

Alpenglow Recommended Book List:

We recommend you start to collect seasonal books; each season put the old ones away and bring out the new ones. Of course you will have your favourites that stay out most of the time but having a few good seasonal books helps your child celebrate the seasons.

Here are some of our favourite Waldorf themed books for certain ages and stages. By no means is this an exhaustive list but it's a good start. This list is for kids 3- grade 4. We are still working on the older grades list.

Three Year Olds (Simple, Sequential, Repetitive)

- The Little House (Spindrift)
- Sweet Porridge (Grimm)
- Little Louise and Little Flea (Spindrift)
- The Turnip (Russian or Brett) or Huggin and the Pumpkin (The Seven Year Wonder Book)
- The Old Women and the Pig (Volland)
- Mary Had a Little Lamb (Mother Goose)
- The Mitten (Russian or Brett)
- The Gingerbread Man
- Baboushka Old Befana
- Johnny and the Goats (Volland)

Four Year Olds (Slightly more complex, not too much drama or struggle)

- The Shoemaker and the Elves (Grimm)
- The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids (Grimm)
- The Three Little Pigs
- The House that Jack Built (Mother Goose)
- Chicken Lickin
- Billy Goat Gruff

Five and Six Year Olds (more challenge, more detail, a little more struggle)

- Star Money (Grimm)
- The Frog Prince (Grimm)
- Mother Holle (Grimm)
- The Spindle, Shuttle and Needle (Grimm)
- The Queen Bee (Grimm)
- The Red Riding Hood-Little Red Cap (Grimm)
- Hansel and Gretel (Grimm)
- The Seven Ravens (Grimm)
- Little Briar Rose (Grimm)

- Rumpelstiltskin (Grimm)
- Snow White and Red Rose (Grimm)
- Bremen Town Musicians (Grimm)

Six and Seven Year Olds/First Graders (tales in which characters experience suffering or sorrow)

- Jorinda and Joringel (Grimm)
- Brother and Sister (Grimm)
- Cinderella (Grimm)
- Rapunzel (Grimm)

This is my favourite Grimm's Fairy Tale Book:

An Illustrated Treasury of Grimm's Fairy Tales, illustrated by Daniela Drescher

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them **fairy tales.**" Albert Einstein

Here are some favourite pre-reading children's books

- Gerta Muller (these wonderful books have no words and beautiful seasonal images so you and your child can make up a story)
 - Autumn
 - Winter
 - Spring
 - Summer
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- Anything from Sibylle von Olfers
 - The Story of the Wind Children
 - The Story of the Root Children
 - The Story of the Snow Children
 - The Story of the Rabbit Children
 - Mother Earth and her Children
 - The Story of the Butterfly Children
- Elsa Beskow
 - Emily and Daisy
 - Ollie's Ski Trip (great for skiers) even up to grade 4
 - Woodie Hazel and Little Pip
 - The Flowers Festival
 - The Tomten

- The Sun Egg
- Christopher's Garden
- Pelle's New Suit
- Daniela Drescher
 - Litter Fairy Can't Sleep
 - Little Fairy's Christmas
 - In the Land of Merfolk
 - The Land of Elves
 - Pippa and Pelle in the Autumn Wind
 - In the Land of Fairies
- Andrew Breakspeare
 - Skating with Bears
 - Snow Dragon
- Jane Chapmen
 - Bear Snores on
 - Bear's New Friend
 - Bear Stays up
- Jan Brett (anything with Jan Brett is great)
 - The Mitten
 - Christmas Treasury (includes *The Mitten* and many more)
 - Easter Egg
 - Three Snow Bears
- Nancy Tillman
 - The Night you were Born
- Michael Rosen
 - We are Going on a Bear Hunt
- William Bee
 - And the Train Goes
- Jake Swamp
 - Giving Thanks: A Native American Morning Blessing
- Dian Lyons
 - The Tree
- Jane Crown-Fletcher
 - It Takes a Village
- Leon Lionni
 - Fredrick
 - A Colour of His Own

- It's Mine
- Inch by Inc
- Barbra M Joosee
 - Mama Do You Love Me?
- Martina Mueller
 - Pico the Gnome
- Cynthia Rylant
 - The Wonderful Happens
- Margret Wise Brown
 - Run Away Bunny
- Sam McBratney
 - Guess How Much I Love You

Early Readers:

- Biscuit Books (any in this series is good)

Early Readers Chapter Books:

- Arnold Lobel
 - Frog and Toad are Friends
 - Frog and Toad Together
 - Frog and Toad all Year
 - Days with Frog and Toad
 - Frog and Toad Storybook Treasury
 - Owl at Home
 - Mouse Soup
 - Grasshopper on the Road
- Else Holmelund Minarik
 - Little Bear
 - Little Bear's Visit
 - Father Bear Comes Home
- Mary Pope Osborne
 - Magic Tree House Series (Jack and Annie Series)

In Waldorf Schools the recommended content for each grade is as follows (keep in mind in most Waldorf schools kids are 7 when they enter grade 1)

Story Content for Each Grade:

Grade 1: A fund of fairy tales

Grade 2: Stories from the animal realm in fables

Grade 3: Bible stories as part of general history (Old Testament)

Grade 4: Scenes from ancient history

Grade 5: Scenes from medieval history

Grade 6: Scenes from modern history

Grade 7: Stories of various races & tribes (Indian, Chinese, American)

Grade 8: Knowledge of the races (peoples of the earth)