

Title I Book List

This month's booklist features favorite titles from the D.E.A.R. website. National Drop Everything and Read Day is a great way to remind families to read together. Make reading everyday a part of your family's regular routine. This booklist is a great way to start!

Title	Infants to Preschool	Author
Bebe Goes Shopping		Susan Middleton Elya
A quick trip to the <i>supermercado</i> ? Not with Bebe in the shopping cart. Snatching the grocery list and picking out chocolate-covered pickles, he's not being very helpful. Just as Mama is ready to throw up her <i>manos</i> , she gives sweet Bebe a box of animal cookies. A <i>dulce</i> at last! He finds a camel, nibbles on a giraffe . . . eats an <i>oso</i> . Then they're off to the checkout line, smiling all the way.		
Jazz Baby		Lisa Wheeler
With a simple clap of hands, an itty-bitty beboppin' baby gets his whole family singing and dancing. Sister's hands snap. Granny sings scat. Uncle soft-shoes--and Baby keeps the groove. Things start to wind down when Mama and Daddy sing blues so sweet. Now a perfectly drowsy baby sleeps deep, deep, deep.		
Peekaboo Morning		Rachel Isadora
A toddler plays a game of peekaboo, and you're invited to play too. First there's Mommy to find, with Daddy not far behind. Then Puppy comes peeking around the corner, and a favorite toy train brings the toddler to Grandma and Grandpa. Join this sweet toddler in the morning fun, sharing words your baby can repeat and pictures your baby will recognize. Then find out what this toddler sees next. It could be you!		
Hands Can		Cheryl Willis
For the very young, hands are a never-ending source of discovery and a means of mastery in an ever-unfolding world. With singsong rhythm, simple design, and alluring color photos of toddlers, HANDS CAN invites the littlest readers to discover the many things hands can do.		
Bee-bim bop!		Linda Sue Park
Bee-bim bop (the name translates as <i>õmix-mix riceõ</i>) is a traditional Korean dish of rice topped, and then mixed, with meat and vegetables. In bouncy rhyming text, a hungry child tells about helping her mother make bee-bim bop: shopping, preparing ingredients, setting the table, and finally sitting down with her family to enjoy a favorite meal.		
Title	Grades K-2	Author
The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County		Janice N. Harrington
A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.		
Little Mama Forgets		Robin Cruise
Although her Mexican-American grandmother now forgets many things, Luciana finds that she still remembers the things that are important to the two of them. Includes glossary of Spanish words used.		
Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach		Carmen Agra Deedy
In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.		
My Father's Shop		Satomi Ichikawa
There is a rug in his father's shop that Mustafa loves. (It has a hole in it, so you can put it over your head and still see out.) No one else wants the rug, though lots of tourists visit the shop. His father always welcomes them "Bienvenue" and offers them tea "O cha wa ikaga desu ka?" Mustafa's father would like him to know some words in other languages too, and he tells Mustafa that he may have the rug if he agrees to learn. But after the first lesson, Mustafa is so bored he runs out of the shop (with the carpet on his head). Ending up at the market, he finds a very different way of learning foreign languages....and of getting tourists to visit his father's shop.		
Oscar's Half Birthday		Bob Graham
Baby Oscar's half birthday is full cause for celebration in this amusing tale of an urban family outing. Oscar is six months old today, but the truth is that no one can wait for his whole birthday. So there's nothing else for Mom and Dad to do but pack some sandwiches, park Oscar in his stroller, and take older sister Millie's handmade fairy wings attached to the "half country" of their urban park for a half-birthday party.		

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Indian Shoes	Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds creative and amusing solutions to life's challenges. This is a collection of warm and witty stories about the relationship between a contemporary Seminole-Cherokee boy and his traditional Oklahoma grandfather.	Cynthia Leitich Smith
Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything	After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.	Lenore Look
Rules	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.	Cynthia Lord
Younguncle Comes to Town	In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father's youngest brother, Younguncle, who is said to be somewhat eccentric.	Vandana Singh
Everything on a Waffle	Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.	Polly Horvath
Esperanza Rising	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.	Pam Munoz Ryan
Title	Grades 6 & Up	Author
Ask Me No Questions	Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family.	Marina Bud
Elijah of Buxton	In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.	Christopher Paul Curtis
If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period	Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate, even as they are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves.	Gennifer Choldenko
Weedflower	After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.	Cynthia Kadohata
The Wednesday Wars	During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.	Gary D. Schmidt

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