

## FAVORITE NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Wade Bradford	Why Do I Have to Make My Bed?
Elisha Cooper	Beaver is Lost
Polly Dunbar	Penguin
Kate Feiffer	My Side of the Car
Denise Fleming	Sleepy Oh So Sleepy
Marie-Louise Gay	Roslyn Rutabaga
Emily Gravett	Blue Chameleon
Michael Hall	Perfect Square
Kevin Henkes	Little White Rabbit
Susan Hill	Can't Sleep Without Sheep
Melissa Iwai	Soup Day
Barbara Joose	Friends (Mostly)
Tom Lichtenfeld	Cloudette
Renata Liwska	Red Wagon
George E. Lyon	Pirate of Kindergarten
Alison McGhee	So Many Days
M. Quattlebaum	Pirate vs. Pirate
Chris Raschka	Little Black Crow
Eric Rohmann	Last Song
Bob Shea	Beautiful Oops
D. Underwood	The Loud Book
Mo Willems	Hooray for Amanda & her Alligator
Douglas Wood	No One But You
J. Woodson	Pecan Pie Baby
Ed Young	Moon Bears

## **RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING**

# **KINDERGARTEN**

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## CLASSIC AND FAVORITE AUTHORS

*These authors have written many wonderful books. Consider exploring some of their lesser known titles this summer.*

Allan Ahlberg	Pat Hutchins
John Burningham	Keiko Kasza
Virginia Lee Burton	Ezra Jack Keats
Lauren Child	Holly Keller
Donald Crews	Ruth Krauss
Doreen Cronin	Leo Lionni
Pat Cummings	Petra Mathers
Niki Daly	Susan Medaugh
Lois Ehlert	Brian Pinkney
Mem Fox	Jerry Pinkney
Don Freeman	Pam Munoz Ryan
Juanita Havill	Audrey Wood

## MORE GREAT PICTURE BOOKS

Chris Barton	Shark vs. Train
Ashley Bryan	All Things Bright and Beautiful
Chin-Yuan Chen	Guji Guji
N. Brun-Cosme	big wolf & little wolf
Jef Czekaj	Hip & Hop Don't Stop!
Chris Gall	Dinotrux
Mordecai Gerstein	Leaving the Nest
Leslie Helakoski	Big Chickens Go to Town
Denia Hester	Grandma Lena's Big Ol' Turnip
Sarah Lamstein	Big Night for Salamanders
JoAnn Macken	Waiting Out the Storm
Peter McCarty	Henry in Love
Chihiro Nakagawa	Who Made This Cake?
Tao Nyeu	Bunny Days
Suzanne Pitzer	Not Afraid of Dogs
Mary Ann Rodman	Surprise Soup
Laura V. Seeger	What If?
Carole Shaefer	The Biggest Soap
Zachary Shapiro	We're All in the Same Boat
David Ezra Stein	Pouch!
Janet Stevens	The Great Fuzz Frenzy
Linda Urban	Mouse Was Mad
Martin Waddell	Captain Small Pig
KarenWilliams	A Beach Tail

## NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOKS

Monica Brown	Pele, King of Soccer
S. Calmenson	May I Pet Your Dog?
Elisha Cooper	Beach
Nicola Davies	Surprising Sharks
Nick Dawson	Tracks of a Panda
Lois Ehlert	Waiting for Wings
Lizann Flatt	Let's Go!: The Story of Getting From There to Here
Brian Floca	Lightship
Vivian French	Yucky Worms
Steve Jenkins	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
Meghan McCarthy	Astronaut Handbook
Wendy Pfeffer	Life in a Coral Reef
Andrea Pinkney	Sojourner Truth's Step- Stomp Stride
Mia Posada	Guess What is Growing Inside this Egg?
Justin Richardson	And Tango Makes Three
Susan Roth	Great Big Guinea Pigs

## WHY READ ALOUD?

Reading aloud to your child serves many different important purposes, from fostering interest in and enjoyment of literature to vocabulary development. Reading aloud enables children to be exposed to longer, more extended pieces of literature as compared to the highly predictable books that will be used when they begin learning how to decode. Reading aloud to your child also offers the opportunity for you to begin modeling good reading habits such as making predictions about a story. For example, before reading, you may use the illustrations and title to predict what the story is about. While reading, periodically stop and talk about what might happen next. And most important is the special time spent with your child sharing a good story.

## POETRY

Douglas Florian	Summersaults
Jan S. Gilchrist	Lemonade Sun
Eloise Greenfield	Brothers and Sisters: Family Poems
P. Maclachlan	Once I Ate a Pie
Bill Martin, Jr.	The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry
Iona Opie	My Very First Mother Goose
Jack Prelutsky	The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders
Alice Schertle	Button Up!
Joyce Sidman	Red Sings from Treetops

## SHORT CHAPTER BOOK READ-ALOUDS

Zoe Alley	There's a Wolf at the Door
Esther Averill	*Jenny and the Cat Club
Ann Cameron	*Stories Julian Tells
Beverly Cleary	Two Times the Fun
Miriam Cohen	Minnie and Sophie: All Around the Town
Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr. Fox
Kate DiCamillo	*Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride
Anne Fine	*The Jamie & Angus Stories
Ruth Gannett	*My Father's Dragon
Arnold Lobel	Mouse Soup
Lois Lowry	*Zooman Sam
James Marshall	*Rats on the Roof
Catharine O'Neill	Annie and Simon
Lori Ries	*Aggie and Ben
Laura V. Seeger	*Dog and Bear
William Steig	Abel's Island
Mary Stolz	Go Fish
Toon Tellegen	*Squirrel's Birthday and Other Parties

\*Look for more books with these characters