

# Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

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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