

Early Childhood Suggested Summer Reading Lists

Toddler:

Be My Friend, Floppy Puppy by Ann Tobias
Read to Your Bunny by Rosemary Woods
Head to Toe by Eric Carle
The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
Hand, Hand, Finger, Thumb by Dr. Seuss
Here Are My Hands by Bill Martin, Jr.
I Love You Always and Forever by Jonathan Emmett
The Original Mother Goose illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Any book by Laura Numeroff

Preschool:

The Three Bears (**any version**)
The Three Little Pigs (**any version**)
The Three Little Kittens (**any version**)
The Three Billy Goats Gruff (**any version**)
A Book for Bramble by Lynne Garner
Lola Reads to Leo by Anna McQuinn
The Original Mother Goose illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
Any *Curious George* book by Margret & H.A. Rey
Any *Mr. Putter* book by Cynthia Rylant

- PLEASE NOTE: On the other side there is a listing of Easy to Understand Chapter Books for you and your child to enjoy. Do not underestimate what they are capable of listening to.
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Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Going Into Prekindergarten

The Berenstain Bears Forget Their Manners by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Best Friends by Steven Kellogg

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Dr. Seuss' ABC

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

I Like Me by Nancy L. Carlson

Just Say Please by Gina and Mercer Mayer

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Little Mouse and the Big Red Apple by A.H. Benjamin

Manners by Alike

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

The Original Mother Goose illustrated by Blanch Fisher Wright

Any book from the **Hear Me Read** Christian Reading Series by Mary Manz Simon

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Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Going Into Kindergarten

A Apple Pie by Kate Greenaway
A House Is a House for Me by Maryann Hoberman
And to Think that I Saw It on Mulberry Street by Dr. Seuss
Big Red Barn and others by Margaret Wise Brown
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant by Jean de Brunhoff
Peter Rabbit and others by Beatrix Potter
The Hat by Jan Brett
The Little Red Hen and others by Paul Galdone
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
Petunia by Roger Duvoisin
Pied Piper of Hamelin by Robert Browning
Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book by Richard Scarry
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Anderson
The Very Busy Spider and others by Eric Carle
Aesop for Children
Complete Fairy Tales by Charles Perrault
Complete Poems of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
Nursery Tales Told to Children by Amy Steedman
Anderson's Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson

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Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Going Into First Grade

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban
Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
Olivia by Ian Falconer
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
No, David by David Shannon
Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
Imogene's Antlers by David Small
My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Joffe Numeroff
Any book from the *Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park
Any book from the **Hear Me Read Christian Reading Series** by Mary Manz Simon
Any book from the **Arch Books Christian Reading Series** published by Concordia Publishing House

- *Early Reader Chapter Book: The Miniature World of Marvin and James* – Elise Broach
 - *NEW Early Chapter Book: The Story of Diva and Flea* – Mo Willems
 - *Chapter Book: Pippi Longstocking (series)* – Astrid Lindgren
 - *Chapter Book: The Littles (series)* – John Peterson
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Chapter Books to Read to Your Child

Dear Parent,

Please DO NOT discount the activity of reading a Chapter Book to your child. There are so many benefits to reading to your child. They hear new vocabulary, correct sentence structure, and make connections as they comprehend the storyline. Below are some GREAT Chapter Books to get you started! Chances are your child will remind you to read to them if you start the consistent, wonderful habit. (It only takes 21 days to create a habit!)

My Father's Dragon (1 of 3 in the series) - Ruth Stiles Gannett

Catwings (series) - Ursula K. Le Guin

Dinosaur Trouble; Lady Lollipop, Clever Lollipop (*sequel) - Dick King-Smith

Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole (series) - Wong Herbert Yee

Mercy Watson (series) - Kate DiCamillo (Excellent for young 3's)

SuperDuper Teddy (series) - Johanna Hurwitz - Riverside Kids now on Kindle!

PeeWee's Tale (series) - Johanna Hurwitz – guinea pig escapes to Central Park and learns life skills

Jenny and the Cat Club (series) - Averill (written in the 1940's & still holds up today (short chapter books)

Mrs. Noodlekugel - Daniel Pinkwater (Kindle)

Winnie the Pooh - A.A. Milne (Kindle)

The Night Fairy - Laura Amy Schlitz (Kindle)

Boo's Dinosaur, Boo's Surprise – Betsy Byars Sibling relationships!

Children of Noisy Village – Astrid Lindgren (Chapters function as stand alone stories about a charming group of children in Sweden's farmland)

Emil and the Great Escape – (series) Astrid Lindgren

Thornton Burgess Animal Stories – (written in 1910) Great if your child likes old fashioned animal stories

Cobble Street Cousins – Cynthia Rylant, Great if you want to avoid sassy characters!

Socks – Beverly Cleary (Narration of this Cats' own tale when a new baby comes on the scene) Dog lovers, check out *Ribsy!*