

Recommended Summer Reading For Students Entering Kindergarten

* Look for more books with these characters!



The intellectual, social and emotional benefits of reading aloud to children—at every stage of development—are well documented. When you read to young children, they take in vocabulary and language structure, numbers and math concepts, colors, shapes, senses, and a great deal of useful information about how the world works. Reading to children builds their reading ability, comprehension, and language skills as well as their interest in reading, their attitude toward reading, and their focus.

What's more, children connect books with the sound of your voice and the comfort of the physical closeness that reading together brings. This positive association with books will hold them in good stead in school and will develop a lifetime love of reading.

This summer, spend some time reading to your child every day. Below are suggested titles and authors that span a variety of reading levels and genres. We hope you will enjoy these and other books you find in your local library or bookstore.

PICTURE BOOKS

Jon Agee	<i>Life on Mars</i>	Jarrett Krosoczka	<i>Annie Was Warned</i>
Jenn Arena	<i>Marta Big & Small</i>	Munro Leaf	<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>
Atinuke	<i>Baby Goes to Market</i>	Jessica Love	<i>Julian is a Mermaid</i>
Eric Carle	<i>The Nonsense Show</i>	M.R. MacDonald	<i>Give Up, Gecko!</i>
Floyd Cooper	<i>Max and the Tag-along Moon</i>	Jeff Mack	<i>Good News, Bad News</i>
Gaia Cornwall	<i>Jabari Jumps</i>	Maurie J. Manning	<i>Kitchen Dance</i>
Doreen Cronin	<i>Click, Clack, Surprise!*</i>	Gianna Marino	<i>Night Animals</i>
Jef Czekaj	<i>Oink-a-Doodle-Moo</i>	Juana Martinez-Neal	<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i>
Alexis Deacon	<i>A Place to Call Home</i>	Patrick McDonnell	<i>The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)</i>
Carmen Agra	<i>Deedy The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet</i>		
Matt de la Pena	<i>Love</i>	Il Sung Na	<i>Bird, Balloon, Bear</i>
Corinne Demas	<i>Here Comes Trouble</i>	Naumann-Villeman	<i>When a Wolf is Hungry</i>
Julia Denos	<i>Windows</i>	B.J. Novak	<i>The Book With No Pictures</i>
A. Dominguez	<i>Mango, Abuela and Me</i>	Holly R. Peete	<i>My Brother Charlie</i>
Julie Falatko	<i>Snapsy the Alligator (Did NOT Ask to Be in This Book)*</i>	Matt Phelan	<i>Xander's Panda Party</i>
Kate Feiffer	<i>My Side of the Car</i>	Antoinette Portis	<i>Wait</i>
Candace Fleming	<i>Oh, No!</i>	Queen Rania	<i>Sandwich Swap</i>
Thyra Heder	<i>Alfie</i>	Chris Raschka	<i>Daisy Gets Lost*</i>
Eric Hoffman	<i>A Dark, Dark Cave</i>	Jane Smiley	<i>Twenty Yawns</i>
Lenny Hort	<i>How Many Stars in the Sky</i>	Carmen Tafolla	<i>What Can You Do With a Paleta?</i>
Anne Hunter	<i>Cricket Song</i>		
Molly Idle	<i>Flora and the Penguin*</i>	Linda Urban	<i>Little Red Henry</i>
Melissa Iwai	<i>Soup Day</i>	Eric Velasquez	<i>Looking for Bongo</i>
Emily Jenkins	<i>A Greyhound, A Groundhog</i>	Mo Willems	<i>That is Not a Good Idea!</i>
Angela Johnson	<i>Lottie Paris Lives Here*</i>	Wong Herbert Yee	<i>Summer Days and Nights</i>
Lita Judge	<i>Hoot and Peep*</i>	Ed Young	<i>Nighttime Ninja</i>
Anna Kang	<i>Chengdu Could Not, Would Not Fall Asleep*</i>	Giovanna Zoboli	<i>Professional Crocodile</i>

CHAPTER BOOK READ-ALOUDS

Ann Cameron
Roald Dahl
Kate DiCamillo
Polly Faber

Stories Huey Tells *
Fantastic Mr. Fox
Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride *
Mango & Bambang: The Not-a-Pig
My Father's Dragon *
Digby O'Day in the Fast Lane *
Captain Pug *
Toys Go Out *
Zooman Sam *

P. MacLachlan
Fran Manushkin
Hilary McKay
Juana Medina
John Peterson
Laura V. Seeger
William Steig
Julie Sternberg
Toon Tellegen

Barkus
Pedro, First Grade Hero *
Lulu and the Cat in the Bag *
Juana & Lucas
The Littles *
Dog and Bear *
Abel's Island
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie *
Far Away Across the Sea *

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Allan Ahlberg
John Burningham
Mac Barnett
Virginia Lee Burton
Lauren Child
Donald Crews
Niki Daly
Lulu Delacre
Brian Flocq
Mem Fox
Juanita Havill
Kevin Henkes

Steve Jenkins
Keiko Kasza
Ezra Jack Keats
Rukhsana Khan
Grace Lin
Yuyu Morales
Brian Pinkney
Rosemary Wells
Mo Willems
Vera B. Williams
Jeannette Winters
Charlotte Zolotow

POETRY

Francisco X. Alceron *Family Poems for Every Day of the Week (bilingual)*
Kwame Alexander *Animal Ark: Celebrating our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures*
Sally Derby *A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices*
Julie Fogliano *When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*
Celeste Mannis *One Leaf Rides the Wind*
Carol Murray *Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs*
Jane Yolen *Thunder Underground*

NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOKS

Mike Austin
Bob Barner
C. Butterworth
S. Calmenson
Lucy Cooke A
Nicola Davies
Denise Fleming
Steve Jenkins

Rescue Squad No. 9
Dinosaur Bones
See What a Seal Can Do
May I Pet Your Dog?
Little Book of Sloth
One Tiny Turtle
UnderGROUND
Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do
Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents
Beaver, Build!: Life at the Longest Beaver Dam
Me...Jane
Who Am I?
Who Was Here? Discovering Wild Animal Tracks
And Tango Makes Three
Woodpecker Wham
Spectacular Spots
What Will Grow?

Lita Judge
Sandra Markle
P. McDonnell
Robin Page
Mia Posada
Justin Richardson
April P. Sayre
Susan Stockdale
Jennifer Ward

This list is also available online at:
<http://www.milton.edu/k8/lower-school/summer-reading/>