

November 2025 Children's Museum Houston Reading List

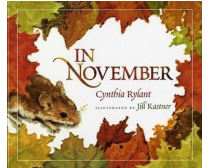


***Thank you, Omu!* by Oge Mora (2018) Ages: 3-6 years**

Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

***In November* by Cynthia Rylant (2000) Ages: 3-8 years**

In November, the air grows cold and the earth and all of its creatures prepare for winter. Animals seek food and shelter. And people gather together to celebrate their blessings with family and friends.



Bear Says Thanks

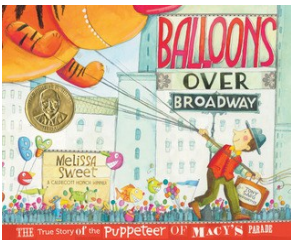
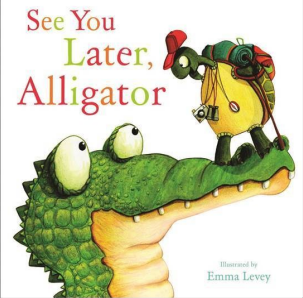


***Bear Says Thanks* by Karma Wilson (2012) Ages: 2-5 years**

What better way for Bear to say thanks, than to have a big dinner with all his friends! Bear has come up with the perfect way to say thanks—a nice big dinner! When Bear decides to throw a feast, his friends show up one by one with different platters of delicious food to share. There's just one Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do?

***See You Later, Alligator* by Sally Hopgood (2016) Ages: 2-4 years**

A departing tortoise has his bags packed and is almost ready to set out on an adventure, but he can't leave until he says good-bye to each of his animal friends. The tortoise stops for every last timid mouse and bumblebee, shouting his rhyming good-byes, making you wonder if, perhaps, he's stalling the start of his trip. His animal friends appear startled as he suddenly pops up on each page to say adieu—especially the perplexed rhinoceros the tortoise mistakes for a unicorn! With each farewell, the tortoise's good-byes get sillier and more creative. When will the good-byes end and the adventure begin?

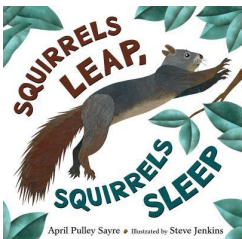
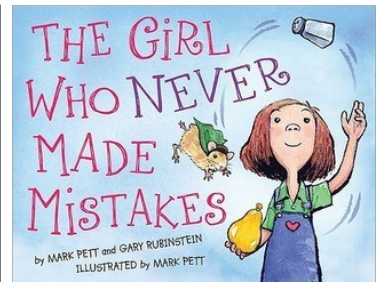


***Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet (2011) Ages: 5-8 years**

Meet the master puppeteer who invented the first balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Melissa Sweet brings to life the inspirational story of the puppeteer who invented the giant balloons floating in the sky during the annual parade celebrating Thanksgiving. The Caldecott Honor artist brilliantly captures the essence of Tony Sarg, a self-taught immigrant with a fascinating imagination.

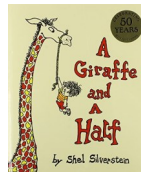
***The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* by Mark Pett (2011) Ages: 5-8 years**

Meet Beatrice Bottomwell, a nine-year-old girl who has never (not once!) made a mistake. She never forgets her math homework, never wears mismatched socks, and always wins her school's annual talent show. In fact, Beatrice holds the record of perfection in her hometown, where she is known as "The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes." Life for Beatrice is sailing along pretty smoothly until she does the unthinkable: She makes her first mistake—and in a very public way!



***Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep* by April Pulley Sayre (2016) Ages: 4-8 years**

Squirrels wrestle. Squirrels leap. Squirrels climb. Squirrels sleep. If you followed a squirrel for a day, what would you see? Climbing branches, storing seeds, making homes in tree holes, and maybe even flying! Acclaimed nature writer April Pulley Sayre's lyrical text, paired with Steve Jenkins's stunning art, offers a glimpse into this fascinating world. Discover different kinds of squirrels as they scamper, eat, and—finally—sleep.



***A Giraffe and a Half* by Shel Silverstein (1964) Ages: 2-7 years**

If you had a giraffe and he stretched another half, you would have a giraffe and a half. But what happens if you glue a rose to the tip of his nose? Or if you used a chair to comb his hair? Join this giraffe on a rollicking and ridiculous journey that will charm readers from beginning to end.

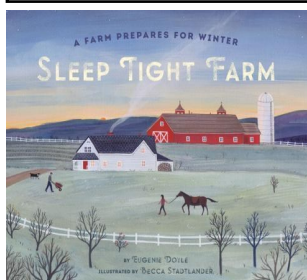
***Little Tree* by Loren Long (2015) Ages: 3-6 years**

In the middle of a little forest, there lives a Little Tree who loves his life and the splendid leaves that keep him cool in the heat of long summer days. Life is perfect just the way it is. Autumn arrives, and with it the cool winds that ruffle Little Tree's leaves. One by one the other trees drop their leaves, facing the cold of winter head on. But not Little Tree—he hugs his leaves as tightly as he can. Year after year Little Tree remains unchanged, despite words of encouragement from a squirrel, a fawn, and a fox, his leaves having long since turned brown and withered. As Little Tree sits in the shadow of the other trees, now grown sturdy and tall as though to touch the sun, he remembers when they were all the same size. And he knows he has an important decision to make.

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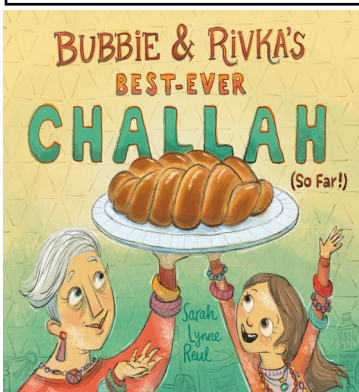
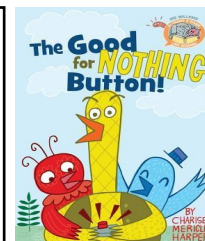


***Sleep Tight Farm* by Eugenie Doyle (2016) Ages: 2-6 years**

A captivating exploration of how a family gets a farm ready for the snow of winter, *Sleep Tight Farm* lyrically connects each growing season to the preparations at the very end of the farm year. This beautiful and informative book paints a fascinating picture of what winter means to the farm year and to the family that shares its seasons, from spring's new growth, summer's heat, and fall's bounty to winter's well-earned rest. All year long the farm has worked to shelter us, feed us, keep us warm, and now it's time to sleep.

***The Good for Nothing Button!* by Charise Mericle Harper (2017) Ages: 3-6 years**

Yellow Bird has a button. It does... nothing! It is a good for nothing button. Red Bird and Blue Bird are excited to try the button. But when they press it, they discover that the button makes them happy. Happy is something! A flabbergasted Yellow Bird insists the button does nothing. But it sure does seem to be making him mad. Mad is something! The hilarious debate that follows takes readers on an emotional roller coaster that pokes at the power of imaginative play.

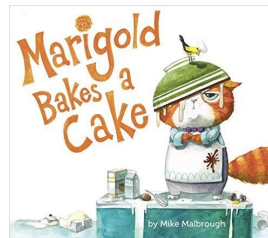


***Bubbie & Rivka's Best—Ever Challah* by Sarah Lynne Reul (2022) Ages: 4-8 years**

Bubbie and Rivka are not the best bakers... yet. But they are starting a new tradition. Every Friday they will bake a challah together! Week after week, Bubbie and Rivka pull a challah out of the oven that's not quite right. Once, it's a little lumpy. Another time, it's totally burnt! But no matter what has gone wrong, each challah is the best one they've ever made (...so far!) As Bubbie and Rivka put their heads together to solve each week's baking disaster, they learn something new about how to approach their next challah, fine-tuning their skills and ensuring next week's bread will be even tastier. They learn that practice makes progress and persistence makes for some very special together time... and some very yummy challah!

***Marigold Bakes a Cake* by Mike Malbrough (2017) Ages: 3-7 years**

Marigold the cat loves Mondays, for that is when he bakes cakes! With his favorite recipe in front of him, he rolls up his sleeves and gets down to it. He whips up egg whites... Easy. He adds a cup of milk... Peasy. The he sprinkles in just a pinch of... of finch?! That's not right at all! Neither are the smidgeons of pigeons or the spoonsful of loons. Clearly a chase is in order! Yet all that leads to is a spectacularly messy kitchen. And no cake.



***Peyton Picks the Perfect Pie* (2020) Ages: 3-7 years**

Peyton is particular. But she's not picky. Peyton likes dogs and cats, scooters and bikes, pools and beaches. She recently mastered long division in math class and loves to practice the saxophone—as long as her adorable dog Mila doesn't howl! Peyton doesn't like it when two foods touch on her plate. Peyton doesn't like green foods. Or orange foods. Or red foods. Peyton doesn't like foods that are gooey or gummy, sticky or slimy, frosted or flaky. And Peyton most definitely doesn't like chunky or lumpy foods.