



## Kindergarten: Summer Reading Suggestions

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What a pleasure it is to look outside the library windows to see the kindergarten children at play. Some are busy building forts. Others weave giant spider webs from rope, or craft high-rising cakes and pill-bug houses from petals, pebbles, and sand. This summer, I imagine the children in all sorts of creative and imagination-filled activities, especially outdoors.

For moments when a rest is needed, here are some stories and poems to share. The list is by no means exhaustive, but can serve as a guide for the kinds of books we have in the grade school library; those marked with an asterisk (\*) are sometimes more difficult to find in public libraries, but can likely be ordered at local bookstores. Enjoy!

### Picture Books: Celebrating the Seasons

1. *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow* by Joyce Sidman
2. \**Children of the Forest* by Elsa Beskow; also *Around the Year*
3. *A Kitten Tale* by Eric Rohmann
4. *Red Sings from the Treetops: A Year in Colors* by Joyce Sidman
5. \**On the Farm* by David Elliott
6. *The Oxcart Man* by Donald Hall
7. *The Snow Day* by Komako Sakai
8. \**The Story of the Root Children* by Sibylle von Olfers
9. *Welcome to the Ice House* by Jane Yolen
10. *The Year at Maple Hill Farm* by Alice Provensen
11. *Latkes and Applesauce* by Fran Manushkin
12. *Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto
13. *New Clothes for New Year's Day* by Hyun-joo Bae
14. *Celebrating the Lantern Festival* by Tan Sanmu
15. *Lin Yi's Lantern* Brenda Williams
16. *Celebrate the World: Ramadan* by Hannah Eliot
17. *Celebrate the World: Diwali* by Hannah Eliot

### Picture Books: Family

1. *Adele & Simon* by Barbara McKlintock; also *Adele and Simon in America*
2. *Beatrice's Goat* by Paige McBrier
3. *Brave Irene* by William Steig
4. *Catch the Goat: A Market Day in Nigeria* by Polly Alakija
5. *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales
6. *Erandi's Braids* by Antonio Madrigal
7. *Hazel's Amazing Mother* by Rosemary Wells

8. *Little Hoot* by Amy Rosenthal (also *Little Oink* and *Little Pea*)
9. *Little Oh* by Laura Krauss Melmed
10. *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats
11. *Mama's Secret* by Maria Polushkin
12. *The Man Who Kept House* by Kathleen and Michael Hague
13. *\*Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present* by Charlotte Zolotow; also *Over and Over and Williams' Doll*
14. *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy
15. *There's An Alligator Under my Beard* by Mercer Mayer
16. *A Prairie Boy's Winter (also a Prairie Boy's Summer)* by William Kurelek
17. *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant
18. *The Voyage to the Bunny Planet* by Rosemary Wells
19. *Rosalie* by Joan Hewett ers by Steve Jenkins
20. *On Mother's Lap* by Ann Herbert Scott
21. *The Magical Starfruit Tree* by Rosalind Want
22. *Raising Dragons* by Jerdine Nolen
23. *Two Dads* by Carolyn Robertson
24. *Mommy, Mama, and Me* by Leslea Newman
25. *What Can You Do With a Poleta?* by Carmen Tafolla
26. *My Dadima Wears a Sari* by Kashmira Sheth
27. *Me & Mama* by Cozbi Cabrera
28. *Hush, a Thai Lullaby* by Minfong Ho
29. *Chachaji's Cup* by Uma Krishnaswami
30. *The Nutcracker in Harlem* by T.E. McMorrow

### **Picture Books: Stories from Around the World**

*Since anthologies are generally compiled for children ages 4 through 8, pick and choose ones that feel right for your child.*

1. *Japanese Children's Favorite Stories* by Florence Sakade
2. *The Ox of the Wonderful Horns and Other African Folktales* by Ashley Bryan
3. *The Rain Cat and Other Stories* by Rose Fyleman
4. *Tales our Abuelitos Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection* by Isabel Campoy and noted bilingual children's author and scholar Alma Flor Ada
5. *I am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes
6. *The Blue Roses* by Linda Boyden
7. *Elizabeth's Doll* by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
8. *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanka
9. *Monsoon Afternoon* by Kashmira Sheth
10. *Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam* by Fawzia Gilani-Williams

11. *So Much!* by Trish Cooke
12. *A Lion's Mane* by Navjot Kaur

### Picture Books: Fantasy, Fairy, and Folk Tales

These are chosen to be complementary to the fairy and folk tales selected and told during the school year.

1. *Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave* retold by Marianna Mayer
2. *The Boy Who Held Back the Sea* by Thomas Locker
3. *Brigid's Cloak: An Ancient Irish Story* by Bryce Milligan
4. *The Bunyans* by Audrey Wood; also by the author *Silly Sally*; *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*; *Heckedy Peg*; and *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear*
5. *\*Children of the Forest* by Elsa Beskow
6. *\*Dragon-Baked Bread* by Warren Lee Cohen
7. *\*The Faerie's Gift* by Tanya Robyn Batt
8. *Flossie and the Fox* by Patricia McKissak
9. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Jan Brett; also by the illustrator *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Mitten*, *Gingerbread Baby*
10. *\*Grandfather Twilight* by Barbara Helen Berger
11. *\*The Hungry Coat* by Demi; also by the author *A Grain of Rice*, *The Empty Pot*, *King of Capri* by Jeanette Winterson, illustrated by Jane Ray; also by Jane Ray *The Apple-Pip Princess*, *Bold Boy*, *Moonbird*, and *The Lost Happy Endings*
12. *\*In the Land of the Fairies* by Daniela Drescher; also *In the Land of the Elves*
13. *It Could Always be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale* by Margot Zemach
14. *Little Black Hen* by Gennady Spirin; also by the illustrator
15. *Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp* by Mercer Mayer; also by Mercer Mayer *The Bravest Knights*
16. *The Magic Cooking Pot* by Faith Towle
17. *Ming Lo Moves the Mountain* by Arnold Lobel
18. *Mr. Semolina/Semolinus* by Anthony Manna
19. *Nabulela: A Nguni South African Folk Tale* by Fiona Moodie; also by the author *Boy and the Giants*, *The Wonder Shoes*
20. *The Nightingale* by Jerry Pinckney
21. *\*The Pancake the Ran Away* by Loek Koopmans; also by the illustrator *Cinderella*, *Any Room for Me?*, *Frog, Bee & Snail Look for Snow*
22. *\*Pico the Gnome* by Martina Müller
23. *\*The Princess in the Forest* by Shelley von Olfers
24. *Stone Cutter: A Japanese Folk Tale* by Gerald McDermott

25. *Stone Soup* by Jon Muth; also by the illustrator *Come on, Rain!*, *Zen Shorts*
26. *Story of Little Babaji*, illustrated by Fred Marcellino; also by this illustrator *Puss in Boots*, *Steadfast Tin Soldier*
27. *Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs
28. *The Three Princes: A Middle Eastern Tale* by Eric Kimmel; also by the author *Three Samurai Cats: A Story from Japan* and *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*
29. *\*The Valley of the Mist* by Arcadio Lobato
30. *The Winter Wren* by Brock Cole

### **Picture Books: Animal Stories**

1. *All Beatrix Potter Books*
2. *\*Any Room for Me?* by Loek Koopmans
3. *\*Chanticleer and the Fox* by Barbara Cooney
4. *Fly High, Fly Low* by Don Freeman; also by the author *Corduroy*
5. *Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf
6. *Go to Sleep, Little Bear* by Jan Morgenson
7. *Lassie* retold by Rosemary Wells
8. *Little Chick* by Amy Hest
9. *Little Rabbit books* by Harry Horse
10. *Little Snow Bear* by Hazel Lincoln
11. *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
12. *\*Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag
13. *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle
14. *One Fine Day* by Nannoy Hogrodian
15. *\*Pudding and Chips* by Penny Matthews
16. *Seven Little Rabbits* by John Becker and Barbara Cooney
17. *Stella Luna* by Janell Cannon
18. *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni; also by the author *Frederick*, *Inch by Inch*, *A Color of His Own*, *It's Mine*, *Theodore and the Talking Mushroom*, and *An Extraordinary Egg*
19. *Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
20. *The Little Red Hen* by Jerry Pinckney
21. *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens
22. *With Love, Little Red Hen* by Alma Flor Ada

### **Picture Books: Themes of Friendship**

1. *Best Friends for Frances* by Russell Hoban
2. *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes; also by the author *Chester's Way*, *A Weekend with*

- Wendell, and Sheila Rae, The Brave*
3. *Cork and Fuzz* series by Dori Chaconas
  4. *Ernest and Celestine* stories by Gabrielle Vincent
  5. *\*Goldie at the Orphanage* by Martha Sandwell-Bergström; also *Goldie at the Farm*
  6. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
  7. *The Rag Coat* by Lauren Mills
  8. *\*Peter ad Lotta Series* by Elsa Beskow
  9. *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau
  10. *Roxaboxen* by Barbara Clooney
  11. *Ruby the Copy Cat* by Peggy Rathmann
  12. *\*The Scarecrow who Wanted a Hug* by Guido Visconti
  13. *Tim and Charlotte* by Edward Ardizzone
  14. *Toot and Puddle* series by Holly Hobbie
  15. *Wish, Change, Friend* by Ian Whybrow
  16. *Yoko's Paper Cranes* by Rosemary Wells; and other "Yoko" stories

#### **Picture Books: Poetry and Nursery Rhymes**

1. *Bringing the Rain to the Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale* by Verna Aardema
2. *The Glorious Mother Goose* compiled by Cooper Edens
3. *Here's a Little Poem* compiled by Jane Yolen (also *This Little Piggy*)
4. *It's Raining Said John Twainig: Danish Nursery Rhymes* compiled by N.M. Brodecker
5. *Jamberry* by Bruce Degan
6. *Lavender's Blue* compiled by Katherine Lewis
7. *When the Dark Comes Dancing: A Bedtime Poetry Book* by Nancy Larrick
8. *Bippity Bop Barbership* by Natasha Tarpley

#### **Read-Aloud Stories: Early Chapter Books**

For Second-Year Kindergarten children; let the First Years dwell in the picture books a bit longer.

1. *Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition)
2. *The Gingerbread Rabbit* by Randall Jarrell
3. *I'll Meet you at the Cucumbers* by Lillian Moore
4. *Jamie and Angus Together* by Anne Fine
5. *Tales of Tiptoes Lightly* by Reg Down
6. *Thimbleberry Stories* by Cynthia Rylant
7. *Many Moons* by James Thurber
8. *Old Mother West Wind, (a series of many books)* by Thornton W. Burgess
9. *Sophie's Snail* by Dick King-Smith