

2021 Summer Reading Book Recommendations

Summer reading is an opportunity for free choice reading. Allow your child to select books that interest them. Even if a book is below their reading level, reading for pleasure is an important step in becoming a life long reader. Below is a list of recommended books that may interest your child, according to the grade that they will be going in to next year. Visit your local public library this summer to find them. While you are there, sign up your child for the Summer Reading Program.

Preschool

You Are Light by Aaron Becker
How Many? A Different Kind of Counting Book by Christopher Danielson
Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend! by Cori Doerfeld
The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld
Thank You Bear by Greg Foley
Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker
I Wish You More by Amy Krause Rosenthal
A Pet for Petunia by Paul Schmid
Why? by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Outside In by Deborah Underwood
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
The Goose Egg by Liz Wong

Kindergarten

Petra by Marianna Coppo
Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings
Which One Doesn't Belong? Playing with Shapes by Christopher Danielson
When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree by Jamie L.B. Deenihan
Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins
See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog by David LaRochelle
Animals Help Plants by Mary Lindeen
If Rocks Could Sing by Leslie McGuirk
Saturday by Oge Mora
One by Kathryn Otoshi
The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli
A New Green Day by Antoinette Portis
Panda Kindergarten by Joanne Ryder
Water Can Be by Laura Purdie Salas
Is Everyone Ready for Fun? by by Jan Thomas
How to Give Your Cat a Bath by Nicola Winstanley
Big Brown Bear's Cave by Yuval Zoomer

First Grade

I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

What If... by Samantha Berger

A New Home by Tania de Regil

The Truth about Bears: Seriously Funny Facts about Your Favorite Animals by Maxwell Eaton

Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building by Christy Hale

Penny and Her Marble by Kevin Henkes

Move by Steve Jenkins

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins

Ideas from Nature by Mary Lindeen

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora

Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick

Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas

That Is Not a Good Idea by Mo Willems

How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps by Nicola Winstanley

Stop! Bot! by James Yang

Second Grade

Breaking News: Bear Alert by David Biedrzycki

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson

Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo

Yasmin the Explorer by Saadia Faruqi

A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars by Seth Fishman

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming

Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth by Kate Gardner

Saving Fiona by Thane Maynard

Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home by Sy Montgomery

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali

Dinosaurs before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne

The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Third Grade

Required: *James and the Giant Peach* by Ronald Dahl

Required: *My Journey to the stars* by Scott Kelly

Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds by David A. Adler

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

Billy Miller Makes a Wish by Kevin Henkes (this is the sequel to the library book we read in class)

Cute as an Axolotl by Jess Keating

My Journey to the Stars by Scott Kelly

Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky

The Infamous Ratsos by Kara LaReau

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick

Ranger in Time Hurricane Katrina Rescue by Kate Messner

Poetree by Shauna LaVoy Reynolds

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer

Fourth Grade

Required: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

Required: *Her Own Two Feet* by Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze

The Crossover Kwame Alexander

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

New Kid by Jerry Craft

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Math in Nature by Nancy Dickmann

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics by Chris Grabenstein (this is the sequel to the library book we read in class)

Sweeping up the Heart by Kevin Henkes

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Infographics by Steve Jenkins

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King by Andrea Davis Pinkney

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Front Desk by Kelly Yang