Kindergarten Summer Reading List

Beechwood School

2017-2018

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 suggested titles to get you started on summer reading but please feel free to read whatever you and your child enjoy the most. In order for your child to be prepared for Kindergarten, we suggest reading daily over the summer. Happy Reading!

Books About Me

- The Mixed Up Chameleon by Eric Carle
- I Like to Be Little by Charlotte Zolotow
- It’s Hard to Be Five: Learning How to Work my Control Panel by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Incredible You! 10 ways to let your greatness shine through by Dr. Wayne Dyer
- 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. Eastman

Predictable Stories

- Curious George by H.A. Rey
- Alligator Baby by Robert Munsch
- 50 Below Zero by Robert Munsch
- Stephanie’s Ponytail by Robert Munsch
- The Mitten by Jan Brett
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Gregory the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat
- The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, End Concepts

- 3 Billy Goats Gruff by Glen Rounds
- A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
- Click Clack Moo: Cows the Type by Doreen Cronin
- Duck for President by Doreen Cronin
- Giggle Giggle Quack by Doreen Cronin
- It’s Mine by Leo Lionni
- The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
- Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins

Color and Counting/Math Books

- Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert
- Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni
- 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 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 dePaola’s Favorite Nursery Tales by Tommie dePaola

Folktales and Fairy Tales
• John Henry by Julius Lester (Caldecott book)
• Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zelinsky
• Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
• Cinderella by Marcia Brown
• The Three Little Bears by Paul Galdone
• The Three Billy 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

Non-fiction and Science Books
• My Five Senses by Aliki
• Cars and How They Go by Joanna Cole
• Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads by Barry Clake
• Non-fiction books are highly recommended for rising kindergarteners. Look for books with pictures and photographs of real things, i.e. animals, cars and trucks, airplanes, countries and culture, nature, sports, etc. Most libraries have a large selection of DK books which most children love to read and look at.