Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Below is a list of titles to get you started on summer reading, but please feel free to read whatever you and your child enjoy most. Please record book titles and authors on the attached Reading Record Form.

Happy Reading!!

Non-Fiction and Science Books

Non-fiction books are highly recommended for rising kindergartners. Look for books with pictures and photographs of real things, i.e. cars, animals, countries, cultures, nature, sports, etc. Most children's libraries have a large selection these. Check with the librarian for recommendations!

My Five Senses by Aliki

Cars and How They Go by Joanna Cole

Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads by Barry Blake

Delivering Your Mail by Ann Owen

Little Shark by Anne Rockwell

Weather by Pamela Chanko and Daniel Moreton

Books About Me

The Mixed Up Chameleon By Eric Carle

I Like to Be Little by Charlotte Zolotow

It's Hard to Be Five by Jamie Lee Curtis

Incredible You! 10 Ways to Learn Greatness by Dr. Wayne Dwyer

When I get Bigger by Mercer Mayer

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Family Stories

Just Me Books by Mercer Mayer

Berenstain Bear Books by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Are You my Mother by P.D. Eastmen

Predictable Stories

Curious George by H.A. Rey

Alligator Baby by Robert Munsch

50 Below Zero by Robert Munsch

Staephanie's Ponytail by Robert Munsch

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise

Gregory the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat

The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone

Pigs Galore by David McPhail

Beginning, Middle, End Concepts

3 Billy Goats Gruff by Glenn Rounds

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin

Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin

It's Mine by Leo Leoni

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Color and Counting Books

Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert

Inch by Inch by Leo Leoni

Each Orange Had Eight Slices by Paul Giganti Jr.

Rooster Off to See the World by Eric Carle

Painting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

The Greedy Triangle by Marylin Burns

Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood

26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells

Caldecott Medal Winners and Honor Books

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Mirette on the High Wire by Emily McCully

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Nursery Rhymes

James Marshall's Mother Goose by James Marshall

Tommie dePaolo's Favorite Nursery Tales

Folk Tales and Fairy Tales

John Henry by Julius Lester (Caldecott book)

Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zelinskey

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

The Three Little Bears by Paul Galdone

The Three Biily Goats Gruff by Peter Christen Asbornsen

The Three Little Pigs by Rodney Peppe

The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen

The Hare and the Tortoise by Brian Wildsmith

Friendship Stories

Who Will Be My Friends? By Syd Hoff

We are Best Friends by Aliki

Benjamin and Tulip by Rosemary Wells

Many of these authors have multiple book titles. Please feel free to read any of their other books.

Please read a minimum of FIVE of these stories to your child. Keep track of these titles and authors on the Reading Record Form. I've given you extra spaces for any extra books read!

The Jacksonville Public Libraries have storytelling times for Young Preschoolers and Older Preschoolers that you might like to take advantage of during the summer. Check out their website!!

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