermit Crab outgrows his old house, he ventures out to find a new one.

Kermit the Hermit by Bill Peet. Houghton, 1965. 0395296072. 48 p. Preschool-Grade 3. A boy saves Kermit's life, and he repays the boy's family with gold pieces found in the sea.

Lobster's Secret by Kathleen M. Hollenbeck. Illustrated by Jon Weiman. Soundprints, 1996. 1568992785. Grades K-3. Lobster emerges from his rocky hiding place off the Maine coast and prowls for dinner while watching for predators.

One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab: A Counting by Feet Book by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre. Illustrated by Randy Cecil. Candlewick Press, 2003. 0763614068. 40 p. Preschool. A counting book featuring animals with different numbers of feet.

Why the Crab Has No Head: An African Folktale by Barbara Knutson. Carolrhoda, 1988. 24 p. Grades K-3. In this retelling of the African folktale from the Bakongo people

of Zaire, Crab's pride results in his having to live forever without a head to make him humble.

FISH

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive! by Boyle Alison. Illustrated by Liz Pinchon. David & Charles Children's Books, 2000. 1862331162. 16 p. Preschool-K. This novelty book with a giant fold-out play page contains a shiny fish which can be used as a finger puppet.

The Adventures of Max the Minnow by William Boniface. Illustrated by Don Sullivan. Accord Publishing, Limited, 1997. 0939251957. 32 p. Preschool-K. A small fish sets off to become the biggest fish of all, only to learn to appreciate himself as he is.

Big Al by Andrew Clements. Grades K-3. Using magically bright batik illustrations, this is a new twist on an ugly duckling tale, told with fish characters.

Big Al and Shrimpy by Andrew Clements. Illustrated by Yoshi. Simon & Schuster, 2002. 0689842473. 40 p. Grades K-3. Shrimpy, a small fish who wants to be loved like Big Al, is the only fish brave enough and smart enough to save Big Al when he is in danger.

The Biggest Fish by Sheila Keenan. Illustrated by Holly Hannon. Scholastic, Inc., 1996. 0590266004. 32-48 p. Grade K-3. The mayor's contest to find the biggest fish in Littletown is won in an unexpected way.

Blue Sea by Robert Kalan. Illustrated by Donald Crews. HarperCollins, 1992. 0688115098. 24 p. Preschool. Big fish and little fish in the sea convey the concept of size.

Fidgety Fish by Tim Warnes and Ruth Galloway. M E Media LLC, 2001. 1589250125. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. Sent out for a swim in the deep sea, Tiddler, a young fish who just can't keep still, sees many interesting creatures and one very dark cave.

Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On by Lois Ehlert. Harcourt, 1990. 0152280502. 40 p. Preschool. Brightly colored fish illustrate this book that includes counting, addition and a fishy mystery.

A Fish in His Pocket by Denys Cazet. Scholastic, 1987. 0531057135. 32 p. Preschool – Grade 3. All through school Russell the bear is worried about the little orange fish in his pocket, until he figures out how to return it to the pond.

Fish is Fish by Leo Lionni. Fitzgerald, 2001. 1590542851. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. Minnow and Tadpole are friends, but then Tadpole turns into a frog and hops out of the pond. When he returns, he tells Fish about all the creatures on land, but Fish sees them all as fish.

A Fish of the World by Terry Jones. Illustrated by Michael Foreman. Peter Bedrick Books, 1994. 0872263762. 32 p. Grades K-3. After swimming through the oceans around the world and seeing all kinds of fish, a young herring thinks that life has nothing else to show him, but he is wrong.

The Fish Who Could Wish by John Bush. Illustrated by Korky Paul. Kane/Miller, 1991. 0916291480. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. In this fanciful rhyming (Seuss-like) story with cartoon illustrations the fish wishes to be like the other fish, thus losing his ability to have his wishes come true.

The Fisherman and His Wife by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm. Creative Company, 2001. 1568461402. 32 p. Grades K-3. This classic folktale tells the story of the fisherman's greedy wife who is never satisfied with the wishes granted by an enchanted fish.

The Fisherman and His Wife: A Brand New Version by Rosemary Wells. Illustrated by Eleanor Hubbard. Dial, 1998. 0803718500. 32 p. Grades K-3. This is a twist on the traditional version: the setting is Norway and all the characters, except the fish, are cats.

How Many Fish? by Caron Lee Cohen. Illustrated by S. D. Schindler. HarperCollins, 1999. 0060277149. 32 p. Preschool. A school of fish and a group of children frolic in the bay.

Little Fish that Got Away by Bernadine Cook. HarperCollins, 2005. 64 p. Grades K–3. A little boy goes fishing every day, but he never catches anything. He waits and waits, and one day a great big fish swims by.

Louis the Fish by Arthur Yorinks. Grades K-3. Louis, who comes from a family of butchers, hates meat. He becomes so fascinated with fish that he becomes one.

McElligot's Pool by Dr. Seuss. Random House Children's Books, 1947. 0394800839. 64 p. As Marcus fishes in McElligot's Pool he imagines all the fantastic fish that might be coming to the pool. Seuss's imaginative illustrations and catchy rhymes enhance this lively message of hopefulness.

One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss. Random House, 1966. 0394900138. 72 p. Preschool-K. Delightful nonsensical rhyming text describes two children exploring the world of funny creatures.

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. Preschool-Grade 3. The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister. North-South, 1998. 0735810095. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. When a big blue whale comes to live near their reef, there is a misunderstanding between him and Rainbow Fish and his friends that leaves everyone very unhappy and hungry.

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue! by Marcus Pfister. Preschool–Grade 3. When a shark attacks, Rainbow Fish must decide whether to take shelter or to risk his life to help a stranger.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni. Knopf, 1991. 0394917138. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. A remarkable little fish instructs the rest of his school in the art of protection by showing them how to swim in the formation of a gigantic fish.

T-Boy of the Bayou by Wayne McGaw. Illustrated by George Crespo. Carolrhoda, 2003. 0876146585. 32 p. Grades K–3. A heron overhears a boy's wish that he could

help his father, a shrimper whose nets have been empty lately, and shows him what needs to be done to make things right by turning him into a fish.

Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood. Illustrated by Bruce Wood. Scholastic, Inc., 2004. 0439635691. 40 p. Preschool. This read aloud counting book will captivate readers as ten fish have adventures in the ocean world.

Where's that Fish? (Hide and Seek series) by Barbara Brenner and Bernice Chardiet. Illustrated by Carol Schwartz. Scholastic, 1994. 0590452142. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. Find the fish in this interactive book.

FROGS

Bently and Egg by William Joyce. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 1992. 0060203854. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Bently, a frog, is asked to egg sit for his friend the duck.

The Caterpillar and the Polliwog by Jack Kent. A tadpole wishes he could turn into a butterfly like the caterpillar.

Down by the Cool of the Pool by Tony Milton. Illustrated by Guy Rarker-Rees. Orchard, 2002. 0439309158. 32 p. Preschool. Frog and the other animals have a dancing good time both in and out of the water at the cool of the pool.

An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni. Paperback. Random House, 1998. 0679893857. 32 p. Preschool. Three frogs find what they think is a chicken egg, but a baby alligator hatches from it.

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel. HarperCollins, 1970. 0060239581. 64 p. Preschool-Grade 2. This beginning reader includes several heart-warming, humorous stories about the friendship between Frog and Toad.

A Frog Prince by Alix Berenzy. 32 p. Grades K-3. An original reinterpretation of "The Frog Prince."

The Frog Prince, Continued by Jon Scieszka. Illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson. Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 1991. 0670834211. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. The former frog and the princess, whose kiss transformed him into a prince, are not happily married, so the prince decides to find someone to change him back.

The Frog Who Wanted to Be a Singer by Linda Goss. Illustrated by Cynthia Jabar. 40 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Scorned by both frogs and birds because he wants to sing, a young frog astounds everyone with his talent.

Froggy Eats Out by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Viking, 2001. 0670896861. 32 p. Preschool. After Froggy misbehaves at a fancy restaurant, his parents take him to a "fast flies" restaurant to celebrate their anniversary.

Froggy Learns to Swim by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Viking, 1995. 0670855510. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 2. After his mother teaches him to swim and he learns to use flippers and a snorkel, Froggy doesn't want to leave the water.

Gilbert de la Frogponde: A Swamp Story by Jennifer Rae. Illustrated by Rose Cowles. Peachtree Publishers, Limited, 1997. 1561451630. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Gilbert is caught by two gourmet chefs in search of dinner, he must guarantee his survival by convincing the culinary masters that bugs, not frogs, are all the rage in the chic-est culinary circles.

Green Wilma by Tedd Arnold. Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 1998. 0140563628. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Wilma's parents don't know quite what to do when their daughter wakes up green and requests bugs for breakfast.

Growing Frogs by Vivian French. Grades K-3. A little girl collects frog spawn in the pond and watches them become tadpoles, then frogs.

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming. Henry Holt, 1993. 0805022643. 32 p. Preschool. In a series of colorful collages, a frog views a year of changing seasons in a small pond.

It's a Frog's Life! by Densey Clyne. Gareth Stevens, 1998. 0836820592. 32 p. Grades 2-4. Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of frogs, the amphibians with the built in goggles and the permanent, wide-mouth smile.

It's Mine! by Leo Lionni. Preschool-K. Three lovable frogs learn a valuable lesson about selfishness on the pond.

Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan. Preschool. This cumulative, repetitive story shows what happens when a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

The Mysterious Tadpole by Steven Kellogg. Penguin, 2002. 0803727887. 40 p. Grades K-3. It soon becomes clear that Louis's pet tadpole is not turning into an ordinary frog.

Tuesday by David Wiesner. Houghton, 1991. 0395551137. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this wordless Caldecott Medal winner frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses at night.

The Wide-Mouthed Frog by Rex Schneider. Stemmer House Publishers, Inc., 1980. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. This cumulative tale about what the animals like to eat is fun to tell.

The Wide-Mouthed Frog: A Pop-Up Book by Keith Faulkner. Illustrated by Jonathan Lambert. Dial, 1996. 0803718756. 16 p. Preschool. In this wonderfully constructed pop-up book a wide-mouthed frog is interested in what other animals eat, until he meets a creature that eats only wide-mouthed frogs.

GONE FISHIN'

Anansi Goes Fishing by Eric Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday, 1992. 082340918X. 32 p. Grades K-3. This story adapted from an African folktale explains the origins of spider webs. Anansi the Spider plans to trick Turtle into catching a fish for his dinner, but Turtle proves to be smarter and ends up with a free meal.

The Biggest Fish in the Lake by Margaret Carney. Grades K-3. A young girl and her grandfather love spending time together fishing.

Curious George Goes Fishing by H.A. Rey. Houghton Mifflin, 2001. 0618120718. 26 p. Preschool. The little monkey's attempt to help a fisherman catch fish ends in disaster, but he redeems himself later.

The Fisherman and His Wife. See **FISH** section.

Fishing in the Air by Sharon Creech. Illustrated by Chris Raschka. HarperCollins, 2000. 006028112X. 32 p. Grades K-3. When a young boy and his father go on a fishing trip, objects they see change into images inspired by Chagall and Picasso in this imaginative fantasy.

Fishing Sunday by Tony Johnston. Morrow, 1996. 0688134580. 32 p. Grades K-3. A young boy is embarrassed by his grandfather's old Japanese ways, but on one of their Fishing Sundays, he learns to see Grandfather in a new light.

Fishing With Dad by Michael J. Rosen. Illustrated by Will Shively. Artisan, 1996. 1885183380. 32 p. Preschool. A young boy goes fishing with his father and, as an adult, recalls his dad's fishing secret when he sees him with his grandson.

Five Silly Fishermen by Roberta Edwards. Illustrated by Sylvie K. Wickstrom. Random House, 1989. 0679800921. 32 p. Grades K-3. This traditional tale about fishermen, each of whom forgets to count himself, is retold using very simple language.

The Gift by Kristine L. Franklin. Illustrated by Barbara Lavalley. Chronicle, 1999. 081180447X. 40 p. Grades K-3. A young boy goes fishing with the Fish Woman, catches a salmon, then throws it back in for a passing pod of killer whales in this story set in the Pacific Northwest.

Going Lobstering by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by Rob Bolster. Charlesbridge, 1990. 0881064750. 32 p. Grades K-3. A boy and his sister spend a fascinating day on a lobster boat.

Gone Fishing by Earlene R. Long. Illustrated by Richard Eric Brown. Paperback. Houghton, 1987. 0395442362. 32 p. Preschool. A father and son go fishing, with a big fishing rod for the daddy and a little one for the child.

Higgins Bend Song and Dance by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Illustrated by Brad Sneed. Houghton Mifflin, 1997. 0395675839. 32 p. Grades K-3. Simon Henry considers himself an expert fisherman, but when Oscar the wily old catfish steals his bait, Simon's skill is

put to the test in this uproarious tall tale of the battle between the fisherman and the catfish.

How Many Fish? by Caron Cohen. Preschool-K. This counting book is about six fish and six feet that meet in the water at the seashore.

Just Me and My Dad by Mercer Mayer. Preschool. A camping and fishing trip with his father is described from the child's point of view.

Just My Dad and Me by Leah Komaiko. Illustrated by Jeffrey Greene. HarperCollins, 1995. 0060245943. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 2. A young girl's dreams of being alone with her father are quickly dashed when they are joined by noisy relatives.

Keeper for the Sea by Kimberley Brady. Simon & Schuster, 1996. 0027118517. Grades K-3. In September a young boy and his grandfather go fishing for bluefish.

Little Fish that Got Away by Bernadine Cook. HarperCollins, 2005. 64 p. Grades K–3. A little boy goes fishing every day, but he never catches anything. He waits and waits, and one day a great big fish swims by.

Loon Lake Fishing Derby by Kathleen Cook Waldron. Illustrated by Dean Griffiths. Orca, 1999. 1551431424. 32 p. Grades K-3. This alliterative story about a fishing derby that gets out of hand is filled with colorful animal characters.

Loudmouth George and the Fishing Trip by Nancy Carlson. Carolrhoda, 1983. 0876142137. 32 p. Grades K-3. George the rabbit is a bragger, but when Harriet and her family take him fishing, Harriet keeps his reports of success accurate.

My Grandpa and the Sea by Katherine S. Orr. Carolrhoda, 1990. 0876144091. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Grandpa, a traditional fisherman, is forced from his livelihood because increasingly efficient technology has depleted his island's supply of fish, he creates an ecologically sound solution by starting a sea moss farm.

A River Dream by Allen Say. Houghton, 1988. 0395482941. 32 p. Grades K-3. A little boy takes a fantasy trip up the river by his house to fly-fish with his uncle and learns that you don't need to kill fish to enjoy fishing.

Rub a Dub Dub by Kin Eagle. Illustrated by Rob Gilbert. Charlesbridge, 1999. 1580890083. 32 p. Preschool. This expanded version of the traditional rhyme shows what happens to the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker when they go fishing in their tub.

A Salmon for Simon by Betty Waterton. Grades K-3. Simon, a Native American boy, has been trying all summer to catch a salmon. But when he gets his chance, Simon no longer wants to keep it—it's too strong and beautiful.

Six Foolish Fishermen by Robert D. San Souci. Illustrated by Doug Kennedy. Hyperion Books for Children, 2000. 0786803851. 32 p. Grades K-3. Six silly friends spend a day trying to figure out how to proceed with their fishing trip when one thing after another goes wrong.

Tammy and the Gigantic Fish by Catherine and James Gray. Illustrated by William Joyce. HarperTrophy, 1991. 0064432637. 32 p. Grades K-3. Tammy goes fishing with her father and grandfather.

Today I'm Going Fishing With My Dad by N. L. Sharp. Preschool-Grade 2. A young boy remembers what it is like to go fishing with his father.

Torch Fishing with the Sun by Laura E. Williams. Illustrated by Fabricio Vanden Broeck. Boyds Mills Press, 2003. 1563976854. 32 p. Grades K-3. A boy must decide whether or not he believes his grandfather's explanation of how he catches big fish.

A Wagonload of Fish by Judit Z. Bodnar. Illustrated by Alexi Natchev. HarperCollins, 1996. 068812173X. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this Hungarian folktale, a nagging wife demands that her husband bring her some fish to eat.

Zigby Dives In by Brian Paterson. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2004. 006053799X. 32 p. Preschool. When Zigby and his friends go on a fishing trip, they find a hidden lagoon and one giant octopus!

ISLANDS

Benjamin's Treasure by Garth Williams. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells. HarperCollins, 2001. 0060287411. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Benjamin, a rabbit, is shipwrecked on a deserted island, he finds a treasure chest but realizes his greatest treasure is his wife back home.

The Biggest Soap by Carole Lexa Schaefer. Illustrated by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. 0374306907. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Kessy, who lives on a South Pacific island, is sent by his mother to buy laundry soap, he hurries back to listen to her storytelling, discovering that his own experience makes a good story too.

By a Blazing Blue Sea by S. T. Garne. Illustrated by Lori Lohstoeter. Harcourt, 1999. 0152017801. 32 p. Grades K-3. A friendly parrot takes the reader on a tour of a Caribbean island and introduces the reader to a fisherman's peaceful life by the sea.

A Caribbean Counting Book by Charles Faustin. Illustrated by Roberto Arenson. Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division, 1996. 0195779448. 24 p. Preschool–Grade 3. A collection rhymes from various Caribbean countries that are chanted in children's games and songs.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin. Preschool-Grade 1. An alphabet rhyme chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Dog-of-the-Sea-Waves by James Rumford. Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division, 2004. 0618356118. 48 p. Grades K-4. In this fictional account of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands, Manu, one of five brothers who are the first humans to set foot on Hawaii, is unhappy until he saves the life of a strange creature he calls Dog-of-the-Sea-Waves, and they become fast friends.

Empty Island by Roger Smith. Crocodile, 1991. 0940793695. 32 p. Grades K-3. A man, woman and baby live harmoniously on a beautiful island with all the animals and birds, until the day the man and woman covet the animals' clothes for themselves.

Granny Jus' Come by Ana Sisnett. Illustrated by Karen Lusebrink. Children's Book Press, 1997. 0892391502. 32 p. Grades 1-3. Using Caribbean English, a young girl lovingly describes a visit from her grandmother who arrives by bus and looks great in her new shoes and colorful clothes.

Hey, Al by Arthur Yorinks. Farrar, 1986. 0374330603. 32 p. Grades K-3. Al the janitor is bored with his mundane life, but when he is taken to a bird-inhabited island he begins to think that there is no place like home.

Island Boy by Barbara Cooney. Grades K-3. Matthias sails around the world, but his heart is always with his family and the island where he grew up.

Island Counting 1 2 3 by Franc Lessac. Candlewick Press, 2004. 0763619604. 24 p. Preschool. Counts from one to ten, featuring pictures and brief rhyming text with a Caribbean island theme.

The Island of the Skog by Steven Kellogg. Grades K-3. Adventurous mice sail away to find a new home on an island, but they also find a mysterious neighbor.

Jolly Mon by Jimmy Buffet. Illustrated by Lambert Davis. Harcourt, 1993. 0152405305. 32 p. Grades K-3. This story set in the Caribbean is about Jolly Mon whose musical voice gains him a magical guitar.

Kallaloo: A Caribbean Tale by David and Phillis Gershator. Illustrated by Diane Greenesid. Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 2005. 0761451102. Grades K-3. In this retelling of "Stone Soup" set in the West Indies, an old woman claims to have found a magic shell that can make kallaloo, a popular Caribbean soup.

La Cucaracha Martina: A Caribbean Folktale by Daniel Moreton. Grades K-3. While searching for the source of one beautiful sound, a ravishing cockroach rejects marriage proposals from a menagerie of city animals that woo her with their noises.

The Little Island by Margaret Wise Brown. Doubleday Books for Young Readers, 2003. 0385746407. 48 p. Preschool-K. This story tells about the seasons and animals that touch a small island. A kitten who comes ashore learns a secret about the island and a lesson about faith.

Mind Me Good Now! A Caribbean Folktale by Lynette Comissiong. Grades K-3. A Caribbean folktale reminiscent of Hansel and Gretel.

The Musubi Man: Hawaii's Gingerbread Man by Sandi Takayama. Illustrated by Pat Hall. Bess Press, Inc., 1979. 1573060534. Preschool-K. A freshly baked musubi man escapes from the old woman's kitchen and eludes his pursuers in this Hawaiian version of the gingerbread man.

My Little Island by Frane Lessac. HarperCollins, 1985. 0397321155. 48 p. Grades K-3. A young boy rediscovers a jewel-like little Caribbean island while on a visit with his best friend.

Punia and the King of Sharks: A Hawaiian Folktale adapted by Lee Wardlaw. Dial, 1997. 0803716826. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this Hawaiian folktale, clever Punia, a fisherman's son, finds different ways to trick the King of Sharks and take his tasty lobsters from him.

The Rainbow Bridge: Inspired by a Chumash Tale by Audrey Wood. Illustrated by Robert Florczak. Harcourt, 1995. 0152654755. 32 p. Grades K-4. In this Native American legend Hutash the earth goddess saves the Chumash people when they grow too numerous for their island home by sending half of them to the land across the water. She saves some of them from drowning by turning them into dolphins.

Rata Pata Scata Fata by Phillis Gershator. Illustrated by Holly Meade. Star Bright Books, Inc., 2004. 1932065946. 32 p. Grades K-3. Preferring to dream away the days on his Caribbean Island, little JunJun tries saying magic words to get the chores done.

The Secret of Foghorn Island (Step into Reading Step 3) by Geoffrey Hayes. Random, 2004. 0394996143. 48 p. Grades K-3. Dinosaurs Otto and Uncle Tooth, who

are detectives, investigate a series of shipwrecks on the island and encounter the dangerous Sid Rat in this amusing early reader.

Winter Whale (Just for a Day series) by Joanne Ryder. Grades K-3. A young boy, running along the seashore in Hawaii, is transformed into a whale. The poetic prose describes the activities of whales and includes particularly interesting information about the vocalizations of the male whales.

The Wretched Stone by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton, 1991. 0395533074. 32 p. Grades K-3. After the crew of the ship Rita Ann finds a strange glowing stone on an uncharted island, they begin turning into monkeys.

LAKES

Grandmas at the Lake by Emily Arnold McCully. Harper Trophy, 1994. 0064441776. 64 p. Grades K-3. In this beginning reader, Nan and Sal go rowing on the lake by themselves to teach a lesson to their two grandmothers, who keep giving them contradictory advice.

Junior—A Little Loon Tale by John and Ann Hassett. Down East Books, 1993. 089272322X. 32 p. Grades K-3. A feisty loon chick leaves the nest to find a less crowded lake to call home.

The Legend of the Loon by Kathy Jo Wargin. Illustrated by Gijsbert Van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear, 2000. 188694797X. 48 p. Grades K-3. After being shown the wonders of nature by Grandmother Lom, two children venture out in her boat alone, find themselves in danger and are rescued by a mysterious loon.

Loon at Northwood Lake (Smithsonian's Backyard series) by Elizabeth Ring. Illustrated by Taylor Oughton. Soundprints, 1997. 156899395. 32 p. Grades K-3. Loon and his mate protect their chicks from curious people, egg-hunting eagles and hawks, and ferocious pike throughout a summer at Northwood Lake.

Loon Lake by Jonathan London and Susan Ford. Chronicle, 2002. 0811820033. 36 p. Grades K-3. A girl and her father encounter loons and other lake creatures during a magical nighttime canoe ride.

Loon Lake Fishing Derby by Kathleen Cook Waldron. Illustrated by Dean Griffiths. Orca, 1999. 1551431424. 32 p. Grades K-3. This alliterative story about a fishing derby that gets out of hand is filled with colorful animal characters.

Loon Summer by Barbara Santucci. Illustrated by Andrea Shine. Eerdmanns, 2004. 0802851827. 32 p. Grades K-3. While spending the summer with her father, Rainie wishes her parents would stay together, just like the family of loons she sees on the lake.

The Lost Lake by Allen Say. Houghton, 1992. 0395630363. 32 p. Grades K-3. Luke and his father, who is disgusted by the tourists surrounding the once secluded lake of his childhood, hike deeper into the wilderness to find a "lost lake" of their own.

Stuart Sets Sail by Susan Hill. Illustrated by Lydia Halverson. HarperCollins, 2001. 006029633X. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Stuart Little and his family go for a picnic at a lake, he has several adventures as he tries to sail across the lake on George's boat.

Swan Lake by Peter Illich Tchaikovsky. Translated by Marianne Martens. Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger. North-South, 2002. 0735817022. 32 p. Grades 2-4. This fairy tale adaptation of the classic ballet beautifully depicts the haunting story of an enchanted swan princess.

What's Inside Lakes? by Jane Kelly Kosek. Power Kids Press, 1999. 0823952800. Grades K-3. This book about lake ecology discusses how different types of lakes are formed, the creatures that live in the lakes and explains how they survive.

LIGHTHOUSES

Beacons of Light: Lighthouses by Gail Gibbons. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 1990. 0688073794. 40 p. Grades K-3. Careful explanation, colorful facts, and helpful illustrations show how lighthouse technology developed and changed over the years.

Comet's Nine Lives by Jan Brett. Penguin Group (USA) (Putnam Juvenile), 1996. 0399229310. 32 p. Grades K-3. Comet, a white cat, has many adventures on Nantucket Island until finding a permanent home in a lighthouse.

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter and Connie Roop. Illustrated by Peter E. Hanson. Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 1985. 0876142757. 40 p. Grades 1-3. This is the true story of Abbie Burgess, who keeps the lighthouse lights ablaze for four storm-filled weeks while her father is on the mainland.

The Lighthouse Children (I Can Read series) by Syd Hoff. HarperCollins, 1994. 0060229594. 32 p. Grades K-3. Sam and Rose fed the gulls and kept the lighthouse until a storm ruined the lighthouse, forcing the couple to move away. Lonely for the gulls, they found a way to entice the gulls to follow them.

The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge by Hildegard H. Swift. Illustrated by Lynd Ward. Harcourt Children's Books, 2002. 0152045716. 64 p. Preschool-K. A little lighthouse on the Hudson River regains its pride when it finds out that it is still useful and has an important job to do.

One Lighthouse One Moon by Anita Lobel. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2000. 0688155391. 40 p. Preschool-Grade 1. Presents the days of the week, the months of the year, and numbers from one to ten through the activities of people and a cat in and around a lighthouse.

MERMAIDS

The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Andersen. Illustrated by Rachel Isadora. Paperback. Putnam, 2000. 0698118294. 32 p. Grades K-3. This abridged picture book version of the fairy tale is beautifully illustrated with breathtaking watercolors.

The Little Mermaid (Step into Reading) by Hans Christian Andersen. Adapted by Deborah Hautzig. Grades 2-4. This beginning reader is based on Walt Disney's feature-film version of the fairy tale.

Mariana and the Merchild by Caroline Pitcher. Illustrated by Jackie Morris. Eerdman's, 2004. 0802852041. 32 p. Grades K-3. A childless old woman is given a merbaby to raise until the child can safely return to the sea.

The Merbaby by Teresa Bateman. Illustrated by Patience Brewster. Teachers Edition. Holiday House, 2001. 0823415317. 32 p. Grades K-3. When he and his brother Josh find a merbaby caught in their fishing net, Tarron, rejecting his brother's plan to sell the baby and make a profit, discover that there are greater treasures than gold.

The Mermaid of Cafur by Evelyn Foster. Illustrated by Olwyn Whelan. Barefoot Books, 1999. 1902283406. 32 p. Grades K-3. Through the courage of Meaghan, the evil power of the mermaid queen of Cafur is broken and her captive children are set free.

Nicholas Pipe by Robert San Souci. Illustrated by David Shannon. Grades 2-4. A fisherman's daughter falls in love with an enchanted merman who lives on land but must return to the sea every day or he will die. This romantic retelling of a 12th century folktale is illustrated with stunning acrylic paintings.

A Serenade of Mermaids by Shirley Cimo. Illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern. Paperback. HarperTrophy, 1999. 0064421031. 112 p. Grades 2-5. This collection of mermaid tales from around the world is captivating.

Sukey and the Mermaid by Robert San Souci. Grades K-3. In this southern folktale Sukey is unhappy with her life at home and receives kindness and wealth from Mama Jo the mermaid.

A Treasury of Mermaids: Mermaid Tales from Around the World by Shirley Climo. Illustrated by Jean and Mou-Sien Tseng. HarperCollins, 1997. 0060238763. 80 p. Grades 2-5. This is a fine collection of eight folktales about mermaids, mermen and other sea creatures.

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

Beware the Dragons! by Sarah Wilson. Harper & Row, 1985. 0060265086. 32 p. Grades K-3. A little girl sets sail across the bay and discovers that the dragons there, about which her mother has warned her, only want to play.

Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent by Bill Peet. Houghton, 1975. 0395202728. 48 p. Grades K-3. A kindly sea serpent is accused of cowardice, because he will not sink any ships.

Do Not Open by Brinton Turkle. Paperback. Puffin, 1981. 0140547479. 32 p. Grades K-3. While beachcombing after a storm Miss Moody and her cat find a bottle labeled "Do Not Open." Ignoring the message, they open the bottle and let out a huge ugly creature that spunky Miss Moody must outsmart.

Harry by the Sea by Gene Zion. Illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham. HarperCollins, 1965. 060268565. 32 p. Preschool. Harry (of *Harry the Dirty Dog* fame) goes to the beach with his family and is mistaken for a sea serpent when a big wave covers him with seaweed.

Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monsters' Cave by Marcus Pfister. North-South Books, 2001. 0735815372. Preschool-K. In order to find healing algae for the ailing bumpy-backed fish, Rainbow Fish volunteers to brave the dreaded Sea Monster's cave.

Ralph's Secret Weapon by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1983. 0803703074. Grades K-3. Ralph's bassoon playing is so bad that his aunt thinks it will charm a bothersome sea monster.

Ship Ahoy! by Peter Sis. Greenwillow, 1999. 068816644X. 24 p. Preschool. In this wordless picture book a boy takes imaginary voyages on a variety of different ships pretending that the blue living room rug is the ocean. When his mother comes to vacuum the rug, he pretends that the vacuum cleaner is a sea monster.

MUD

Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss. Random House, 1949. 0394900758. 48 p. Grades K-3. Sticky green stuff (instead of snow) begins falling from the sky.

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion. HarperCollins, 1956. 0060268654. 32 p. Preschool. Harry is a white dog with black spots until he runs away from home to avoid getting a bath. He returns covered with dirt and looking like a black dog with white spots and begs his family to give him a bath so that they will recognize him.

Little Pig, Biddle Pig (Biddle Books) by David Kirk. Scholastic, 2001. 0439305756. 32 p. Preschool. From the creator of the *Miss Spider* books comes this delightful story of Little Pig, who is too fastidious to muck about in the mud. Each page shows either primly pink Little Pig and other clean critters or the gleeful “wiggly wallowers.”

Mr. Gumpy’s Motor Car by John Burningham. HarperCollins, 1993. 069000799X. 32 p. Preschool-K. Kind, patient Mr. Gumpy decides to go for a ride in the country, so the children and farm animals beg to go along. When the car gets stuck, they all have an excuse for not helping to push it out. They finally cooperate, get the car out of the mud and go for a pleasant swim.

Mrs. Wishy-Washy by Joy Cowley. Illustrated by Elizabeth Fuller. Board Book. Philomel, 1999. 16 p. Preschool. Cow, Pig, and Duck are having a lovely time playing in the mud, but when Mrs. Wishy-Washy sees them, she insists on getting them clean: “wishy-washy, wishy-washy.” Needless to say, as soon as she turns her back, the animals are back in the mud. Great fun as a flannel board story.

Mud by Mary Lyn Ray. Illustrated by Lauren Stringer. Harcourt, 1996. 015256263x. Preschool. As spring comes, the winter frost thaws to become “gooey, gloppy, mucky, magnificent” mud. Children will easily identify with the young child’s exhilaration of wallowing in the mud.

Mud Puddle by Robert Munsch. Illustrated by Sami Suomalainen. Annick Press, Limited, 1996. 1550374699. 24 p. Preschool-K. Jule Ann is attacked by a mud puddle every time she leaves her house.

Pig, Pigger, Piggest by Rick Walton. Illustrated by Jimmy Holder. Gibbs Smith, 0879058064. 32 p. Grades K-3. The three pigs build castles that three witches blow down. The pigs are delighted with the mud holes that remain and ask the witch sisters to marry them.

The Piggy in the Puddle by Charlotte Pomerantz. Illustrated by James Marshall. Simon and Schuster, 1974. 0027749002. 30 p. Preschool. Hilarious, rhymed nonsense verses tell about members of a pig family who each leap with joyous abandon into a puddle.

Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud by Lynn Plourde. Illustrated by John Schoenherr. Scholastic, 1997. 0590568639. 32 p. Preschool-K. When a family goes for a ride in their Model T, the road (“rud,” as they say in rural Maine) is blocked by big pink pigs. To make matters worse, the pigs are joined by chickens, sheep, and bulls. The

rollicking, rhyming, rhythmic text and exuberant illustrations create an uproariously fun storytime experience.

The Puddle by David McPhail. Preschool. A little boy sets out to find a puddle to sail his boat.

Puddles by Jonathan London. Illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Paperback. Puffin, 1999. 0140561757. 32 p. Preschool. The joys of playing in mud and puddles after a rain are captured in simple poetic text and strong, satisfying crayon illustrations.

Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw. Illustrated by Margot Apple. Book Wholesalers, 2002. 0758736088. Preschool. Everything goes wrong when a flock of hapless sheep takes a road trip through the country. The rhythm, the rhyme and the ridiculous predicaments make this a terrific book to tickle your preschool storytime group: "Jeep goes splash! Jeep goes thud! Jeep goes deep in the gooey mud!"

OCEAN and OCEAN CREATURES

20,000 Baseball Cards Under the Sea by Jon Buller. Random House, 1991. 0679815694. 48 p. Grades 2-4. Roger's friend Kenneth uses an unusual sea vehicle to take them to an underwater cave, where a cache of old loot gathered by the mermaids turns out to contain a lot of valuable old baseball cards.

The Big, Big Sea by Martin Waddell. Preschool-K. This peaceful first-person narrative set in Ireland tells about a girl and her mother who wade in the sea by moonlight.

Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae. Preschool–Grade 3. This is a collection of poems about the creatures that live in and around the ocean.

The Day Ocean Came to Visit by Diane Wolkstein. Illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson. Harcourt, 2001. 0152017747. 40 p. Grades K-3. In this magical myth Sun invites Ocean to the house he shares with his wife, Moon, but Ocean is more than the house can hold.

Dory Story by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by David Biedrzycki. Charlesbridge, 2000. 0881060755. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this imaginary trip out into the ocean depths, the ocean food chain from krill-eating plankton to tuna-eating orcas is explained.

Fish Wish by Bob Barner. Holiday House, 2000. 0823414825. 32 p. Grades K-3. This story of a young boy's imaginary underwater journey through a coral reef includes factual information about coral reefs and the animals that live in them.

Hello, Ocean by Pam Muoz Ryan. Illustrated by Mark Astrella. Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc., 2001. 0881069876. 32 p. Grades K-3. Using rhyming text, a child describes the wonder of the ocean experienced through each of her five senses.

How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures by Ruth Heller. Preschool. Colorful illustrations show octopuses alone, then camouflaged on the next page.

In the Ocean by Claire Henley. DIANE Publishing, 1999. 0788166166. 22 p. Toddler-Preschool. Bright illustrations and simple text introduces the very young to jellyfish, dolphins, gulls, starfish and other ocean dwellers.

The Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor by Joanna Cole. Preschool–Grade 3. The Magic school bus is transformed into a colorful submarine and plunges Ms. Frizzle and her class into the ocean depths.

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle. Penguin Group (USA), Inc., 2004. 0399242694. 40 p. Grades K–3. After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water, greeting other fish fathers who are taking care of their eggs.

The Ocean Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta. Illustrated by Frank Mazzola Jr. Charlesbridge, 1986. 0881064580. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. This book introduces the letters A to Z by describing fish and other creatures living in the North Atlantic Ocean.

The Ocean Is... by Kathy Krinking. Illustrated by Norbert Wu. Henry Holt & Company, 2003. 0805070974. 32 p. Grades K-2. The reader is invited on an underwater tour of the ocean to view the varied plant and animal life.

One Less Fish by Allan Sheather. Illustrated by Kim Michelle Toft. Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc., 1998. 0881063223. 32 p. Counting down from twelve to one, the reader learns about some of the fish found on the Great Barrier Reef and the threats to their continued existence.

Sea Squares by Hoy Hulme. Preschool-Grade 1. This counting book goes from one one-ton whale with one strong tail to ten squirmy squids squirting ten inky trails.

Sea Turtle Journey: The Story of a Loggerhead Turtle by Lorraine A. Jay. Illustrated by Katie Lee. Soundprints, 1995. 1568991894. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 2. A tiny loggerhead turtle hatches on the beach, rushes to the water, and makes her journey far out to sea, where she grows bigger and stronger in preparation for returning to the beach to lay her own eggs.

Secret Seahorse by Stella Blackstone. Illustrated by Clare Beaton. Barefoot Books, Inc., 2004. 184148704X. 32 p. Grades K-2. A seahorse leads the reader past coral reefs and underwater creatures to a seahorse family hidden in a cave.

Somewhere in the Ocean by Jennifer Ward and TJ Marsh. Illustrated by Kenneth J. Spangler. Rising Moon, 2000. 0873587480. 32 p. Preschool-K. This adaptation of “Over in the Meadow” presents various marine animals and their children, from a mother manatee and her little calf one to a mother octopus and her little babies ten.

Starfish by Edith Thacher Hurd. Illustrated by Robin Brickman. HarperCollins, 2000. 0060283572. 40 p. Preschool–Grade 1. A simple introduction to the appearance, growth, habits, and behavior of starfish.

Turtle in the Sea by Jim Arnosky. Penguin Group (Putnam Juvenile), 2002. 0399227571. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 1. After a turtle emerges from the sea to lay her eggs in the sand, a turtle mother must battle near misses with sharks, boats, storms and nets in order to stay alive.

The Underwater Alphabet Book by Jerry Palotta. Illustrated by Edgar Stewart. Charlesbridge, 1991. 0881064610. 32 p. Grades K-3. Simple, interesting information about the fish of a coral reef, plus other underwater creatures, such as crabs and conches, is presented in a humorous manner.

Underwater Counting: Even Numbers by Jerry Palotta. Sagebrush, 2001. 0613512707. Grades K–3. A variety of underwater creatures are introduced in this counting book that gives even numbers from zero to 50.

Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck with Illustrations by Valeria Petrone. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2004. 0689851103. Grades K-3. A young boy goes in search of treasure “way down deep in the deep blue sea.” On his way, he encounters many fantastic creatures of the sea. In a predictable and rhyming text, the reader swims through vivid wording and illustrations that leads to the hidden treasure.

OCTOPUS

Gentle Giant Octopus by Karen Wallace. Grades K-3. This story of a goggle-eyed octopus, who jets through the shadows of the ocean and lays eggs in a hidden den, is told in verse.

Herman the Helper by Robert Kraus. Preschool. Herman the octopus is always willing to assist any one who needs his help.

How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures by Ruth Heller. Preschool. Colorful illustrations show octopi alone, then camouflaged on the next page.

My Very Own Octopus by Bernard Most. Preschool-Grade 2. A little boy fantasizes about the amusing and practical aspects of owning a pet octopus.

An Octopus Followed Me Home by Dan Yaccarino. Preschool-K. A little girl is constantly bringing home strays, but her father puts his foot down when she brings home an octopus. When she must return the octopus to the sea she isn't too upset, since she picks up another stray (this time, a dinosaur!) to bring home.

Octopus Hug by Laurence Pringle. Preschool-K. When Mom goes out for the evening, Dad and the kids invent games filled with fun and laughter.

Zigby Dives In by Brian Paterson. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2004. 006053799X. 32 p. Preschool. When Zigby and his friends go on a fishing trip, they find a hidden lagoon and one giant octopus!

OTTERS

Oscar Otter by Nathaniel Benchley. Illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Harper, 1980. 00644440257. 64 p. Grades K-2. Oscar's fancy slide takes him far from home-and his enemies spot him!

Oswald by Dan Yaccarino. Illustrated by Gregg Schigiel. Paperback. Simon & Schuster, 2004. 0689862571. 24 p. Preschool-K. Hilarious words and pictures describe Oscar's fun on the long slide he builds for himself far away from his family up in the mountains. However, he doesn't know that fox is watching.

Otters Under Water by Jim Arnosky. Paperback. Penguin Putnam, 1992. 0698115562. 32 p. Preschool. This nearly wordless book describes in simple pencil and watercolor illustrations the fun two young otters have swimming and playing in their underwater world under the watchful eyes of their mother.

Sea Elf by Joanne Ryder. Illustrated by Michael Rothman. Morrow, 1993. 0688100600. 32 p. Grades K-3. Readers get to experience life as a sea otter living in the ocean off the California coast in this lovely imaginative description with vivid full-page acrylic paintings.

Swim the Silver Sea, Joshie Otter by Nancy Carlstrom. Illustrated by Ken Kuroi. Putnam, 1997. 0698114477. 32 p. Preschool-K. At bedtime, a baby otter swims back to his mother and the love she gives him.

PIRATES

The Best Book of Pirates by Barnaby Howard. Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division, 2002. 0753454491. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. Kids fascinated by buccaneers, corsairs, treasure maps, and pieces of eight will find this a most seaworthy introduction to the lives of these salty scoundrels. From the legend of the gap-toothed Jolly Roger to the gritty realities of pirate life, children will discover why pirates and smugglers have been feared throughout history.

Captain Abdul's Pirate School by Colin McNaughton. Candlewick, 1996. 1564028437. 40 p. Grades K-3. When Maisie is sent off to Pirate School she overhears a plot to kidnap the children, so she organizes a mutiny and the children set sail for the West Indies where they live a boisterous life stealing from pirates and sending the treasure home.

Captain and Matey Set Sail by Daniel Laurence. Illustrated by Claudio Munoz. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2001. 0060289562. 64 p. Preschool-Grade 3. Together with their faithful parrot, Captain and Matey sing and dance, swab the decks, rescue a stranded pirate, and hunt for buried treasure. During their quest for riches, they discover that they value friendship more than gold.

Come Away from the Water, Shirley by John Burningham. Paperback. Random House, 2004. 009989940X. 24 p. Preschool-K. Shirley has her own adventure with pirates and buried treasure when she and her parents go to the beach.

Do Pirates Take Baths? by Kathy Tucker. Illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Paperback. Whitman, 1997. 080751697X. 32 p. Preschool-K. Thirteen short humorous rhymes answer questions about the behavior of pirates, who eat barnacle stew, scrub their knees with seashells and don't wear underwear.

Edward and the Pirates by David McPhail. Little Brown, 1997. 0316563447. 32 p. Grades K-3. The pirates that Edward is reading about come alive and kidnap him.

Everything I Know About Pirates: A Collection of Made-Up Facts, Educated Guesses, and Silly Pictures about Bad Guys of the High Seas by Tom Lichtenheld. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2000. 0689826257. 40 p. Preschool-Grade 3. Thoroughly researched using educated guesses and made-up facts, the book reveals everything you'd ever want to know about those notorious bad guys of the high seas.

The Horrendous Hullabaloo by Margaret Mahy. Paperback. NAL, 1999. 0140545336. 32 p. Grades K-3. Peregrine the Pirate goes to parties but never invites his aunt, so she decides to throw her own party, then leaves the mess to Peregrine and sails away on his ship with a group of parrots.

How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long. Illustrated by David Shannon. Harcourt Children's Books, 2003. 0152018484. 44 p. Grades K-3. When Jeremy Jacob sets off on a pirate adventure, he loves everything the pirates do, but then he finds out what they don't do.

Little Badger, Terror of the Seven Seas by Eve Bunting. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. Harcourt Children's Books, 2001. 015202395X. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. A young badger pretends to be a pirate until it's time for supper.

Lo-Jack and the Pirates (Read It Myself series) by William H. Hooks. Illustrated by Tricia Tusa. Gareth Stevens, 1999. 0836817826. 48 p. Grades 2-4. When Jack is kidnapped by a band of greedy pirates, he persists in misunderstanding all the captain's orders.

Maggie and the Pirate by Ezra Jack Keats. Paperback. Scholastic, 1992. 0590448528. 40 p. Grades K-3. Maggie tries to find the kidnapper of her pet cricket.

The Mystery of the Pirate Ghost by Geoffrey Hayes. Paperback. Random, 1985. 0394872207. 48 p. Grades 1-4. In this high-spirited whodunit for beginning readers Otto and his Uncle Tooth track down the pirate ghost terrorizing Boogle Bay.

One-Eyed Jake by Pat Hutchins. Paperback. Morrow, 1994. 0688131131. 32 p. Grades K-3. A greedy pirate plunders one ship too many. Each time, in order to keep his ship from sinking under the weight of the loot, Jake tosses one of his crew members overboard to another vessel.

On the Go with Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe (Easy To Read series) by A. E. Cannon. Illustrated by Elwood H. Smith. Viking, 2002. 0670035505. 32 p. Grades K-2. Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe go out for seafood with their cat Studley and their dog Dudley.

Pie Rats Ahoy by Richard Scarry. Random, 1994. 0679947604. 32 p. Grades K-3. Sneaky pirates steal Uncle Willie's pie, but Uncle Willie uses a clever disguise to foil the pirates and make Busytown Bay safe again.

Pirate Pete: "Where There's Gold I'm a Goin'" by Kim and Doug Kennedy. Abrams, 2002. 0810943565. 40 p. Grades K-3. As Pirate Pete and his trusty parrot sail the seas in search of gold and booty, they have a hard time tracking down the jackpot. Children will repeat the refrain, "Where there's gold I'm a' goin'."

Pirates Ahoy by Hans Wilhelm. Paperback. Parents, 1987. 0819311626. 40 p. Grades K-3. Bored farm animals turn different vehicles into pirate ships to create excitement.

Pirate School by Cathy Dubowski. Grades K-3. Laughs and adventure abound in this funny story for seafarers and landlubber alike.

A Pirate's Life for Me!: A Day Aboard a Pirate Ship by Julie Thompson and Brownie Macintosh. Illustrated by Patrick O'Brien. Charesbridge Publishing, Inc., 1996. 0881069329. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. This book describes life aboard a pirate ship and provides information about famous pirates in history and literature.

The Pirate's Parrot by Lyn Rossiter McFarland. Illustrated by Jim McFarland. Tricycle Press, 2000. 1582461040. 40 p. Grades K-3. Near-blind pirate Captain Cur is fooled by his crew into thinking that a teddy bear is his new parrot in this farcical sea story.

Pirates: Robbers of the High Seas by Gail Gibbons. Little, Brown, 1999. 0316306606. 32 p. Grades K-3. Legends and facts about pirates are simply related in this book with colorful illustrations large enough for storytime.

Rabbit Pirates: A Tale of the Spinach Main by Judy Cox. Illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Harcourt Children's Books, 1999. 0152018328. 32 p. Grades K-3. Two old rabbit friends disagree about many things, including when and how to deal with the tricky fox who threatens to ruin the business at their restaurant.

Robin Hook, Pirate Hunter! by Eric A. Kimmel. Illustrated by Michael Dooling. Scholastic, Inc., 2001. 0590681990. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 4. Most people know about the infamous Captain Hook, but few know of his adopted son Robin Hook. Although raised to be a merciless looter like his father, Robin Hook is a kind and honest young pirate who sets out on an adventure at sea in the name of justice, courage, and freedom.

Roger, the Jolly Pirate by Brett Helquist. HarperCollins Publishers, 2004. 0066238064. 40 p. Grades K-3. While his shipmates face their toughest enemy, Roger has a chance to prove himself in a most unlikely way after being banished, as usual, below decks during the fighting.

Sheep on a Ship by Nancy Shaw. Illustrated by Margot Apple. Houghton, 1989. 0395481600. 32 p. Preschool. This rhyming story is about the misadventures of a group of zany sheep on a pirate ship.

Tough Boris by Mem Fox. Illustrated by Kathryn Brown. Harcourt, 1994. 0152896120. 32 p. Grades K-3. Boris is a rough and tough pirate, but when his parrot dies, a young boy sneaks onto Boris's ship and sees him cry.

Wild Will by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert. Carolrhoda, 1994. 087614816X. Grades K-3. Gradually, young Frank breaks down the hostility that a retired pirate feels toward people.

PONDS

Baby Duck's New Friend by Frank and Devin Asch. Harcourt, 2001. 0152022570. 40 p. Preschool. Baby Duck follows a rubber ducky down waterfalls, through the woods and eventually to the seashore where he discovers he can fly.

Box Turtle at Long Pond by William T. George. Illustrated by Lindsay B. George. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 1989. 0688081851. 32 p. Preschool – Grade 3. On a busy day a Long pond, Box Turtle searches for food, basks in the sun, and escapes a raccoon.

Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck by Lisa Westberg Peters. Illustrated by Sam Williams. Greenwillow, 2000. 0688161790. 32 p. Preschool. A cold, but very brave little duck finds that her pond is still frozen and imagines all the wonders of spring in this rhyming, repetitive story that is a great read-aloud.

Come Along, Daisy by Jane Simmons. Little, Brown, 1998. 0316797901. 32 p. Preschool-K. A playful little duckling ignores her mother's warning to stay close when she is distracted by the pond life around her.

In the Rain with Baby Duck by Amy Hest. Preschool-K. A little duck hates going out in the rain until her grandmother gives her rubber boots and an umbrella.

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming. Henry Holt, 1993. 0805022643. 32 p. Preschool. In a series of colorful collages, a frog views a year of changing seasons in a small pond.

Little White Duck by Walt Whippo and Bernard Zaitzsky. Illustrated by Joan Paley. Little Brown, 2000. 0316032271. 32 p. Preschool. This picture book version of the old song about Little White Duck and the other pond animals has vibrant collage illustrations.

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey. Fitzgerald, 2001. 1590540387. Preschool-Grade 2. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard search and eventually find a good place to raise their ducklings in this classic story set in Boston.

The Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell. Preschool. An overheated pig who doesn't swim throws himself into a pond, throwing the farmyard into an uproar.

Turtle Splash!: Countdown at the Pond by Cathryn Falwell. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2001. 0060294620. 32 p. Preschool. As they are startled by the activities of other nearby creatures, the number of turtles on a log in a pond decreases from ten to one. Includes factual information about the animals mentioned in the story.

Turtle Spring by Deborah Turney Zagwyn. Tricycle Press, 2004. 1883672538. 32 p. Grades K-3. The changing seasons bring surprises to Clee, including a new baby brother early in the year and a turtle whose life seems to crawl away in the winter.

RAIN

Big Rain Coming by Katrina Germein. Illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft. Clarion, 2000. 0618093448. 32 p. Grades K-3. As one dry day follows another in the Australian outback, everyone and everything is waiting for the rain, which seems as though it will never come.

Big Wind Coming! by Karen English. Illustrated by Cedric Lucas. Albert Whitman, 1996. 0807507261. 32 p. Grades K-3. An African-American extended family wait out a fierce storm, wondering what will remain of their farms when the wind and rain stop.

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale by Verna Aardema. Grades K-3. This cumulative, rhyming tale tells how Ki-pat brings the rain to the drought-stricken African plain.

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss. Random House Children's Books, 1993. 0679863486. Grades K-3. One wet, rainy day, a boy and girl become bored while their mother is out. Suddenly, in bursts a large cat in a tall striped hat who creates mischief and mayhem.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judy Barrett. Illustrated by Ron Barrett. Fitzgerald Books, 1991. 1590545079. Grades K-3. 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.

Come a Tide by George Ella Lyon. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Orchard, 1990. 053108454X. 32 p. Grades K-3. A girl provides a lighthearted account of the spring flood that occurs after the four-day rainstorm in her family's rural Kentucky home.

Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse. Scholastic, 1999. 043906015X. Grades K-3. The children in a sun-parched urban neighborhood joyfully celebrate the coming rain after weeks of draught.

The Dingles by Helen Levchuk. Illustrated by John Bianchi. Groundwood Books, 1991. 0888990448. 24 p. Preschool–Grade 1. The Dingle is a haven for the cats and their owner until a wild storm turns their well-ordered existence topsy-turvy.

A Drop of Rain by Wong Herbert Yee. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. 0395715490. 32 p. Grades K-3. The Chinese family thinks that baby is crying, so they do everything they can think of to stop his crying. But it is not tears on the baby's cheeks—it is drops of rain.

Gugu's House by Catherine Stock. Clarion, 2001. 0618003894. 32 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Kukamba loves helping her grandmother decorate her mud home in a dusty Zimbabwe village, but when the annual rains partially destroy all her art work, Kukamba learns to see the goodness of the rains.

The Happy Rain by Jack Sendak. Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2004. 0060287853. 48 p. Grades K-3. This book, first published in 1956 is written by Maurice's brother. It rains day and night in the village of Troekan, but when it stops, the villagers are puzzled and dismayed.

A House by the River by William Miller. Lee and Low, 1997. 1880000482. 32 p. Grades K-3. Belinda, a young African-American girl and her mother, who live on a house boat on the river, sit out a terrible rain storm.

In the Rain with Baby Duck by Amy Hest. Preschool-K. A little duck hates going out in the rain until her grandmother gives her rubber boots and an umbrella.

It's Raining, It's Pouring by Andrea Spalding. Illustrated by Leslie Elizabeth Watts. Orca Book Publishers, 2002. 1551431866. 32 p. Preschool-K. Little Girl climbs a ladder and makes a journey to the clouds to give the giant "Old Man snoring" some old-fashioned cold care.

It's Raining, It's Pouring by Kin Eagle. Illustrated by Rob Gilbert. Charlesbridge, 1994. 1879085887. 32 p. Preschool. This expanded version of the traditional rhyme shows what happens to the old man in all kinds of weather. Includes music on the last page.

Listen to the Rain by Bill Martin and John Archambault. Illustrated by James Endicott. Holt, 1988. 0805006826. 32 p. Grades K-3. The beauty and mystery of the rain are evoked in this rhyming story about the rain illustrated with spare, haunting watercolors.

The Magic Bean Tree: A Legend from Argentina by Nancy Van Laan. Illustrated by Beatriz Vidal. Houghton, 1998. 0395827469. 32 p. Grades K-3. A young Quechuan boy sets out on his own to bring the rains back to his parched homeland and is rewarded by a gift of carob beans that come to be prized across Argentina.

Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car by John Burningham. HarperCollins, 1993. 069000799X. 32 p. Preschool–Grade K. Kind, patient Mr. Gumpy decides to go for a ride in the country, so the children and farm animals beg to go along. When the car gets stuck, they all have an excuse for not helping to push it out. They finally cooperate, get the car out of the mud and go for a pleasant swim.

Mushroom in the Rain by Mirra Ginsburg. Preschool-Grade 3. In this classic tale an assortment of forest animals crowd under a mushroom to get out of the rain.

Pete's A Pizza by William Steig. HarperCollins, 1998. 006205158X. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Pete is in a bad mood because it is raining, his father turns a rainy day into a pizza party by making Pete into a pizza. The boy is kneaded, tossed and covered with pretend toppings.

Rain by Manya Stojic. Random House, 2000. 0517800861. 32 p. Grades K-3. The animals of the African savanna use their senses to predict and then enjoy the rain in this satisfying, refreshing book illustrated with exuberant, colorful images.

The Rain Came Down by David Shannon. Scholastic, 2000. 0439050219. 32 p. Grades K-3. An unexpected rain shower causes quarreling among the members of a small community.

Rain Dance by Kathi Appelt. Illustrated by Emilie Chollat. Harper Festival, 2001. 0694012912. 24 p. Toddler-Preschool. Various animals do a rain dance.

Rain Makes Applesauce by Julian Scheer. Illustrated by Marvin Bileck. Holiday House, 1964. 0823400913. 36 p. Preschool-Grade 1. Detailed whimsical illustrations and silly rhyming statements describe the process of rain growing apple trees that ultimately produce applesauce. Children will enjoy chanting the refrain, "Rain makes applesauce. Oh, you're just talking silly talk."

Splosh! by Mick Inkpen. Paperback. Harcourt, 1999. 0152022996. 24 p. Preschool-K. After being in a rainstorm Kipper and his friends happily watch the sun appear in the sky.

The Storm Book by Charlotte Zolotow. Illustrated by Bloy Graham. HarperCollins, 1980. 006027025X. Preschool-Grade 3. The characteristics and impact of storms are lyrically explored.

Umbrella by Taro Yashima. Viking, 1958. 0670738581. 36 p. Preschool-K. A three-year-old Japanese-American girl is thrilled when it rains so she can use her new blue umbrella and red rubber boots. Children will enjoy chanting the refrain of the sounds of the rain falling on the umbrella.

RIVERS

Big Day on the River by Sarah Wilson. Illustrated by Randy Cecil. Henry Holt & Company, 2003. 0805067876. 32 p. Grades K–3. A little girl looks forward to her first solo raft ride on the river, but her well-meaning relatives don't want to leave her alone.

Canoe Days by Gary Paulsen. Grades K-3. A young boy floats down a river in his canoe on a lazy summer day.

Dot and Jabber and the Mystery of the Missing Stream by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Harcourt, 2002. 0152165126. 40 p. Grades K-3. Two mice investigate why the stream dried up after a storm.

The Floating House by Scott Russell Sanders. Grades K-3. This is a fictional account of a pioneer family's journey down the Ohio River in 1815.

Franklin's Canoe Trip by Paulette Bourgeois. Grades K-3. Franklin and Bear go on a canoe trip with their fathers like real explorers.

Go Home, River by James Magdanz. Illustrated by Dianne Widom. Alaska Northwest Books, 2002. 0882405683. 32 p. Grades K-3. A young Inupiat boy tells about his family's 1875 river journey to a trade fair. Set in Alaska, this story provides insight into the Inupiat's way of life and into the water cycle.

A House by the River by William Miller. Lee and Low, 1997. 1880000482. 32 p. Grades K-3. Belinda, a young African-American girl and her mother, who live on a house boat on the river, sit out a terrible rain storm.

Mississippi by Diane Siebert. Illustrated by Greg Harlin. HarperCollins, 2001. 0688164455. 40 p. Grades 3-5. With rolling cadences and stunning illustrations, Diane Siebert and Greg Harlin paint a portrait of a mighty river that is the lifeblood of a nation, flowing deep, strong, and free.

Mississippi Going North by Sanna Anderson Baker. Illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. DIANE Publishing Co., 2004. 0756777984. 27 p. Grades 1-5. Readers explore the geographical features and wildlife of the northern part of the Mississippi River on a canoe trip.

Monday on the Mississippi by Marilyn Singer. Henry Holt & Company, 2005. 080507208X. 32 p. Grades 1-4. The scenes along the Mississippi River are described over the course of a week, beginning in Minnesota when it is a tiny stream and going all the way to the gulf coast of Louisiana. Includes a section of historical information about the river.

On the River ABC by Caroline Stutson. Illustrated by Anna-Maria L Crum. Paperback. Roberts Rinehart, 1997. 1570981426. 32 p. Preschool-K. As an ant floats along on her unexpected journey downstream, she encounters the wildlife that inhabit the River ABC.

The Raft by Jim LaMarche. HarperCollins, 2000. 0688139779. 40 p. Grades 1-4. Nick is not happy about having to spend the summer with his Grandmother, but his attitude

changes when he finds a raft and the two of them share the joy of rafting down the river and watching the animals on the bank.

River by Debby Atwell. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. 0395935466. 32 p. Grades K-3. A river gradually becomes depleted through the centuries as more and more people use its resources to build cities, transport goods, and handle sewage. This book describes the changes that occur to the American river over time, and reader gets an antipollution lesson along the way.

The River by Nik Pollard. Roaring Brook Press, 2004. 0761328580. 32 p. Grades K–3. The sights and sounds of a river are described, from its source high in the mountains to the place where it meets the sea.

River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain by William Anderson. Illustrated by Dan Andreasen. HarperCollins Children's Book Group, 2003. 0060284005. 40 p. Grades 1-4. Historian William Anderson tells the colorful story of Samuel Clemens' life as he grows from a mischievous boy into the enterprising author.

A River Dream by Allen Say. Houghton, 1988. 0395482941. 32 p. Grades K-3. A little boy takes a fantasy trip up the river by his house to fly-fish with his uncle and learns that you don't need to kill fish to enjoy fishing.

Sailing with the Wind by Thomas Locker. McGraw-Hill, 1991. 0071585397. Beautiful paintings illustrate this story of a girl who sails down the river to the ocean and back with her favorite uncle.

Ste-e-e-e-eamboat A-Comin'! by Jill Esbaum. Illustrated by Adam Rex. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005. 0374372365. 40 p. Grades K-3. A village comes to life when a Mississippi River steamboat arrives and unloads its goods.

Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow, 1981. 0688843077. 32 p. Grades K-3. A little girl describes a canoe trip down a river with her cousins and their mother.

Willow on the River by Camilla Ashforth. Candlewick Press, 2002. 0763610887. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. After doing his chores around the farm, Willow sets off for a day of fun rowing, picnicking, and playing on the river.

SHARKS

The Great White Man-Eating Shark: A Cautionary Tale by Margaret Mahy. Fitzgerald Books, 2001. 1590540379. Grades K-3. This tongue-in-cheek tale is about Norvin, a crafty boy who looks like a shark. When he puts on a dorsal fin to scare the other swimmers out of the cove, he inadvertently attracts a real female shark.

Punia and the King of Sharks: A Hawaiian Folktale adapted by Lee Wardlaw. Dial, 1997. 0803716826. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this Hawaiian folktale, clever Punia, a fisherman's son, finds different ways to trick the King of Sharks and take his tasty lobsters from him.

Sam, Who Was Swallowed by a Shark by Phyllis Root. Grades K-3. Sam, a river rat, builds a seaworthy vessel and ventures out to the sea despite his neighbors warnings about sharks.

The Shark God by Rafe Martin. Illustrated by David Shannon. Levine, 2001. 0590395009. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this Hawaiian folktale the fearsome Shark God rescues a brother and sister from the cruel king's imprisonment because they had freed a shark caught in a net.

Shark-Mad Stanley by Andrew Griffin. Hyperion, 2000. 0786805943. 32 p. Preschool-K. Stanley, who loves sharks and knows all about them, fantasizes about having one for a pet and considers what he would need to feed and take care of it.

SHELLS AND SEASHORE LIFE

Famous Seaweed Soup by Antoinette Martin. Illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Whitman, 1996. 0807522643. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. In this twist on the "Little Red Hen" story, Sara has her family for help in making soup that includes snails, seashells, sand and seaweed.

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle. Preschool-K. When Hermit Crab outgrows his shell, he finds a new one, making friends in the process.

My Life with the Wave by Catherine Cowan. Grades K-3. This is a delightful tale of a boy and his pet wave.

One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey. Grades K-3. Sal, who was the little girl in *Blueberries for Sal*, is older now and very excited about her loose tooth. She and her father dig for clams then take the boat out, only to have the motor quit working. During the excitement, Sal loses her tooth.

Out of the Ocean by Debra Frasier. Harcourt, 1998. 0152588493. 40 p. Preschool–Grade 3. A young girl and her mother walk along the beach and marvel at the treasures cast up by the sea and the wonders of the world around them.

Sally and the Limpet by Simon James. McElderry, 1991. 0689505280. 32 p. Preschool-K. At the beach, Sally finds a shell that attaches itself to her.

Seaweed Soup by Stuart J. Murphy. Illustrated by Frank Remkkiewicz. HarperCollins, 2001. 0060280328. 40 p. Preschool-Grade 3. Turtle makes his slimy, smelly, green, gooey seaweed soup for his friends, but nobody wants to taste it.

Summer Sands by Sherry Garland. Illustrated by Robert J Lee. Harcourt, 1995. 0152824928. 32 p. Grades K-3. After a winter storm destroys the sand dunes that provide a home for plants and animals, a beach community bands together to restore the dunes.

The Tide by Nik Pollard. Roaring Brook Press, 2004. 0761315365. 32 p. Grades K-3. This book describes the sights and sounds at the seashore and the cyclical nature of the tides.

When the Tide Is Low by Sheila Cole. Illustrated by Virginia Wright-Frierson. HarperCollins, 1985. 0688140667. 32 p. Preschool-K. A little girl and her mother talk about all the things they will do at the beach, when the tide is low.

SWAMPS

An Alligator Ate My Brother by Mary Olson. Illustrated by Tammie Speer Lyon. Boyds Mills, 2000. 1563978032. 32 p. Grades K-3. Paul cannot convince his parents that an alligator has just eaten his baby brother.

Alligator Sue by Sharon Doucet. Illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. 0374302189. 40 p. Grades K-4. After being separated from her parents by a hurricane on the bayou, a young girl is raised by an alligator and later must discover who she really is.

An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni. Paperback. Random House, 1998. 0679893857. 32 p. Preschool. Three frogs find what they think is a chicken egg, but a baby alligator hatches from it.

Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale by Candace Fleming. Illustrated by Sally Anne Lambert. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. 0374380503. 32 p. Grades K-3. A hungry alligator, slow with age, hopes to catch some good meat to add to his spicy gumbo.

Gilbert de la Frogponde: A Swamp Story by Jennifer Rae. Illustrated by Rose Cowles. Peachtree Publishers, Limited, 1997. 1561451630. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Gilbert is caught by two gourmet chefs in search of dinner, he must guarantee his survival by convincing the culinary masters that bugs, not frogs, are all the rage in the chic-est culinary circles.

Good Morning Miss Gator by Robert Kraus. Silver Burdett Press, 1989. 0671686097. 48 p. Preschool–Grade 3. Every day Miss Gator goes to the one-room schoolhouse where she teaches the young animals many useful things.

It's Mine! by Leo Lionni. Preschool-K. This classic tale is about three childlike frogs that learn a valuable lesson about cooperation.

Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan. Preschool-K. This cumulative, repetitive story shows what happens when a frog tries to catch a fly without getting caught itself.

Keeper of the Swamp by Ann Garrett. Grades 1-4. The knowledge of the ways of the Louisiana swamp and how it can be kept undamaged is a boy's heritage from his dying grandfather.

Mama Don't Allow by Thacher Hurd. Preschool-Grade 2. The Swamp Band finds that the only audience that likes them is the alligators, but little does the band know what the alligators have planned at the end of the night.

Moon's Cloud Blanket by Rose Anne St. Romain. Pelican Press, 2003. 1565549228. In this Native American tale from Louisiana, a rain storm causes a flood in the swamp. The mother and her children cling to a cypress tree for safety. When the mother beseeches the moon to help them, the moon weaves a blanket of clouds to protect them. This was the origin of Spanish Moss.

Over the Steamy Swamp by Paul Geraghty. Harcourt Children's Books, 1989. 0152005617. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 1. A hungry mosquito starts a food chain in a steamy swamp as each hungry animal preys and is preyed upon.

Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood by Mike Artell. Illustrated by Jim Harris. Dial Books, 2001. 0803725140. 32 p. Grades K-4. In this Cajun version of "Little Red Riding Hood," the big bad gator is no match for a sharp young duck and her quick-thinking cat. Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Book 2004.

Too Big to Dance by Doug Anderson. Illustrated by Sara Anderson. Handprint Books, 2004. 1593540469. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. Cecil the alligator, Woo the armadillo, and Eloise the zebra attend a dance deep in the bayou, but when Eloise can't fit through the door of the dance hall, all of the animals join her to dance outside.

SWIM and WADE

Albie the Lifeguard by Louise Borden. Scholastic, 1993. 0590445855. 32 p. Grades K-3. Albie fantasizes about being a lifeguard and learns to swim the whole length of the pool.

Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear by Nancy Carlstrom. Illustrated by Bruce Degen. Macmillan, 1988. 0758720831. Preschool. Jesse loves water—in the sink, in the fish tank, from the hose and everywhere he finds it. His parents finally let him get wet—in a wading pool.

The Deep by Tim Winton. Illustrated by Karen Louise. Tricycle Press, 2004. 1582460248. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. Alice overcomes her fear of swimming in the deep ocean with the aid of playful dolphins.

Froggy Learns to Swim by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Viking, 1995. 0670855510. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 2. After his mother teaches him to swim and he learns to use flippers and a snorkel, Froggy doesn't want to leave the water.

Get Set! Swim! by Jeannine Atkins. Illustrated by Hector Viveros Lee. Lee and Low, 1998. 1880000660. 32 p. Grades K-3. A young Puerto Rican girl is excited and worried about her first swim meet away from home.

Maisy Goes Swimming by Lucy Cousins. Little, 1990. 0316158348. 16 p. Preschool. Maisy, a mouse, goes to a swimming pool in this book that contains many flaps and tabs.

Sidney Won't Swim by Hilde Schuurmans. Charlesbridge, 2001. 1570914761. 32 p. Grades K-3. Sidney says that swimming is dumb to disguise the fact that he is afraid, but with the help of his friends and an understanding instructor, he learns that swimming can be fun.

Tuck in the Pool by Martha Weston. Preschool-K. Tuck the pig learns to swim.

TREASURE HUNT

20,000 Baseball Cards Under the Sea by Jon Buller. Random House, 1991. 0679815694. 48 p. Grades 2-4. Roger's friend Kenneth uses an unusual sea vehicle to take them to an underwater cave, where a cache of old loot gathered by the mermaids turns out to contain a lot of valuable old baseball cards.

Benjamin's Treasure by Garth Williams. Illustrated by Rosemary Wells. HarperCollins, 2001. 0060287411. 32 p. Grades K-3. When Benjamin, a rabbit, is shipwrecked on a deserted island, he finds a treasure chest but realizes his greatest treasure is his wife back home.

The Seven Treasure Hunts by Betsy Byars. Illustrated by Jennifer Barrett. HarperCollins, 1992. 0064404358. 80 p. Grades 2-5. This amusing short chapter book about Jackson and his friend Goat, who devise treasure hunts for each other, weaves lessons in logic, family interactions and creative play into a fun story with comical drawings.

The Treasure by Uri Shulevitz. Farrar, 1986. 0374479550. 32 p. Grades K-3. In this retelling of a traditional English tale, a poor man follows the advice of his dream, searches for treasure and discovers that the most valuable things in life are usually found at home.

Treasure Chest translated by Rosemary Lanning. Illustrated by Dominique Falda. North-South Books, 1999. 0735810494. 32 p. Grades K-3. Squirrel digs up a treasure chest, and all the other animals fear he will forget them when the buried treasure makes him rich.

Treasure Hunt by Allen Ahlberg. Illustrated by Gilian Tyler. Candlewick, 2002. 0761615420. 24 p. Preschool-K. After her parents treat Tilly to a treasure hunt, they all play hide-and-seek.

WHALES

Baby Beluga by Raffi. Preschool-K. This charming lullaby is about a little white whale on the go.

Burt Dow, Deep-Water Man by Robert McCloskey. Grades K-3. The humorous tale of an old Maine fisherman who caught a whale by the tail and used a multicolored Band-Aid to cover the hole.

Dear Mr. Blueberry by Simon James. McElderry, 1991. 0689505299. 32 p. Grades K-3. A young girl and her teacher write letters to each other about the whale that the girl has discovered in her pond.

Going on a Whale Watch by Bruce McMillan. Scholastic, 1993. 0590728261. Preschool-K. Readers go on a whale watch with 2 children who are watching the whales.

If You Ever Meet a Whale: Poems Selected by Myra Livingston. Illustrated by Leonard Everett Fisher. Holiday House, 1992. 0823409406. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 3. This is a collection of 17 whale poems with full-color paintings.

I Wonder If I'll See a Whale by Frances Weller. Grades K-3. Aboard a whale-watching boat, a girl sees humpback whales. Factual information is included.

Mabel the Whale by Margaret Hillert. Preschool–Grade 2. Mabel the whale is taken from the ocean to live in Marineland, but it takes some time before Mabel is happy in her new home.

My Friend Whale by Simon James. Candlewick, 2004. 0763623105. 32 p. Grades K-3. A child's enjoyment of a whale in the sea near his home ceases when the whale is suddenly never seen again. A final page emphasizes the necessity of preserving whales.

An Ocean World by Peter Sis. HarperCollins, 2000. 068817518X. 24 p. Grades K-3. A whale, who grew up in an aquarium, is going to be returned to the sea. Will she be able to find a friend in the great vastness of the ocean?

Peg and the Whale by Kenneth Oppel. Illustrated by Terry Widener. Simon & Schuster, 2000. 0689824238. 40 p. Grades K-3. In this humorous nautical tall tale Peg a feisty, independent seven-year-old, joins the crew of a whaling ship and is swallowed by a whale.

Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister. North-South, 1998. 0735810095. 32 p. Preschool-Grade 1. When a big blue whale comes to live near their reef, there is a misunderstanding between him and Rainbow Fish and his friends that leaves everyone very unhappy and hungry.

Shh! The Whale is Smiling! By Josephine Nobisso. Preschool-K. A bedtime tale in the dark evokes the wonder of the whale as it swims, smiles, and sings.

A Symphony of Whales by Steve Schuch. Illustrated by Peter Sylvada. Harcourt, 1999. 0152016708. 32 p. Grades 1-4. Based on an actual event, this is the story of a young Siberian girl named Glashka, whose ability to reproduce the song of the whales helps save a group of Beluga whales trapped in a bay that is rapidly icing over.

The Whales by Cynthia Rylant. Blue Sky Press, 1996. 0590582852. 40 p. Grades K-3. The behavior and thoughts of whales are depicted in words and illustrations.

The Whale's Song by Dyan Sheldon. Grades K-3. Enthralled by her grandmother's story of seeing and hearing whales singing in the sea long ago, Lily hopes to see them herself and to hear their mysterious songs.

Winter Whale (Just for a Day series) by Joanne Ryder. Grades K-3. A young boy, running along the seashore in Hawaii, is transformed into a whale. The poetic prose describes the activities of whales and includes particularly interesting information about the vocalizations of the male whales.