

**Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade One  
Summer Reading**

**Some of the books on this list can be read independently by your child, some you will want to read together, and others are read-alouds for you to read to your child.**

**Whichever you choose, the important thing is that you all read and enjoy the experience. Time spent reading will pay dividends in so many ways – it's an investment for a lifetime.**

**Happy Reading!**

**Series : Reading your way through a series of books is a great way to spend summer days. These books let you get to know the characters and each time you read one you feel like you are visiting an old friend. Here are some to enjoy:**

**Amanda Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen**

Enjoy the adventures of Amanda and her brother Oliver.

**Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish**

Amelia will make you laugh out loud with her crazy adventures.

**Arthur by Marc Tolon Brown**

The author has used great good humor to advance his thesis that, whether for aardvarks or children, each experience in living increases self-awareness.

**Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli**

This very simple series introduces a puppy named Biscuit, who is small and yellow and makes his needs known by barking, "Woof! Woof!"

**Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell**

The lovable Clifford will delight young readers with his funny and heart-warming adventures.

**Curious George by Margret and H. A. Rey**

These stories are about a small, determined monkey who gets in and out of one predicament after another.

**Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor**

For Nancy, there's no such thing as too, too much; she loves her frilly bedroom, her lace-trimmed socks, and her pen with a plume. Enjoy her wonderful adventures as she tries to make the whole world "fancy".

**Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown**

Stanley Lambchop, an ordinary boy, was transformed into a flat hero after a bulletin board fell on him, and now this two-dimensional character is involved in all kinds of new adventures.

**Franklin by Paulette Bourgeois**

He faces problems familiar to young readers and solves them all by himself--a gentle and entertaining way to help kids cope with common childhood dilemmas.

**Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel**

Presents stories about two friends and the experiences they share.

**Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant**

Henry doesn't have any brothers or sisters, but he doesn't feel lonely...he finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge...and they're having loads of fun together!

**Hi! Fly Guy / Shoo, Fly Guy / Super Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold**

Three adventures with Buzz and his pet fly, Fly Guy. Readers are introduced to Buzz and his pet fly that can say his name and join them on their adventures. This is a fantastic series as clever wordplay elevates it above its simplistic format.

**Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park**

Amusing stories about June B., a lovable, mischievous youngster, as she adjusts to school and to life in general!

**Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik**

Endearing stories of Little Bear and his family and friends.

**Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans**

Madeline presents herself as a very independent little girl, while incidentally continuing--as she has for nearly fifty years--to introduce the landmarks of Paris and London to additional generations of young readers.

**Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant**

Warm-hearted stories of elderly Mr. Putter and his favorite companion, Tabby, the cat.

**My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett**

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

**Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

After a generous breakfast of pancakes, Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solves the mystery, and tracks down the culprits.

**Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner**

What an imagination! Skippyjon Jones is a little kitten who wants to be a Chihuahua puppy. Enjoy all his hilarious adventures.

**Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola**

Relates the comical adventures of Strega Nona, Big Anthony, and the people they encounter.

## **More stories to enjoy!**

### **A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond**

A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family.

### **But Excuse Me That Is My Book by Lauren Child**

When Lola's favorite book is not on the library's shelf, her older brother, Charlie, tries to find another book she will enjoy.

### **The Butterfly House by Eve Bunting**

With the help of her grandfather, a little girl makes a house for a larva and watches it develop before setting it free, and every summer after that butterflies come to visit her.

### **Edwardo :The Horriblest Boy in the Whole Wide World by John Burningham**

Young Edwardo accidentally changes from the most horrible boy to the nicest boy in the whole world.

### **Freight Train by Donald Crews**

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

### **Grandpa's Teeth by Rod Clement**

Soon after Grandpa's teeth disappear from a glass of water near his bed, Inspector Rate has the whole town under investigation.

### **Hit the Ball Duck by Jez Alborough**

Duck and his friends drive out into the countryside to play a game of baseball, but things get stalled when Duck hits the ball into a tree.

### **Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen**

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.

### **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes \*\*\*any title by this author\*\*\***

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

### **Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey \*\*\*any title by this author\*\*\***

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

**Max's Words by Kate Banks**

When Max cuts out words from magazines and newspapers, collecting them the way his brothers collect stamps and coins, they all learn about words, sentences, and storytelling.

**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton \*\*any title\*\***

Although Mike Mulligan's steam shovel is too old fashioned to compete with newer models, the people of Popperville find a way to keep them working.

**Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk**

When lonely Miss Spider tries to host a tea party, the other bugs refuse to come for fear of being eaten!

**One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss \*\*\*any title by this author\*\*\***

Nonsense rhymes for beginning readers.

**Probuditi! by Chris Van Allsburg**

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it.

**Russell and the Lost Treasure by Rob Scotton**

While searching for the lost treasure of Frogsbottom, Russell the sheep discovers treasure of a different sort.

**Scruffy by Peggy Parish**

Todd chooses a cat from the animal shelter for his birthday present.

**Space Cat by Dough Cushman**

Bringing a touch of science fiction to the easy-reader crowd, Cushman introduces a new character, Space Cat, and his sidekick, a robot named Earl. After landing on a strange planet, Space Cat needs fuel to fly home and King Zorp won't give him any, until Earl's gluey noodles save the day.

**Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell**

Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.

**SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod**

Humorously-named superheroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

**Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins**

This secret-lives-of-toys story will entertain, inspire, and comfort as it relates the experiences of three engaging toy best friends: Lumphy the buffalo, plush SingRay, and Plastic.

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle \*\* any title by this author \*\***

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.

**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears by Verna Aardema**

Reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz with humor and wit.

**Zack's Alligator / Zack's Alligator Goes to School by Shirley Mozelle**

When Zack soaks his new alligator keychain in water, it grows into a full-sized and fun-loving alligator.

In Zack's Alligator Goes to School, Bridget, an alligator keychain that grows into a full-sized creature when dunked in water, creates chaotic fun when Zack takes her to school for Show and Tell.