



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST
KINDERGARTEN

Works Arranged by Author

Allen, Jonathan. "I'm Not Cute!"

Baby owl gets very upset when all the other animals think he is cute.

Antony, Steve. Please Mr. Panda

Mr. Panda will not share his doughnuts unless the animals say "please."

Dean, James. Pete The Cat: A Pet for Pete.

Pete paints a cool picture of his goldfish and soon everyone in the neighborhood wants one.

Ferry, Beth. Stick and Stone.

An unlikely friendship develops between a stick and a stone when they are bullied.

Brown, Margaret Wise. Goodnight Moon

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.

Carel, Eric. Do you Want to Be My Friend?

A lonely little mouse follows a tail and asks, "Do you want to be my friend?" but at the end of each tail is an animal that is unfriendly until at last he finds the perfect friend.

Carle, Eric. Grouchy Ladybug

A grouchy ladybug looking for a fight challenges everyone she meets.

Carel, Eric. Very Hungry Caterpillar

Story of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a variety of food and forms a cocoon to go to sleep.

Crews, Donald. Freight Train.

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

Diesen, Deborah. The Pout-Pout Fish

The pout-pout fish believes he only knows how to frown, even though many of his friends suggest ways to change his expression, until one day a fish comes along that shows him otherwise.

Emberly, Barbara. Drummer Hoff

As a member of the militia, Drummer Hoff's task is firing the cannon.

Fleming, Denise. In the Tall, Tall Grass

From a caterpillar's point-of-view, children see the many happenings in the tall, tall grass. A real charmer.

Freeman, Don. Corduroy

Corduroy, a wistful teddy bear, waits patiently for someone to buy him.

Gag, Wanda. Millions of Cats

An old man goes off in search of one cat and returns with millions of them.

Gray, Kes. Frog on a Log

In rhyming text, cat explains why frog has to sit on a log, even if he finds it uncomfortable.

Feiffer, Jules. Bark George

Only after he is examined by a veterinarian can George the dog's mother figure out why George can meow, moo, quack and oink but not bark.

Galdone, Paul. The Gingerbread Boy

The Gingerbread Boy eludes the hungry grasp of everyone he meets until he happens upon a fox more clever than he.

Heller, Ruth. Color, Color, Color, Color

Describes and illustrates how colors combine in printing and how they affect our eyes.

Henkes, Kevin. Kitten's First Full Moon

Kitten thinks the moon is a bowl of milk, and tries to reach it.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. House Is A House For Me.

Lists in rhyme the dwellings of various animals and things.

Johnson, Crockett. Harold and the Purple Crayon

Harold takes a crayon and goes for a walk, drawing adventures as he goes.

Keats, Ezra Jack. Goggles!

Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lensless motorcycle goggles.

Keats, Ezra Jack. Whistle for Willie

A little boy wants to be able to whistle for his dog the way big boys do.

Kimmel. Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.

Kraus, Robert. Leo the Late Bloomer

Although his father worries because Leo can't read or write his mother is convinced he is a late bloomer.

Lester, Helen Hooway for Wodney Wat

Rodney's classmates make fun of him because he can't pronounce his name, until he drives away the class bully.

Lionni, Leo. Frederick

While the other mice gather food for the winter, Frederick the poet prepares for the long days ahead in another way.

Lionni, Leo. Inch by Inch

Inch-worm protects itself by offering to measure its enemies. This plan works well until nightingale wants its song measured.

Lionni, Leo. Little Blue and Little Yellow

Tells the story of a friendship between the children as it simultaneously describes how colors blend.

Lionni, Leo. Matthew's Dream

A trip to the museum inspires the young mouse to pursue his dream of becoming an artist.

Lionni, Leo. Swimmy

Swimmy escapes when a big fish swallows his school of fish. He swims away to see many wonderful creatures and later saves another school from being swallowed.

Lobel, Arnold. Mouse Tales

Papa mouse has a funny or exiting bedtime story to relate to each of his seven sons.

Martin, Jr., Bill. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?

Martin's famous classic for children about animals of different colors.

Martin, Jr., Bill. Chicka, Chicka, Boom Boom

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

McCloskey, Robert. Make Way for Ducklings

Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while she is gone.

Riley, Linnea. Mouse Mess

In rhyming text, cat explains why frog has to sit on a log, even if he finds it uncomfortable.

Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale

A brand of monkeys steals every one of the peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

Woods, Audrey. Jubal's Wish

Jubal Bullfrog wishes for happiness for his animal friends and finds that sometimes wishes come true in an unexpected way.

Woods, Audrey. Ten Little Fish

Ten little fish swim along an ocean reef, each finding a different reason to leave until there is only one left.

Young, Ed. Seven Blind Mice.

With the consummate of artistry that is his trademark, Young gives this favorite fable a new twist for the very young.

Zion, Gene. Harry the Dirty Dog

Harry the dog hates baths until he gets so dirty that his family doesn't recognize him.

Recommended Authors for Kindergarten Reading:

Arnold, Tedd – Fly Guy books

Brett, Jan – The Mitten

Carle, Eric – Today is Monday and many more

Dewdney, Anna – Llama, Llama books

Ehlert, Lois – Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Kann, Elizabeth – Pinkalicious!

Henkes, Kevin – Kitten's First Full Moon and Wemberly Worried

Kasza, Keiko – such as Don't Laugh Joe and Badger's Fancy Meal

Numeroff, Laura – such as If you give a Mouse a Cookie

McKee, David – Elmer the Patchwork Elephant series

Shannon, David – No David! books

Willems, Mo – Elephant and piggie books, and pigeon books

Wilson, Karma – bear series

Yolen, Jane – How do Dinosaurs series