

Summer Reading List Recommendations

Kindergarten

Title	Author	Description
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle	A repetitive and predictable story that helps children build vocabulary while identifying colorful animals.
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	Follow a caterpillar as it eats its way through different foods and transforms into a butterfly. Great for sequencing and life-cycle discussions.
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes	Eric Litwin	Pete stays positive when his shoes change colors, teaching flexibility and resilience.
Llama Llama Misses Mama	Anna Dewdney	A comforting story about separation anxiety and adjusting to school routines.
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	Mo Willems	A humorous, interactive book that encourages students to engage with the story and make predictions.

First Grade

Title	Author	Description
Elephant & Piggie: We Are in a Book!	Mo Willems	Two friends discover they are characters in a book. Simple text and expressive illustrations support comprehension.
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Philip C. Stead	A kind zookeeper cares for his animal friends, and they return the favor when he is sick.
The Rabbit Listened	Cori Doerrfeld	A gentle story about emotions, empathy, and the importance of listening.
Jabari Jumps	Gaia Cornwall	Jabari wants to jump off the diving board but must overcome his fears first.
Henry and Mudge: The First Book	Cynthia Rylant	An early chapter book about friendship between a boy and his dog.

Second Grade

Title	Author	Description
Mercy Watson to the Rescue	Kate DiCamillo	A funny beginning chapter book about a toast-loving pig and her adventures.
The Bad Seed	Jory John	A humorous story about making positive choices and learning that everyone can change.
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea!	Ben Clanton	A graphic novel featuring a cheerful narwhal and his jellyfish friend. Great for reluctant readers.
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig	A thoughtful story about friendship, inclusion, and helping others feel welcome.
Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival	Rebecca Elliott	A highly illustrated chapter book that combines friendship, problem-solving, and school experiences.

Tips for Families

- Read together for 10–15 minutes each day.
- Let your child choose books that match their interests.
- Ask simple questions before, during, and after reading.
- Celebrate all reading, including graphic novels, audiobooks, and rereading favorite books.
- Focus on enjoyment and building a positive reading routine over the summer.