Classic Choices for First-Third Graders

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No good, Very Bad Day-Judith Viorst
Blueberries for Sal-Robert McCloskey
Bread and Jam for Frances-Russell Hoban
Caps for Sale: A tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and their Monkey Business-Esphyr Slobodkina
The Carrot Seed-Ruth Kraus
A Chair for My Mother-Vera B. Williams
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom-Bill Martin
Corduroy-Don Freeman
Curious George-H.A. Rey
The Day Jimmy’s boa ate the Wash-Trinka Hakes Noble
Doctor DeSoto-William Steig
Farmer Duck-Martin Waddell
The Fortune Tellers-Lloyd Alexander
Freight Train-Donald Crews
Good Night, Gorilla-Peggy Rathman
Good Night, Moon-Margaret Wise Brown
Grandfather’s Journey-Allen Say
Happy Birthday, Moon-Frank Asch
Harry the Dirty Dog-Gene Zion
Horton Hatches the Egg- Theodore Seuss Geisel
If You Give a Moose a Muffin-Laura Numeroff
John Henry-Julius Lester
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie-Peter Roop
Leo the Late Bloomer-Robert Kraus
The Little Old Lady who was not Afraid of Anything-Linda Williams
The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge-Hildegarde Hoyt Swift
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile-Bernard Waber
Madeline-Ludwig Bemelmans
Make Way for Ducklings-Robert McCloskey
Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel-Virginia Lee Burton
Miss Nelson is Missing-Harry Allard
Mr. Gumpy’s Outing-John Burningham
The Monkey and the Crocodile-Paul Galdone
The Napping House-Audrey Wood
Officer Buckle and Gloria-Peggy Rathman
Owen-Kevin Henkes
Papa, Please get the Moon for Me-Eric Carle
The Polar Express-Chris Van Allsburg
Pumpkin Moonshine-Tasha Tudor
The Rainbow Fish-Marcus Pfister
The Random House Book of Mother Goose-Arnold Lobel
Rosie’s Walk-Pat Hutchins
Round Trip-Ann Jonas
The Runaway Bunny-Margaret Wise Brown
Seven Blind Mice-Ed Young
The Teacher from the Black Lagoon-Mike Thaler
The Snowy Day-Ezra Jack Keats
The Story of Babar-Jean De Brunhoff
The Story of Ferdinand-Munro Leaf
Strega Nona-Tomie DePaola
Swamp Angel-Anne Isaacs
Swimmy-Leo Lionni
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble-William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit-Beatrix Potter
Ten, Nine, Eight-Molly Bang
There’s a Nightmare in my Closet-Mercer Mayer
Tikki Tikki Tembo-Arlene Mosel
Tuesday-David Wesiner
The Very Hungry Caterpillar-Eric Carle
We’re Going on a Bear Hunt-Michael Rosen
The Wheels on the Bus-Paul Zelinsky
When I was Young in the Mountains-Cynthia Rylant
Where the Wild Things Are-Maurice Sendak
Whistle for Willie-Ezra Jack Keats
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears-Verna Aardema

Classic Choices for Third and Fourth Graders
Aliens for Breakfast-Jonathan Etra
Amber Brown series-Paula Danziger
Anastasia Krupnik-Lois Lowry
Attaboy, Sam!-Lois Lowry
Cam Jansen-David Adler
Centerfield Ballhawk-Matt Christopher
Charlotte’s Web-E.B. White
The Chronicles of Narnia-C.S. Lewis
The Cricket in Times Square-George Selden
Freckle Juice-Judy Blume
The Friendship-Mildred Taylor
Goosebumps series-R.L. Stine
Henry Huggins-Beverly Cleary
History Mysteries series-Various authors
The Indian in the Cupboard-Lynn Reid Banks
James and the Giant Peach-Roald Dahl
Junie B. Jones series-Barbara Park
The Little House series-Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ramona Forever-Beverly Cleary
The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales-Jon Scieszka
Train to Somewhere-Eve Bunting
Your Mother was a Neanderthal-Jon Scieszka
Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbot