

SUMMER READING LIST

Grades K-2

Are We There Yet?

by Dan Santat
Little, Brown, 2016,
ISBN: 9780316199995
On a seemingly endless car trip, hours move so slowly that a boy imagines that time is actually moving backwards, sending him into a past full of pirates, dinosaurs, and adventure.

Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!

by Bob Shea
Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484713792
Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

Beastly Verse

Illustrated by JooHee Yoon
Enchanted Lion Books, 2015,
ISBN: 9781592701667
Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal related poems in this award winning book.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur

by Kallie George
Illustrated by Oriol Vidal
HarperCollins, 2016,
ISBN: 9780062353085
Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

Earmuffs for Everyone! *How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs*

by Meghan McCarthy
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015,
ISBN: 9781481406376
Learn about the invention of earmuffs by prolific inventor and successful businessman Chester Greenwood in this humorous picture book.

8: An Animal Alphabet

by Elisha Cooper
Orchard Books, 2015,
ISBN: 9780545470834
In this counting alphabet book, Cooper delivers a unique gamelike quality to his story as readers learn about animals—both familiar and exotic—in this alphabetically arranged book that contains eight illustrations of each animal on its pages.

Flowers Are Calling

by Rita Gray
Illustrated by Kenard Pak
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121
Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Freedom in Congo Square

by Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
little bee books, 2016,
ISBN: 9781499801033
Because of the unjust system of nineteenth-century Louisiana, the slaves are forced to work all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing, and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

Gaston

by Kelly DiPucchio
Illustrated by Christian Robinson
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014, ISBN: 9781442451025
What does it take for a bulldog to fit in with his proper poodle family? It turns out to be something simple: love.

Get a Hit, Mo!

by David A. Adler
Illustrated by Sam Ricks
Penguin, 2016,
ISBN: 9780670016327
Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

The Grasshopper & the Ants

by Jerry Pinkney
Little, Brown, 2015,
ISBN: 9780316400817
The third in his retellings of Aesop's Fables, Pinkney shows the grasshopper why the ants have worked so hard, and the ants learn the value of sharing.

Bel the Weather Girl

by Belinda Jensen
Lerner Publishing, 2016,
ISBN: 9781467797436
Meteorologist Belinda Jensen introduces kids to key weather phenomena—including hail, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and more. Each book stars Bel, a smart, spunky seven-year-old with a passion for the weather, her cousin Dylan, and her dog Stormy. Includes fact boxes, full color illustrations, glossary, hands-on activities, index, table of contents.

Ice Cream Summer

by Peter Sis
Scholastic, 2015,
ISBN: 9780545731614
Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

Creature Feature

by Steve Jenkins; Robin Page
Roaring Brook Press, 2014,
A group of unusual animals and asked them to explain why they look the way they do. In this book you can find out what they have to say for themselves.

I Got the Rhythm

by Connie Schofield-Morrison
Illustrated by Frank Morrison
Bloomsbury, 2014,
ISBN: 9781619631786
A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

Lenny & Lucy

by Philip C. Stead
Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
Roaring Brook Press, 2015,
ISBN: 9781596439320
Peter uses his imagination and pillows to create Lenny, the Guardian of the Bridge, and realizes that something is missing—a friend for Lenny.

Elephant and Piggie

by Mo Willems
They feature the interaction between two lovable and funny characters, an optimistic and sometimes reckless pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant.

The Night Gardener

by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Simon & Schuster, 2016, ISBN: 9781481439787
William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork.

¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! *Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest*

by Lulu Delacre
Children's Book Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9780892393275
Explore the cloud forest of the Andes in Ecuador in this bilingual alphabetical book in verse.

How to Read a Story

by Kate Messner;
Illustrated by Mark Siegel
Chronicle Books, 2015
ISBN: 978-1452112336
This picture book playfully and movingly illustrates the idea that the reader who discovers the love of reading finds, at the end, the beginning.

Last Stop on Market Street

by Matt de la Peña;
Illustrated by Christian Robinson
G.P. Putnam's, 2015
ISBN: 9780399257742
A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.

Strictly No Elephants

by Lisa Mantchev
Illustrated by Taeoon Yoo
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015, ISBN: 9781481416474
Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

Surf's Up

by Kwame Alexander
Illustrated by Daniel Miyares
NorthSouth Books, 2016,
ISBN: 9780735842205
Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

This Book Just Ate My Dog!

by Richard Byrne
Henry Holt and Co., 2014
ISBN: 9781627790710
When her dog disappears into the gutter of the book, Bella calls for help. But when the helpers disappear too, Bella realizes it will take more than a tug on the leash to put things right!"

