

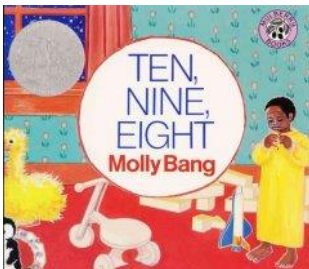
Storytime Classics

books selected by Kathy Stewart

Storytime is a wonderful opportunity for children to hear stories that will enrich their lives.

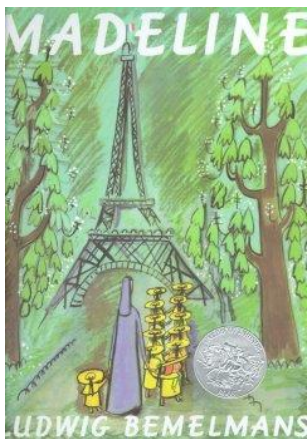
These stories have endured for many years, involving both familiar themes such as daily life within the context of families and larger themes such as love.

Try these classics with a range of age levels, from 'just-turned two' toddlers to four-year-olds.



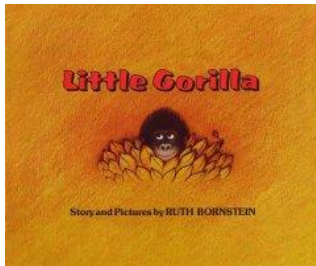
Bang, Molly. *Ten, Nine, Eight*, 1983.

A quiet, lovely bedtime counting down -- from ten to one.



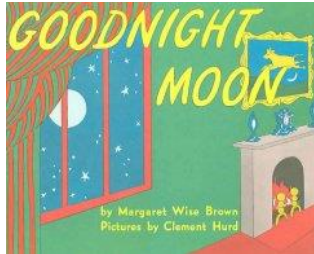
Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*, 1939.

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.



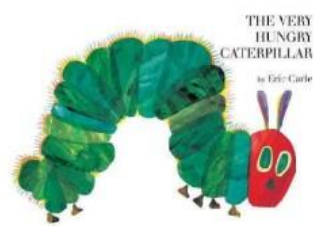
Bornstein, Ruth. *Little Gorilla*, 1976.

An ideal story for the very young, in which Little Gorilla's family and friends try to help him overcome his special growing pains.



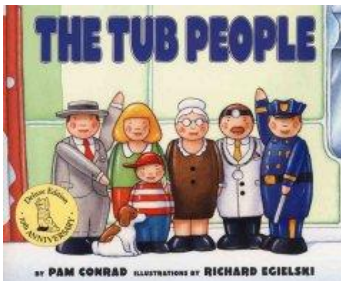
Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon*, 1947.

A little bunny bids goodnight to all the objects in his room before falling asleep. Try this lovely read-aloud at a bedtime-themed storytime.



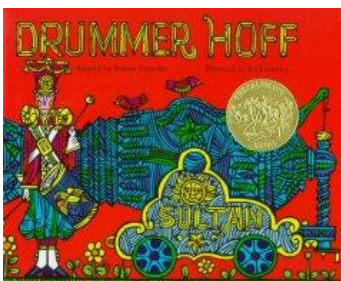
Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, 1969.

A hungry little caterpillar progressively eats his way through a varied quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.



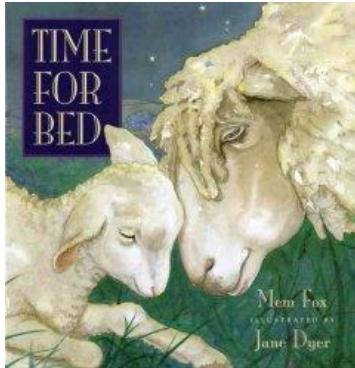
Conrad, Pam. *The Tub People*, 1989.

A bath-time tale featuring a family of wooden toys that will be sure to fascinate young listeners.



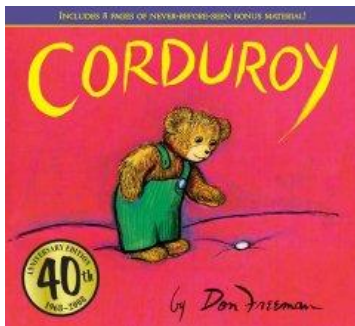
Emberley, Barbara. *Drummer Hoff*, 1967.

An exuberant, brightly colored cumulative folk song in which seven soldiers build a magnificent cannon, but Drummer Hoff fires it off.



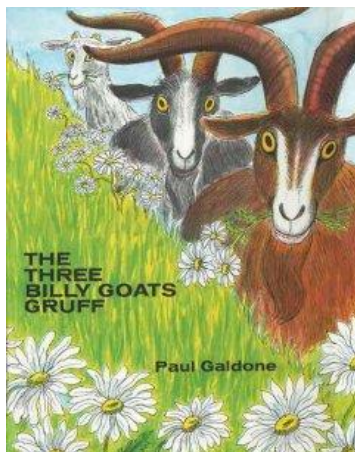
Fox, Mem. *Time for Bed*, 1993.

As darkness falls various animal parents get their children ready for sleep in this sweetly lulling story.



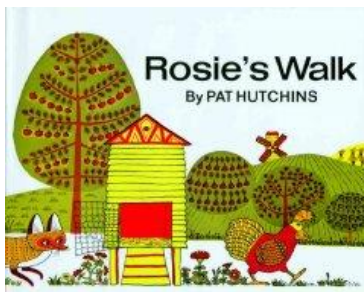
Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*, 1968.

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.



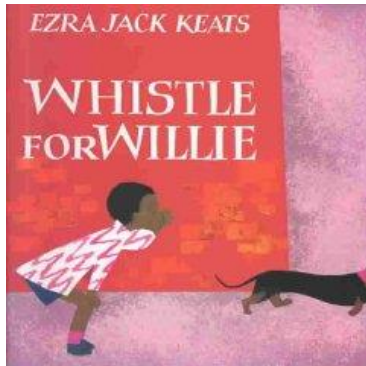
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, 1973.

Three clever billy goats outwit a big ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain. Children will enjoy chanting, "trip trap" along with the reader.



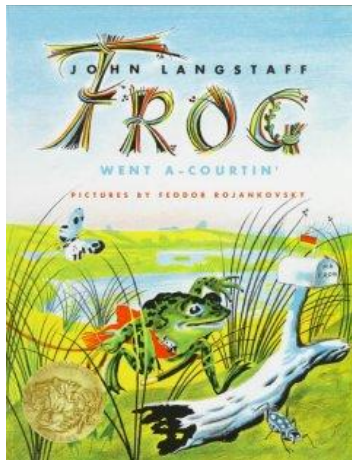
Hutchins, Pat. *Rosie's Walk*, 1968.

A hen unwittingly leads a fox into one disaster after another before arriving safely home from her walk.



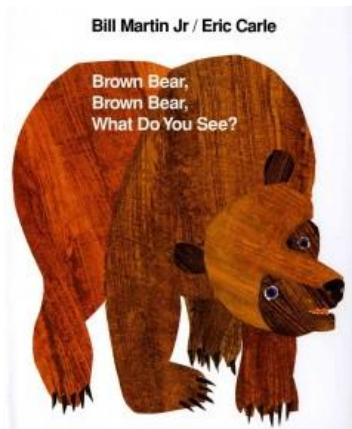
Keats, Ezra Jack. *Whistle for Willie*, 1964.

Perfectly capturing a childhood longing, this story about a little boy who wishes so much that he could whistle glows with vivid, arresting art.



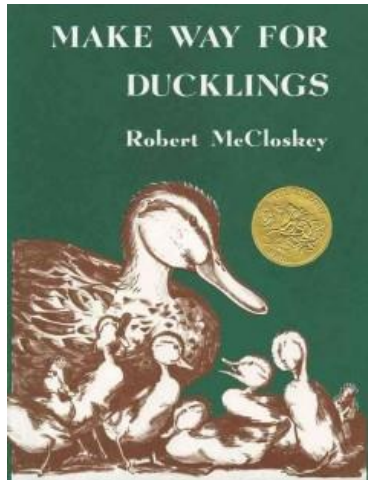
Langstaff, John M. *Frog Went a-courtin'*, 1955.

The classic story of a frog who courted a mouse. Music is included; the story is fun to sing in storytime.



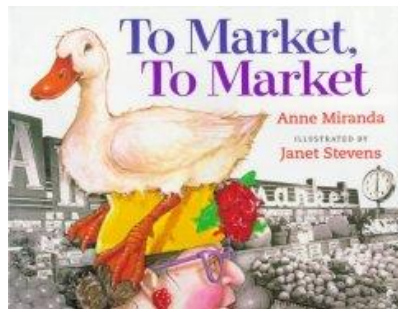
Martin, Bill. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* 1967.

Children will enjoy the rhythm and language repetition in the story as they see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.



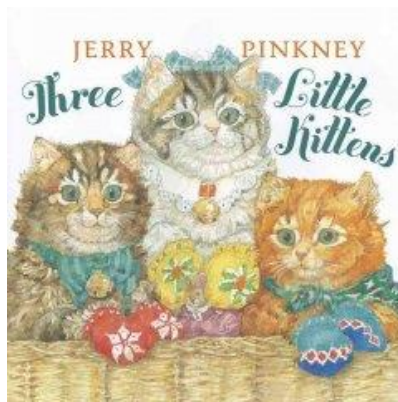
McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. Children will enjoy hearing about author/illustrator McCloskey's bringing ducks home to his studio to draw them.



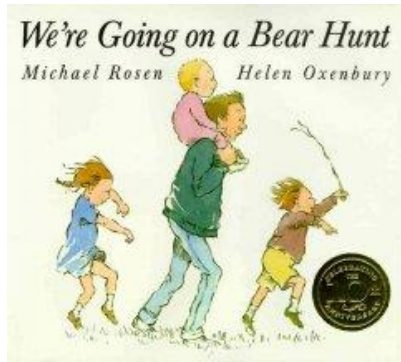
Miranda, Anne. *To Market, to Market*, 1997.

Beginning with the nursery rhyme about buying a fat pig at market, this rollicking read-aloud features a series of unruly animals that run amok, evading capture and preventing the narrator from cooking lunch. Finally the animals "help" shop for and prepare a pot of vegetable soup.



Pinkney, Jerry. *The Three Little Kittens*, 2010.

Jerry Pinkney's iconic art shines in this classic tale of three youngsters who are careless with their mittens, but who turn out to be good little kittens after all.



Rosen, Michael. *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, 1989.

Children won't be able to resist chiming in as brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

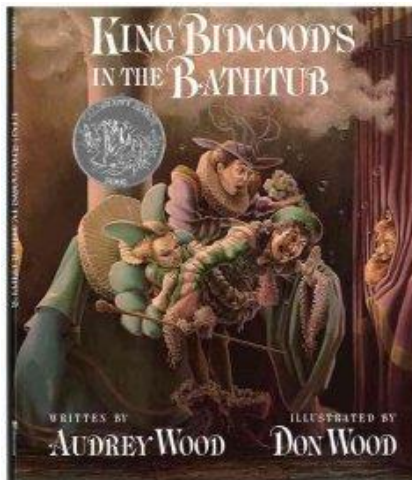
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things are*, 1963.

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king. The double-page spread of the wild things is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.



Wood, Audrey. *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*, 1985.

Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom. Rhythm makes it a natural for reading aloud.

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