

After [The Wild Robot...](#)

Patton LMC's Recommended Books To Read Aloud With Your Whole Family

[The Adventures of a South Pole Pig](#) by Kurtz - Animal Fantasy. Flora, a young farm pig yearns for adventure outside of her pen. When a sled dog team trains nearby her farm, Flora begins an improbable but incredible adventure trying to join their team. She manages to get on board their ship to Antarctica where she befriends Oscar, a sled dog and Aleric the cabin boy. Read on for adventure, shipwreck and finally, a sled team?

[Appleblossom and Possum](#) by Sloan - fantasy. Appleblossom is the smallest sibling in her large possum family but determined to find her perfect role in life. When she is lost in a house with the dangerous human animal, she discovers how smart and daring she is. A very funny and creative unusual animal story.

[Charlotte's Web](#) by White - Animal Fantasy. The classic beautiful story of Wilbur the young runt of the litter, and the wise gray spider Charlotte who teaches him what is true friendship and the meaning of life. A not-to-be missed read for all!

[The Dragon in the Sock Drawer](#) by Klimo - Fantasy. Ten-year-old cousins Jesse and Daisy find a geode that to their surprise hatches a baby dragon. Together they begin to raise this baby-talking, tantrum loving dragon, while hiding "Emmy" from adults. Trying to learn more about dragons, they discover a mysterious website warning them to watch out for a dragon slayer. Great fun, fantasy and adventure!

[Little Dog Lost](#) by Bauer - Realistic fiction/fantasy. Two stories that meet. One is the story of a lost dog searching for the boy who was his owner or another boy to call his own, and the other is the story of a boy, Mark, who desperately wants a dog of his own while his mother, who is also the mayor of the town, says no dogs. Mark's story will involve an elder resident of the town, and Village government as he and his friends lobby for a dog park. Still the big question is will the boy and dog meet?

[The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#) by DiCamillo - Fantasy. Edward Tulane is a delicate china rabbit with an wardrobe and furniture all his own. He is fawned over by 10 year old Abilene who loves him but let's him be selfish and full of himself. On a ocean voyage with Abilene he is dropped over the side. He is saved and begins a journey from owner to owner, adventure to adventure,

learning with each more about friendship and love as his heart grows a little bit softer and a little bit bigger.

The Night Fairy by Schlitz - Fantasy. The Night Fairy's wings are damaged when she is first born and she is left (Fairy mother's do not take care of their young) to fend for herself in a garden. Without the ability to fly she must use her creativity, persuasive personality and brainpower to figure out how to get around, get food and all around survive. Can she successfully meet and use the talents of other animals she meets in the garden and what will she learn in the process about herself and what is important in life?

The One and Only Ivan by Applegate - Fantasy, inspired by reality. Ivan, a silverback gorilla lives and performs in a rundown mall circus with Stella, an elderly wise elephant, who is dying. When the mall owner adds a baby elephant, Ruby, to the circus, Stella's dying wish to Ivan is that he will somehow get Ruby to a better life. Ivan loves to draw and has one human friend, the custodian's daughter, in his sad surroundings. Together, can they figure a way out?

The Tale of Despereaux by DiCamillo - Fantasy. Despereaux, is a tiny mouse with huge ears, who loves the young princess who lives in the castle where he lives. Though he is punished and sent to the dungeon, where rats are a real danger to him, he still follows a quest to save his princess after she is kidnapped. Clever adventure, full of good lessons and loads of charm.

The Tale of Rescue by Rosen - Realistic fiction. This is a short but beautifully told and absorbing story of a cattle dog who saves a family lost in a blizzard. Told almost completely from the dog's point of view.

The Year of Billy Miller by Henkes - Realistic fiction. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.