PICTURE BOOKS

**Life on Mars** by Jon Agee
A young astronaut is trying to find life on Mars, but he's made a very big oversight. | ALA | Lexile: 470

**Mae Among the Stars** by Roda Ahmed
When young Mae Jemison is asked by her teacher what she wants to be when she grows up, African American Mae tells her mostly white classmates that she wants to be an astronaut, a dream that her parents wholeheartedly support. | NSTA | Lexile: 580

**The Moon Over Star** by Dianna Hutts Aston
On her family's farm in the town of Star, eight-year-old Mae eagerly follows the progress of the 1969 Apollo 11 flight and moon landing and dreams that she might one day be an astronaut, too. | ALA

**Tiny Little Rocket** by Richard Collingridge
A little rocket takes its yearly trip through outer space. | Lexile: 620

**How to Bicycle to the Moon to Plant Sunflowers** by Mordicai Gerstein
Too busy with school, soccer, and other activities, a young boy who wants to cheer up the sad, lonely moon presents the reader with a step-by-step plan for becoming the first human to bicycle to the moon. | Lexile: 690

**Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes
When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it. | ALA | Lexile: 450

**A Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin
Reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a Big Moon Cookie and, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night. | ALA

The Moon is Going to Addy's House by Ida Pearle
The moon follows Addy all over the city before finally settling in at her house for bedtime. | ALA | Lexile: 260

**Best Frints in the Whole Universe** by Antoinette Portis
Yelfred and Omek of planet Boborp are best frints, even when they have disagreements. | ALA

**Out There** by Tom Sullivan
Two children looking up at the night sky wonder what kind of creatures and planets exist in other parts of the universe.

**Many Moons** by James Thurber
Though many try, only the court jester is able to fulfill Princess Lenore's one wish. | ALA | Lexile: 700

EARLY READERS

**Fly Guy and the Alienzz** by Tedd Arnold
Buzz is filming a movie about aliens from Outer Space, who capture Fly Guy and Buzz Boy—and our two heroes must outsmart the aliens, with some help from Dragon Dude and Fly Girl. | Lexile: 530

**Go, Otto, Go!** by David Milgrim
Otto the robot builds a spaceship to take him home. | ALA | Lexile: 80

GRAPHIC NOVELS

**CatStronauts #1: Mission Moon** by Drew Brockington
Alerted to a global energy crisis, the President consults with the World's Best Scientist, who suggests sending a special group of astronauts to turn the Moon into a solar power plant. | Lexile: 410

**The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza** by James Kochalka
No mission is too small for an inept intergalactic hero and his talking backpack. | ILA | Lexile: 430

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NONFICTION

**The Stuff of Stars** by Marion Dane Bauer
Describes the void that existed before the Big Bang generated life throughout the galaxy, making it possible for wondrous human children to evolve. | ALA

**One Giant Leap** by Robert Burleigh
Commemorating the 40th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon, this book is a tribute that transports readers to the stars, where they will experience the moon landing just as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin did. | NCTE, NSTA | Lexile: 470

**A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars** by Seth Fishman
A look at the numbers that surround us, big and small, on earth and in outer space. | NCTM

**Earthrise: Apollo 8 and the Photo That Changed the World** by James Gladstone
Describes the story behind the famous "Earthrise" photograph taken from the Apollo 8 mission in 1968, detailing how the photograph had a galvanizing effect on a world of unrest. | Lexile: 590

**ABCs From Space** by Adam Voiland
An alphabet book of photographs of Earth taken from outer space that look like each letter. | NSTA | Lexile: NP

**Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13** by Helaine Becker
An introduction to the boundary-breaking mathematician, Katherine Johnson, reveals how her love of mathematics started at a young age led her to a job at NASA where she calculated the course of moon landings and helped save the Apollo 13 mission. | ALA, NCTM, NSTA | Lexile: 710

**My Journey to the Stars** by Scott Kelly
A picture book memoir about NASA astronaut Scott Kelly takes readers on a journey through his childhood as an average student to his record-breaking year among the stars. | NSTA | Lexile: 680

**Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Universe** by Stephanie Roth Sisson
A biography of Carl Sagan focusing on his childhood and culminating in the Voyager mission and the Golden Record. | ALA, NCTE, NSTA, Nutmeg 2017 | Lexile: 760

**Caroline's Comets: A True Story** by Emily Arnold McCully
Caroline Herschel was the first woman to discover a comet and the first woman to be paid as a scientist. | NCSS, NSTA | Lexile: 800

**Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race** by Margot Lee Shetterly
A picture book adaptation of the story of four mathematicians who were pivotal to the success of America's space program. It describes how they overcame the limitations imposed on black women in the segregated 1960s. | ALA, NCSS, NSTA | Lexile: 980

**When Sparks Fly: The True Story of Robert Goddard, the Father of US Rocketry** by Kristen Fulton
Presents the life and accomplishments of the American scientist, describing his quest to discover the basic principles of rocketry, his successful invention of the first rockets in the 1920s, and his influence on the American space program. | NSTA | Lexile: 690

BIOGRAPHY

**Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing** by Dean Robbins
An introduction to the woman mathematician who saved the first lunar landing describes her childhood love of numbers that led to her education and contributions at NASA. It explains how her handwritten codes proved essential throughout numerous space missions. | NCSS, NSTA | Lexile: 630

*Many of the listed books were selected as exemplary books by one or more of the following organizations: the American Library Association (ALA), the International Literacy Association (ILA), the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) or the United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY). Other awards as noted.*
**The Wall in the Middle of the Book** by Jon Agee
A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening. | **ALA, NCSS** | Lexile: 390

**Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed. | **ALA** | Lexile: 450

**The Skunk** by Mac Barnett
A man is followed by a skunk all day until the tables turn. | **ALA** | Lexile: 390

**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett
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. | **ALA** | Lexile: 730

**Hello Lighthouse** by Sophie Blackall
Explores the life of one lighthouse as it beams its message out to sea through shifting seasons, changeable weather, and the tenure of its final keeper. | **ALA** | Lexile: 510

**Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air. | **ALA** | Lexile: 360

**Mr. Tiger Goes Wild** by Peter Brown
Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature. | **ALA** | Lexile: 170

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Eric Carle
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them. | **Lexile**: 200

**Gravity** by Jason Chin
Introduces the scientific principles of gravity using researched, simple explanations of its essential role in the universe. | **Lexile**: 300

**Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. | **ALA** | Lexile: 160

**Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita** by Angela Dominguez
In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, set in Peru, Maria takes her llama to school one day. | **ALA** | Lexile: 380

**Abuela** by Arthur Dorros
While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. | **ALA** | Lexile: 510

**Millions of Cats** by Wanda Gág
How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions? | **Lexile**: 730

**Honey I Love: and Other Love Poems** by Eloise Greenfield
Titles include "I Look Pretty," "Fun," "Riding on the Train," "Harriet Tubman," and "By Myself." | **Lexile**: NP

**All Different Now** by Angela Johnson
In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth. | **NCSS** | Lexile: 830

**Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson
Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon. | **Lexile**: 490

**Drawn Together** by Minh Le
A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy. | **ALA, NCTE**
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**Summer Reading**

**New Favorites & Classics**

For Kindergarten to Grade 2

**George and Martha** by James Marshall
Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. | ALA | Lexile: 500

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. | ALA | Lexile: 530

**Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. | ALA | Lexile: 710

**A Different Pond** by Bao Phi
Bao Phi and his father wake up early in the morning to fish for food on the shores of a small pond in Minneapolis and Bao's father tells him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam. | ALA, NCSS | Lexile: 620

**The Tortoise & the Hare** by Jerry Pinkney
Illustrations and minimal text relate the familiar fable of the race between a slow tortoise and a quick but foolish hare. | ALA, IRA

**Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann
An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo. | Lexile: 50

**School's First Day of School** by Adam Rex
Everyone's a little nervous on the first day of school, including the school building. | ALA | Lexile: 580

**Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures** by Cynthia Rylant
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. | Lexile: 460

**After the Fall** by Dan Santat
After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds. | Lexile: 550

**The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka
The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. | ALA | Lexile: 510

**Baby Monkey, Private Eye** by Brian Selznick
Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries—if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on. | ALA, NCTE | Lexile: 210

**Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. | Lexile: 480

**The Princess and the Warrior** by Duncan Tonatiuh
When the warrior Popoca returns to find his love, the princess Izta, deep asleep and unable to be awoken, he stays by her side just as he promised. | ALA | Lexile: 770

**Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place. | ALA | Lexile: 280

**Lillian's Right to Vote** by Jonah Winter & Shane W. Evans
As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right—and determination—to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote. | ALA, NCSS | Lexile: 1030