

Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List



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Books About Me

- I Like Me! by Nancy L. Carlson
- I Like to Be Little by Charlotte Zolotow
- The Mixed-Up Chameleon by Eric Carle
- My Five Senses by Aliki
- Owen by Kevin Henkes
- When I Get Bigger by Mercer Mayer

Family Stories

- Just Me Books by Mercer Mayer
- Mama Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse

Predictable Books

(Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm.)

- Curious George by H. A. Rey
- Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone
- Gregory the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat
- · Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Millions of Cats by Wanda Gág
- What's in Fox's Sack? by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- Bony-Legs by Joanna Cole
- A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee by Chris Van Dusen
- Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
- Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
- The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Color and Counting Books

- Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti Jr.
- Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On by Lois Ehlert
- Frog Counts to Ten by John Liebler
- Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni
- Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? by Tana Hoban
- Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
- Ten Bears in My Bed: A Goodnight Countdown by Stanley Mack
- Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood
- 26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban

Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- More, More, More Said the Baby by Vera B. Williams
- Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman
- Swimmy by Leo Lionni
- Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes

- James Marshall's Mother Goose by James Marshall
- My Very First Mother Goose by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells
- Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose by Tomie dePaola

Folktales and Fairy Tales

- Chicken Little by Steven Kellogg
- Cinderella by Marcia Brown
- The Hare and the Tortoise by Brian Wildsmith
- Henny Penny by H. Werner Zimmermann
- The Little Red Hen by Margot Zemach
- The Three Bears by Paul Galdone
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- Three Little Pigs by James Marshall
- The Three Little Pigs by Rodney Peppé
- The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen

Stories in Rhyme

- All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka
- Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
- Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk

Friends

- Benjamin and Tulip by Rosemary Wells
- We Are Best Friends by Aliki
- Who Will Be My Friends? by Syd Hoff

Fabulous Science Books

- Cars and How they Go by Joanna Cole
- Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads by Barry Clarke
- Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor by Joanna Cole

First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

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Fun Books to Share

- And I Mean It, Stanley by Crosby Bonsall
- · Arthur series by Marc Brown
- A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- · Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- · Dinosaur Time by Peggy Parish
- The Eye Book by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
- Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
- How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- Morris the Moose by Bernard Wiseman
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Learning to Read Series

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

Alphabet Books

- Animalia by Graeme Baese
- The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
- Z Was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg

Math in Picture Books

- How Much Is a Million? by David M. Schwartz
- One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints by Diana Pomeroy
- Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!) by William Wise
- When Sheep Cannot Sleep by Satoshi Kitamura

Classics to Read to a First Grader

- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- When Will I Read? by Miriam Cohen

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson
- Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove
- The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
- Owen by Kevin Henkes
- The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley

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School Stories

- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Arthur's Prize Reader by Lillian Hoban
- The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble
- Fish Face by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- · Miss Nelson Is Missing by Harry Allard
- · Polk Street Gang series by Patricia Reilly Giff

Books About Friends

- A Bargain for Frances by Russell Hoban
- The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Fox on the Job by James Marshall
- Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
- · Horrible Harry and the Green Slime by Suzy Kline
- Pinky and Rex by James Howe

Historical Fiction

- American Girls series
- Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers by Joseph Rosenbloom
- Kamishibai Man by Allen Say

Classics to Read Aloud

- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Just-so Stories by Rudyard Kipling
- Paddington Bear by Michael Bond
- Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
- The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- The Funny Little Woman by Arlene Mosel
- Many Moons by James Thurber
- The Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
- The Story of Jumping Mouse by John Steptoe
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

Learning to Read Stories

- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4
- The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron

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School Stories

- *Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story* by Janet Beeler Shaw
- Ramona Quimby Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

Animal Stories

- *The Adventures of Paddington* by Michael Bond (book and tape series)
- Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
- Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin
- The Lion's Whiskers: An Ethiopian Folktale by Nancy Raines Day
- Rats on the Roof and Other Stories by James Marshall

Books About Friends

- The Candy Corn Contest by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Pinky and Rex by James Howe

Historical Fiction

- Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
- Changes for Addy by Connie Rose Porter (and other American Girl books)
- If You Grew Up with George Washington by Ruth Belov Gross
- *Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express* by Margaret K. Wetterrer
- Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda Told Me by Simms Taback
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- Teammates by Peter Golenbock

Folktales

- Iktomi and the Berries: A Plains Indian Story by Paul Goble
- Mirandy and Brother Wind by Patricia C. McKissack

- Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Northwest by Gerald Mc-Dermott
- The Talking Eggs by Robert D. San Souci

Great Series Books

- · Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish
- American Girl series
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol
- Eyewitness Science Explorers
- · Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline
- Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Nancy Drew Notebooks by Carolyn Keene early series
- Pee Wee Scouts by Judy Delton
- Polk Street School by Patricia Reilly Giff

Award Winners

- The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth
- Doctor De Soto by William Steig
- How Much Is a Million? by David M. Schwartz
- *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg
- Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo
- Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully
- Prehistoric Pinkerton by Steven Kellogg
- Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
- The Village of Round and Square Houses by Ann Grifalconi

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School Stories

- 4B Goes Wild by Jamie Gilson
- Harriet, the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
- My Teacher Fried My Brains by Bruce Coville
- Ramona and Her Father by Beverley Cleary
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Mystery and Adventure Stories

- *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop (Challenging independent read)
- Culpepper's Cannon by Gary Paulsen
- Encyclopedia Brown Gets His Man by Donald J. Sobol
- Julian, Secret Agent by Ann Cameron

Sports Stories

- Baseball Fever by Johanna Hurwitz
- Benjy the Football Hero by Jean Van Leeuwen
- Bobby Baseball by Robert Kimmel Smith
- Dog on Third Base by Constance Hiser
- Gold Medal Rider by Bonnie Bryant
- *Tall Man in the Pivot* by Matt Christopher (There are many other sports stories by this author.)

Historical Fiction

- The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgleish
- The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
- Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Well* by Mildred D. Taylor (Challenging independent read)

Fantasy and Science Fiction

- Aliens Ate My Homework by Bruce Coville
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis (Challenging independent read)

Series Books

- The Babysitter's Club by Ann M. Martin
- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Cam Jansen by David A. Adler
- Goosebumps by R. L. Stine
- The Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon
- Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling
- Marvin Redpost series Louis Sachar
- Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene
- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- The Stories that Julian Tells by Ann Cameron

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Great Reads

- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsberg
- Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
- Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Park
- Wringer by Jerry Spinelli

Mystery and Adventure

- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi (Challenging independent read)

Newbery Medal and Honor Books

- Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Taylor Lisle
- · Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
- *Dragon's Gate* by Laurence Yep (Challenging independent read)
- The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer
- · Homesick, My Own Story by Jean Fritz
- · Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

Historical Fiction

- Black Stallion by Walter Farley (Challenging independent read)
- Bull Run by Paul Fleischman
- Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac
- Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell

Fantasy and Science Fiction

- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling
- The High King by Lloyd Alexander (Very challenging independent read)
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
- Lizard Music by Daniel Pinkwater
- Redwall by Brian Jacques (Challenging independent read)
- A Swiftly Tilting Planet by Madeleine L'Engle

Humorous Stories

- Freaky Friday by Mary Rodgers
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Skinnybones by Barbara Park