Begin the Million Word Challenge by reading a great story today. Getting started is easy! You can begin by choosing a book title from the list below or ask a teacher or librarian for a suggestion.

**Infants and Toddlers:**
- Big Fat Hen by Ken Baker
- Moo, Baa, La La La by Sandra Boynton
- Whose Nose and Toes? by John Butler
- Freight Train by Donald Crews
- Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell
- 10 Little Fingers and 10 Little Toes by Mem Fox
- Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee
- Whoa, Baby, Whoa! by Grace Nichols
- Diez Deditos by Jose Luis Orozco
- Counting Ovejas by Sarah Weeks
- Max’s ABC by Rosemary Wells
- Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler

**Preschoolers and Kindergartners:**
- The lizard and the sun by Alma Flor Ada
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- No, no and no! by Mireille d’Allancé
- Who hops? by Katie (Katie I.) Davis
- Bugs for lunch by Margery Facklam
- Bark George by Jules Feiffer
- In my family by Carmen Lomas Garza
- Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
- Los Gatos Black on Halloween by Marisa Montes
- Let’s eat! by Pat Mora
- Bee-Bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park
- A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka
- My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
- First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard
- Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas
- Arroz con leche: popular songs and rhymes from Latin America
- De colores and other Latin-American folk songs for children
- Tortillitas para mama and other nursery rhymes: Spanish and English
- Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
- Stretch by Doreen Cronin, Illustrated by Scott Menchin
- How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?: The Story of Food by Chris Butterworth, Illustrated by Lucia Gogletti
- You Are a Lion! And Other Fun Yoga Poses (2012) by Tae-Eun Yoo
- The Peanut Pickle by Jessica Jacobs

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Suggested Booklist

First and Second Graders:
- I Spy Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold
- Rap a Tap Tap: Here’s Bojangles – Think of That by Leo and Diane Dillon
- Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! by Geoffrey Hayes
- Penny and Her Doll by Kevin Henkes
- Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by Grace Lin
- Hello, Bumblebee Bat by Darrin Lunde
- Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
- Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein
- Chato and the Party Animals by Gary Soto
- What Can You Do with a Rebozo? by Carmen Tafolla
- Let’s Go For a Drive by Mo Willems
- The Busy Body Book: A Kid’s Guide to Fitness by Lizzy Rockwell
- Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat, Illustrated by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey
- I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child
- The Berenstein Bears and Too Much Junk Food by Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain
- Tyler Makes Spaghetti by Tyler Florence and Craig Frazier
- Dinosaurs Alive and Well!: A Guide to Good Health by Laurene Krasny Brown, Laurie Krasny Brown, Marc Tolon Brown
- My Amazing Body: A First Look at Health and Fitness by Pat Thomas and Lesley Harker
- Rookie Read-About Health Series Scholastic

Third and Fourth Graders:
- Iguanas in the Snow by Francisco X. Alarcon
- Bad Kitty Meets the Baby by Nick Bruel
- Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo
- Babymouse: Queen of the World! by Jennifer L. Holm
- Magic Windows by Carmen Lomas Garza
- Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look
- My Chinatown by Kam Mak
- Magic Pickle by Scott Morse
- We Are the Ship by Kadir Nelson
- Bad News for Outlaws by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- Big Nate Strikes Again by Lincoln Peirce
- Hamster and Cheese by Colleen Venable
- The Boy Who Loved Broccoli by Sara A. Creighton and Gene L. Hamilton
- To Market, To Market by Nikki McClure
- Mimi’s Village: And How Basic Health Care Transformed It by Katie Smith Milway, Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes
- The Good Garden: How One Family went from Hunger to Having Enough by Katie Smith Milway, Illustrated by Sylvie Daigneault
- The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active & Feeling Great for Monsters & Kids! by Edward Miller
- What To Do When Your Family Can’t Afford Health Care by Rachel Lynette

Fifth and Sixth Graders:
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- Treasury of Greek Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli

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Wonder by RJ Palacio
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Drawing from Memory by Allan Say
Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
Healthy Eating by Jane Sieving Pelkki
It’s Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health by Robie H. Harris, Illustrated by Michael Emberley (for parents)

Middle and High School:
Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Drama High: The Meltdown by L. Divine
Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship by Russell Freedman
Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Philip Hoose
Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Carmen: An Urban Adaptation by Walter Dean Myers
Meanwhile: Pick Any Path by Jason Shiga
Fear: 13 Stories of Suspense and Horror selected by RL Stine
Smile by Raina Telgemeier
The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Warp Speed by Lisa Yee
Dorothea Dix: Advocate for Mental Health Care by Margaret Muckenhoupt
Careers in Health Care by Barbara Sheen
Promoting Health, Preventing Disease by Rebecca Vickers, Illustrated by Geoff Ward
Me, Myself and Them: A Firsthand Account of One Young Person’s Experience with Schizophrenia by Kurt Snyder, Raquel E. Gur, Linda Wasmer Andrews
Start Talking: A Girl’s Guide for You and Your Mom about Health, Sex or Whatever by Mary Jo Rapini, Janine Sherman

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