



Here is a book list for the incoming Kindergarteners to read over the summer. Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! They do not have to read the books on their own—parents, older siblings, etc. can read to them! The following is **a list of suggestions**—*there are no required titles for summer reading.*

Learning to Read on Our Own:

(many of the authors listed here have *multiple* books that would be appropriate for this age group!)

- Crews, Donald. *School Bus.*
- Eastman, P.D. *Go, Dog. Go!*
- Maslen, Bobby. *Bob Books First!*
- Hawkins, Colin. *Pat the Cat* series.
- Jonas, Ann. *Now We Can Go.*
- Lee, Mark. *20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street.*
- Peek, Merle. *Roll Over: A Counting Song.*
- Rylant, Cynthia. *Puppy Mudge* series.
- Seuss, Dr. *Fox in Socks.*
- Tafuri, Nancy. *Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails.*

Picture Books to read aloud:

- Alexander, Kwame. *Surf's Up.*
- Antony, Steve. *Please, Mr. Panda.*
- Bar-el, Dan. *Not Your Typical Dragon.*
- Broach, Elise. *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything.*
- Campbell, Scott. *Hug Machine.*
- Carle, Eric and Iwamura, Kazuo. *Where Are You Going? To See My Friend!*
- Cousins, Lucy. *I'm the Best!*
- DiPucchio, Kelly. *Gaston.*
- Frazee, Marla. *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever.*
- Gantos, Jack. *Rotten Ralph* series.
- Henkes, Kevin. *Bailey Goes Camping.*
- Idle, Molly Schaar. *Flora and the Flamingo.*
- Lester, Helen. *Happy Birthday, Tacky!*
- Nelson, Kadir. *If You Plant a Seed.*

- Raschka, Chris. *A Ball for Daisy*.
- Rocco, John. *Blackout*.
- Schertle, Alice. *Little Blue Truck Leads the Way*.
- Tullet, Hervé. *Press Here*.
- Yum, Hyewon. *Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!*

Non-Fiction to read aloud:

- Cochrane, Victoria. *Whose Nest? : A Lift-the-Flap Book*.
- Graham, Ian. *Dump Trucks and Other Big Machines*.
- Mayers, Florence. *Baseball ABC*.
- Oxlade, Chris. *Fire Truck*.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Lemons Are Not Red*.

Looking for More Ideas? Try these favorite authors and illustrators:

- Barbara Cooney
- Candace Fleming
- Laurie Keller
- Steven Kellogg
- Arnold and Anita Lobel
- James Marshall
- Bill Peet
- Jerry Pinkney
- David Shannon
- Peter Spier
- Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Happy Reading

The Kindergarten Team