

Great Books to Read This Summer: Students Entering PK & Kindergarten



Dear SSA Families,

While SSA doesn't provide a list of required reads for our students entering PK and Kindergarten, we would like to provide you with a comprehensive list of suggested titles. You will also find additional online resources as well. We hope you find this to be a helpful resource as you enjoy the sunny days of summer and reading together!

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

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Concept Books

- *Before After* (Aregui)
- *LMNO Peas* (Baker)
- *Chicken Cheeks* (Black)
- *Dog's Colorful Day: A Messy Story About Colors and Counting* (Dodd)
- *Growing Vegetable Soup* (Ehlert)
- *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* (Emberley)
- *Hidden Hippo* (Gannij)
- *A Perfect Square* (Hall)
- *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do* (Heling)
- *Dot* (Intriago)
- *I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch and Taste It, Too)* (Isadora)
- *Big Is Big, and Little Is Little* (Lewis)
- *Ten Little Caterpillars* (Martin)
- *Apple Pie ABC* (Murray)
- *Beautiful Oops* (Saltzberg)
- *Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?* (Shea)
- *Bugs Galore* (Stein)
- *Green is a Chile Pepper* (Thong)
- *The Quiet Book* (Underwood)

- *Mouse Paint* (Walsh)
- *R Is for Robot: A Noisy Alphabet* (WatKins)
- *They All Saw a Cat* (Wenzel) Also by this author: *A Stone Sat Still*
- *Alphabet Adventure* (Wood)

Funny Stories & Adventures

- *Please Mr. Panda* (Antony)
- *Laundry Day* (Bagley)
- *Have You Seen Elephant?* (Barrow)
- *Shark vs. Train* (Barton)
- *King Jack and the Dragon* (Bently)
- *Flashlight* (Boyd)
- *Woodpecker Wants a Waffle* (Breen)
- *Violet the Pilot* (Breen)
- *Ninja* (Chung)
- *Don't Push the Button* (Cotter)
- *Dooby, Dooby Moo* (Cronin)
- *Pancakes for Breakfast* (dePaola) Also by this author : *Strega Nona*
- *Room on the Broom* (Donaldson)

Also by this author : *The Gruffalo, Super Worm, Stick Man*

- *Mr. Postmouse's Rounds* (Dubuc)
- *Du Iz Tak?* (Ellis)
- *Sappsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)* (Falatko)
- *Bark, George* (Feiffer)
- *The Wonderful Book* (Gore)
- *Orange Aardvark* (Hall) Also by this author : *Red: A Crayon's Story, Cat Tale*
- *Kitten's First Full Moon* (Henkes) Also by this author : *Old Bear, Lily's Big*

Day, Waiting

- *Chickens to the Rescue* (Himmelman)
- *The Mouse Who Reached the Sky* (Horacek)
- *You Are Not Small* (Kang)
- *Pet Show!* (Keats)
- *We Are Growing* (Keller)
- *I Want My Hat Back* (Klassen)
- *King Arthur's Very Great Grandson* (Kraegel)
- *Chicken in Space* (Lehrhaupt)
- *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* (Litwin)
- *How I Became a Pirate* (Long)
- *Otis* (Long)

- *The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read* (Manley)
- *Vroom* (McClintock)
- *Those Can-Do Pigs* (McPhail)
- *Grumpy Pants* (Messer)
- *Bear Came Along* (Morris)
- *Gossie* (Olivier)
- *The Watermelon Seed* (Pizzoli) Also by this author : *The Watermelon Seed, Goodnight Owl*
- *Not a Box* (Portis) Also by this author : *Hey, Water! A New Green Day, Wait, Now*
- *A Ball for Daisy* (Raschka)
- *Another* (Robinson)
- *Hey Rabbit* (Ruzzier) Also by this author : *Roar Like a Dandelion, Whose Shoes, The Party*
- *Are We There Yet?* (Santat)
- *Duck on a Bike* (Shannon)
- *Penguin and the Cupcake* (Spires)
- *Rubia and the Three Osos* (Sweet)
- *Snail Crossing* (Tabor)
- *Rude Cakes* (Watkins)
- *Scaredy Squirrel* (Watt)
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* (Willems)
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* (Willems)
- *The Cow Loves Cookies* (Wilson) Also by this author : *Bear Wakes Up*
- *Penguin on Vacation* (Yoon)

Classics (books your grown-ups read as kids)

- *Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too ?*
- *Strega Nona* (DePaola)
- *Are You My Mother* (Eastman)
- *Henny Penny* (French)
- *Three Little Pigs* (Galdone)
- *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* (Hennessy)
- *Sylvia Long's Mother Goose* (Long)
- *There's An Alligator Under My Bed* (Mayer)
- *Blueberries for Sal* (McCloskey)
- *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* (Numeroff)
- *The Little Red Hen* (Pinkney)
- *The Monster at the End of this Book* (Stone)

- *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* (Taback)
- *Harry by the Sea* (Zion)

Family

- *Dad and the Dinosaur* (Choldenko)
- *Chirchir Is Singing* (Cunnane)
- *Panda Pants* (Davies)
- *Llama, Llama Red Pajama* (Dewdney)
- *Gaston* (DiPucchio) Also by this author : *Dragon Was Terrible, Everybody Loves Bacon*
- *The Giant Jumparee* (Donaldson)
- *Go Sleep in Your Own Bed* (Fleming) Also by this author: *Bulldozer Helps Out, and Oh No!*
- *Where to, Little Wombat* (Fuge)
- *I Just Want to Say Goodnight* (Isadore)
- *How to Cheer Up Dad* (Koehler)
- *Green Pants* (Kraegel)
- *Julian Is a Mermaid* (Love)
- *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* (Maillard)
- *Excellent Ed* (McAnulty)
- *Goyangi Means Cat* (McDonnell)
- *Lola at the Library* (McQuinn)
- *Saturday* (Mora) Also by this author: *Thank You Omu*
- *Alma and How She Got Her Name* (Neal)
- *Our Favorite Day* (Oh)
- *My Cousin Momo* (OHora) Also by this author: *No Fits Nilson, Wolfie the Bunny*
- *Chloe Instead* (Player)
- *Little Hoot* (Rosenthal) Also by this author : *Little Pea, Hey Girl, Uni the Unicorn, Yes Day!*
- *Oh Daddy* (Shea)
- *Not Quite Narwhal* (Sima)
- *Come Along, Daisy!* (Simmons)
- *Twenty Yawns* (Smiley)
- *The Water Princess* (Verde)
- *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* (Zhang)

Friends

- *Little Mouse's Big Secret* (Battut)
- *Peanut Butter and Cupcake* (Border)
- *Maybe Something Beautiful* (Campoy)
- *I'm the Best* (Cousins) Also by this author: *Maisie books, Hooray for Birds*
- *Everyone Loves Bacon* (DiPucchio) Also by this author: *Everyone Loves Cupcake, Antoinette, Dragon Was Terrible*
- *Boy + Bot* (Dyckman)
- *Birdsong* (Flett)
- *The Farmer and the Clown* (Frazee) Also by this author: *Boss Baby and A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
- *Corduroy* (Freeman)
- *How to Be Friends with a Dragon* (Gorbachev) Also by this author : *Cats Are Cats, Rufus Blasts Off, Doctor Nice*
- *Nobody Likes a Goblin* (Hatke)
- *My Friend Maggie* (Harrison)
- *Off We Go! (A Bear and Mole Story)* (Hillenbrand) Also by this author : *Kite Day*
- *Duck and Goose Go to the Beach* (Hills)
- *Big Bob, Little Bob* (Howe)
- *Flora and the Flamingo* (Idle) Also by this author : *Flora and the Penguin ...*
- *Violet's Music* (Johnson)
- *Swimmy* (Lionni) Also by this author : *Fish Is Fish, The Extraordinary Egg*
- *Frog and Toad Are Friends* (Lobel)
- *Me... Jane* (McDonnell)
- *Ducks Don't Wear Socks* (Nedwidek)
- *Olive's Perfect World* (Plecas)
- *Truman* (Reidy)
- *Ultrabot's First Playdate* (Schneider)
- *Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy* (David Soman)
- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* (Stead) Also by this author : *Ruby*
- *Ball by* (Sullivan)
- *Boo Hoo Bird* (Tankard)
- *The Cazeula That the Farm Maiden Stirred* (Vamos)
- *The Circus Ship* (Van Dusen)
- *Raybot* (Watkins)
- *Are You Ready to Play Outside* (Willems)

- *Bear Feels Scared* (Wilson) Also by this author: *A Frog In the Bog, Bear Wakes Up*
- *Hooray for Hat* (Won)

Princess Stuff

- *Madeline* (Bemelman)
- *Tallulah: Mermaid of the Great Lakes* (Brennan- Neslon)
- *Princess Peepers* (Calvert)
- *Princess Pistachio* (Gay)
- *Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated* (Heide)
- *Princess Grace* (Hoffman)
- *Angelina Ballerina* (Holabird)
- *Pinkalicious* (Kann)
- *Miss Lina's Ballerinas* (Maccarone)
- *Princess, Fairy, Ballerina* (Murguia)
- *Uni the Unicorn* (Rosenthal)
- *Totally Secret Secret (Ballet Cat)* (Shea)
- *Part-Time Princess* (Underwood)
- *Princess Me* (Wilson)

School Stories

- *The King of Kindergarten* (Barnes)
- *Mae's First Day of School* (Berube)
- *Christopher Counting* (Gorbachev)
- *Rufus Goes to School* (Griswell)
- *Chrysanthemum* (Henkes)
- *Little Bear Goes to Kindergarten* (Langreuter)
- *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Mellon* (Lovell)
- *A Very Big Bunny* (Russo)
- *Splat the Cat* (Scotton)
- *Ming's Goes to School* (Sullivan)
- *Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?* (Vernick)

Trucks and Tough Stuff Books

- *Machines at Work* (Barton)
- *Stanley the Builder* (Bee)
- *Tinyville Town: I'm a Firefighter* (Biggs) Also by this author : *Tinyville Town: I'm a Mail Carrier*
- *The Airport Book* (Brown)

- *Freight Train* (Crews)
- *The Little Dump Truck* (Cuyler)
- *Billions of Bricks* (Cyrus) Also by this author : *Fix That Clock, Shake a Leg, Egg*
- *How to Track a Truck* (Eaton)
- *Five Trucks* (Floca)
- *With Any Luck I'll Drive a Truck* (Friend)
- *Yellow Copter* (Hamilton)
- *Miles to Go* (Harper)
- *Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street* (Lee)
- *A Plane Goes Ka-Zoom* (London)
- *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site* (Rinker)
- *The Mixed- Up Truck* (Savage)
- *Little, Blue Truck* (Schertle)
- *Fire Truck* (Sís)
- *Truck Driver Tom* (Wellington)
- *Trashy Town* (Zimmerman)

Nature Stories

- *Where's Elephant?* (Barroux)
- *You Belong Here* (Clark)
- *In the Small Pond* (Fleming)
- *Carl and the Meaning of Life* (Freedman)
- *Owl Sees Owls* (Godwin)
- *Tidy* (Gravett)
- *Can I Keep It?* (Jobe)
- *Finding Wild* (Lloyd)
- *Breathe* (Magoon)
- *Anywhere Farm* (Root)
- *Baby Bear Sees Blue* (Wolff)
- *You Nest Here with Me* (Yolen)

Non-Fiction

- *My Five Senses* (Ailiki)
 - *All About Frogs* (Jim Arnosky; from his All About ... series)
- Arnosky adds to his excellent All About series, which includes *All about Owls* (1999) and *All about Turtles* (2000).
- *ZooBorns!: Zoo Babies from Around the World* (Bleiman)
 - *A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion* (Cantrell)

- *A Little Book of Sloth* (Cooke)
- *Farm* (Cooper)
- *Outside Your Window* (Davies)
- *Color* (Doran)
- *Children of the Tipi: Life in the Buffalo Days* (Fitzgerald)
- *Curious Critters* (Fitzsimmons)
- *Country Road ABC: An Illustrated Journey Through America's Farmland* (Geisert)
- *Have You Heard the Nesting Bird?* (Gray)
- *Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building* (Hale)
- *Who Has What? All About Girls' Bodies and Boys' Bodies* (Harris)
- *Actual Size* (Jenkins)
- *My First Day* (Jenkins)
- *How Big Were the Dinosaurs* (Judge)
- *Oh Theodore* (Susan Katz)
- *Over Under the Pond* (Messner)
- *Out of Sight* (Pittau and Gervais)
- *Hey, Water!* (Portis)
- *Panda Kindergarten* (Ryder)
- *About Rodents* (Sill; also by this author: *About Marsupials* , *About Reptiles* , etc...)
- *Can I Eat That?* (Stein)
- *Bring on the Birds* (Stockdale)
- *Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear*
- *All About Faces* (LaZOO)

Other Resources:

- School Library Journal : Top 100 Picture Books
<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/afuse8production/2009/05/16/top-100-picture-books-poll-results-1-101/s>
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Overdrive Kids (eBooks and audiobooks):
<https://acla.overdrive.com/library/kids>
- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
- ALSC Summer Reading List 2020:
 Birth to preschool:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/200428-alsc-2020-summer-reading-booklist-1_B-PK.pdf

Kindergarten to 2nd:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/200428-alsc-2020-summer-reading-booklist-2_K-2.pdf

● ALSC 2020 Notable Children's Books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

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