

Summer Reading At A Glance:

1. Each child should read, or hear read-aloud, at least five books.
2. Read to your pre-reader or beginning reader for at least twenty minutes every day.
3. Rising 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders must read the book required for their grade level, plus four others. Check the corresponding grade-level list for the specific title.
4. List books on the Reading Record (below).
5. Bring the completed Reading Record to teachers by August 28.

Summer Reading Record

Name: _____

Teachers (fall): _____

Each student should read, or hear read aloud, at least five books. Please list the titles of your five books below. If you read or listened to more than five, please write those down, too.

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This page should be returned to your classroom teachers no later than Friday, August 28.

Dear Parents:

The summer reading list has arrived! We have made a few changes that we hope will make it easier for you to find books that appeal to your child. First, the lists of books for the youngest grade levels are still quite lengthy, since pre-readers really need a steady stream of delicious books for parents to read aloud to them. The list for rising third and fourth graders has been shortened and organized into three broad genres, while the list for rising fifth and sixth graders is meant to be used as a digital document. That list is also organized loosely by genre, and instead of descriptions of each book, there are links directly to the IndieBound website or Amazon.

Each list contains a mix of recent titles and older ones as well. Children's books tend to go "out of print" pretty quickly, so some of these titles may only be available used or from your public library, but they are still great books!

Please keep in mind that this list is provided as a starting point and a helpful resource. Research shows that children read more when they are allowed to choose what they read, so we encourage you to give your child as much independence as possible when selecting books. If your child's taste in books runs counter to your own, keep in mind that whatever phase it is will not last forever, and try to be as supportive as possible. Children read for just as many different reasons as adults do – to laugh, learn, get goosebumps, find comfort, puzzle over a mystery or visit other worlds.

If your child needs extra incentive to read, consider participating in a summer reading program offered by your public library or local bookstore. Little Shop of Stories in Decatur is one of our favorite bookstores and they have a reading program as well as story times and book clubs for kids of all ages.

Please note that **students in third through sixth grade have one required book** to read, plus four others of their choice. The title of the required book can be found on the corresponding grade-level list.

Have a wonderful summer!

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The Children's School Library

Summer Reading Recommendations
For students entering pre-primary or pre-kindergarten

Picture books for parents to read aloud:

Every-Day Dress-Up

Alko

A young girl imagines her own future as she puts on costumes and pretends to be great women from history, including Amelia Earhart, Lucille Ball, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Good Little Wolf

Andres

Good Little Wolf tries to be a big bad wolf, but his true nature always shines through.

Too Many Frogs!

Asher

Rabbit's comfortable nightly routine is disturbed by exuberant Froggie, who settles in for a snack and a story without being invited.

Chicks Run Wild

Bardhan-Quallen

When her little chicks refuse to settle down for the night, Mama decides to surprise them with an unusual request.

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

Beaumont

In the rhythm of the folk song "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More," a child who loves to paint the walls and everything else he sees cannot resist adding one more dab of paint to some surprising places.

Digger Dog

Bee

Digger Dog loves to dig up bones, the bigger the better. But for the biggest bone in the world, what will Digger Dog need? The biggest digger in the world, of course!

Finding Spring

Berger

Upset when his mother tells him he has to hibernate through his first winter before he experiences his first spring, a baby bear cub leaves the den to search for spring by himself.

Z is for Moose

Bingham

Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.

Flashlight

Boyd

A boy leaves his tent to explore the night with his trusty flashlight in this wordless picture book.

Vampire Boy's Good Night

Brown

When Morgan, a young vampire, and his witchy friend Bela set out one night to see if human children really exist, they find themselves at a Halloween party.

Goodnight Songs

Brown

From Margaret Wise Brown, author of the beloved *Goodnight Moon*, comes a previously unpublished collection of charming lullabies, gorgeously illustrated by 12 award-winning artists.

Bad Kitty

Bruel

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

Snowmen All Year

Buehner

A child imagines what it would be like if a snowman, made of magical snow, could be a companion throughout the year.

Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?

Bunting

The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find a missing item.

Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten

Buzzeo

Even though there are rules to follow, a little girl who loves adventure has an exciting first day of kindergarten.

Stay Close to Mama

Buzzeo

A curious baby giraffe keeps wandering away from his mother to explore the interesting sights and smells that surround them. Includes a note on giraffes.

Peepsqueak!

Clark

A baby chick named Peepsqueak does not listen to the advice of Big Brown Cow, Big Sheep, Yellow Duck, and Baby Bunny, and tries again and again unsuccessfully to fly, until Old Gray Goose gets involved.

When Pigs Fly

Coulman

Ralph, a cow who wants a bicycle more than anything, is determined to get one when his father tells him he can have one in the unlikely event that pigs fly.

Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure

Cronin

The annual Corn Maze Festival is coming and every day the chickens, cows, and Duck help Farmer Brown--with a few bribes--to create a special Statue of Liberty corn maze, and every night Duck works hard recreating his own surprise.

Mini Racer

Dempsey

Animals in a variety of fanciful vehicles, including a snail on a skateboard and rabbits in a carrot-car, race over a difficult course with a suspenseful and surprising outcome.

Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama

Dewdney

A young llama wants to play but must go shopping with his mother instead, and so he gets angry and makes a mess at the store.

The Snatchabook

Docherty

The woodland animals of Burrow Down are ready for a bedtime story, but where are the books?

Boy + Bot

Dyckman

A boy and a robot strike up a friendship despite their differences.

The Adventures of Max and Pinky: Superheroes

Eaton

When Max and Pinky decide to play superheroes, Pinky gets stuck with all of the unappealing sidekick duties, until Max finds himself in real trouble.

If You're a Monster and You Know It

Emberley

Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

The Cow Who Clucked

Fleming

When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.

Oh, No!

Fleming

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.

Five Trucks

Floca

Trucks of different shapes and sizes share one important purpose in this classic picture book from the bestselling creator of *Moonshot* and *Locomotive*.

Boot & Shoe

Frazee

Boot and Shoe are dogs that live in the same house, eat from the same bowl, and sleep in the same bed but spend their days on separate porches until a squirrel mixes things up.

Say Hello to Zorro!

Goodrich

Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule, Mister Bud must learn to adapt.

Dog in Boots

Gormley

After reading "Puss in Boots," an adventurous dog sets out to find the perfect pair of shoes to suit his every need.

Toys in Space

Grey

A group of toys, left out at night for the first time, begins to be afraid but the WonderDoll distracts them by weaving a story of lost toys, space travel, and a strange alien.

Ollie and Claire

Haber

Bored with her ho-hum routine with her best friend Ollie, Claire secretly plans a new adventure with a mystery person.

Maybe a Bear Ate It!

Harris

At bedtime, a young boy who cannot find his favorite book imagines the various creatures that might have taken it from him.

Little White Rabbit

Henkes

As he hops along a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, and flutter like butterflies.

Duck and Goose

Hills

Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball, which they think is an egg.

Don't Want to Go!

Hughes

Lily's mother is sick and her father must go to work, but she does not want to stay with a babysitter, even if it means playing with cute baby Sam, sweet little dog Ringo, and fun big brother Jack.

My Little Train

Ichikawa

A little train goes for a ride, taking all the stuffed animals where they want to go.

Flora and the Flamingo

Idle

In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together.

We Love School!

Janovitz

Simple rhymes and illustrations describe what kittens like about going to school.

How to Catch a Star

Jeffers

A boy makes many attempts to catch a star of his own and finally succeeds in an unexpected way.

Come Back, Moon

Kherdian

A sleepless bear hides the moon, much to the displeasure of his forest animal friends who miss dancing under its light.

How to Cheer Up Dad

Koehler

Little Jumbo just can't understand why his dad is having such a bad day. It couldn't be the raisins Little Jumbo spit out at the ceiling or the bath he refused to take--after all, Little Jumbo's dad *knew* he hated raisins and had already taken a bath that week! Luckily, Little Jumbo is such a thoughtful elephant that he decides to turn his dad's bad day around with some of his--ahem, his *dad's*--favorite things.

Wolf's Coming!

Kulka

All of the animals in the forest go into hiding because the wolf is coming, but why they are hiding is the big surprise.

Tell Me the Day Backwards

Lamb

As he gets into bed, Timmy Bear asks his mother to play a game with him in which they remember everything he did during the day, but in reverse order.

It's a Tiger!

LaRochelle

A child imagines that he is in a story where he encounters a tiger at every turn.

Sleep Like a Tiger

Logue

At bedtime a young girl asks "Does everything in the world go to sleep?" 2013 Caldecott Honor Book.

Jackhammer Sam

Mandel

A jackhammer operator boasts about his loud, sidewalk-blasting skills.

I'm Dirty!

McMullan

A busy backhoe loader describes all the items it hauls off a lot and all the fun it has getting dirty while doing so.

Bad Dog

McPhail

Forgiveness and love triumph at the end of this charming, easy-to-read story of a family dog who is rarely on his best behavior.

Lola Reads to Leo

McQuinn

Lola reads story books to her new baby brother Leo, and even though Mommy and Daddy are busy, they still have time to read to Lola at bedtime.

Hugless Douglas

Melling

Douglas the bear wakes up one morning wanting a hug. He unsuccessfully tries hugging a rock, a tall tree, and an odd-feeling bush that runs away. Won't anyone give him a hug?

Mañana, Iguana

Paul

Iguana, Conejo, Tortuga, and Culebra are excited about having a spring party, but only Iguana is willing to do any of the work. Includes a glossary of Spanish words used.

Sleeping Cutie

Pinkney, A.

Cutie LaRue is perfect in nearly every way, but her sleeplessness causes problems for her parents until they send for a new toy that introduces Cutie to the Dreamland Nightclub.

The Lion and the Mouse

Pinkney, J.

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable set in the African Serengeti, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when she rescues the King of the Jungle. 2010 Caldecott Medal.

Bun Bun Button

Polacco

Paige Darling loves the stuffed rabbit her grandmother has made for her, but when she ties a helium-filled balloon to Bun Bun Button the toy gets loose and goes floating away, and it may take some Darling luck to bring her home.

Not a Box

Portis

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.

Dinosaur Farm

Preston-Gannon

A farmer keeps busy taking care of the many needs of prehistoric creatures.

A Ball for Daisy

Raschka

A wordless picture book showing the fun a dog has with her ball, and what happens when it is lost. 2012 Caldecott Medal.

How to Babysit a Grandma

Reagan

A girl provides tips for keeping grandma busy, fun things to do at the park and more while "babysitting" her grandmother.

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site

Rinker

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Yes Day!

Rosenthal

A little boy gets everything he asks for on Yes Day, a special day that only comes once a year.

Maggie's Monkeys

Sanders-Wells

When Maggie reports that pink monkeys have moved into the refrigerator, her mother and father play along and accommodate the invisible visitors, much to the frustration of Maggie's older, reality-obsessed brother.

Star of the Week

Saltzberg

Excited about being "star of the week" at school, Stanley spends a lot of time choosing and preparing his favorite things to share, but becomes discouraged when his classmates make fun of what he likes.

One Busy Day: A Story for Brothers and Sisters

Schaeffer

Mia's big brother Spencer never seems to have time to play with her. But with a little imagination and lot of love, Mia shows Spencer it's a lot more fun to be busy together.

Little Blue Truck

Schertle

A blue truck gets help from the farm animal friends he has made while traveling along a country road when he gets stuck in the mud.

What If?

Seeger

What if a boy found a beach ball and kicked it into the ocean? What if two seals found it and began to play? What if a third seal appeared on the beach looking for a friend? Enjoy this visit to the beach and the chance to guess what happens when different choices are made.

Bumble-Ardy

Sendak

A mischievous pig, who has never before had a birthday party, invites all his friends to a masquerade party.

Too Many Toys

Shannon

After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away, but realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.

Oh, Daddy!

Shea

A young hippopotamus shows his father the right way to do things, such as getting dressed, watering the flowers, and especially giving big hugs.

Wombat Walkabout

Shields

Rhyming text follows six little wombats on walkabout and a hungry dingo following, envisioning them as his lunch until the wombats turn the tables on him.

Three Bears in a Boat

Soman

Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on a high seas adventure to try to find a replacement.

Because Amelia Smiled

Stein

A little girl's smile as she skips down the street in New York inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the good will soon spreads around the world.

Ol' Mama Squirrel

Stein

Ol' Mama Squirrel has raised many babies and kept them all safe from predators, but she may have met her match when a determined grizzly bear threatens to eat her entire family tree.

The House in the Night

Swanson

Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light. 2008 Caldecott Medal.

Along a Long Road

Viva

Speed off on an eventful bicycle ride along the bold yellow road that cuts through town, by the sea, and through the country. Ride up and around, along and through, out and down.

I Love Birthdays

Walker

Ollie's birthday party will include green balloons and party tunes.

The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?

Willems

Pigeon is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.

The Bog Baby

Willis

When two sisters go fishing in a magic pond, they find a winged blue bog baby and take it home with them.

Night Owl

Yuly

A little owl who loves the night time listens to all of the many sounds in the forest, hoping to hear the sound of his mother.