

Prince of Peace Lower School
2026 Recommended Summer Reading List

This list is to serve as a guide when selecting thoughtful reading material. Students are to select options from any list that fall within the student's independent reading level. Our goal is to encourage a love of reading through thoughtful, age-appropriate fiction and nonfiction selections that build character, curiosity, and joy in learning.

Pre-Kindergarten - Kindergarten Reading Level

1. The Beginner's Bible
2. Curious George
3. The Tale of Peter Rabbit
4. Frog and Toad Are Friends
5. Little Bear
6. Make Way for Ducklings
7. The Very Hungry Caterpillar
8. Goodnight Moon
9. National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals
10. Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

1st Grade Reading Level

1. Frog and Toad Together
2. Henry and Mudge
3. Mercy Watson to the Rescue
4. Biscuit
5. Danny and the Dinosaur
6. The Tale of Three Trees
7. A Seed Is Sleepy
8. Just in Case You Ever Wonder
9. Owl Moon
10. Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

2nd Grade Reading Level

1. The Boxcar Children
2. The Year of Billy Miller
3. Milly-Molly-Mandy Stories
4. Paddington Bear
5. Mercy Watson Fights Crime
6. The Crippled Lamb
7. Dinosaurs Before Dark
8. National Geographic Kids: Sharks
9. Who Was Helen Keller?
10. Miss Rumphius

3rd Grade Reading Level

1. The Courage of Sarah Noble
2. The Tale of Despereaux
3. The Mouse and the Motorcycle
4. The Family Under the Bridge
5. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
6. Who Was George Washington?
7. The Drinking Gourd
8. Afternoon on the Amazon
9. The Hundred Dresses
10. A Drop of Water

4th Grade Reading Level

1. Little House in the Big Woods
2. Mr. Popper's Penguins
3. Frindle
4. The Trumpet of the Swan
5. The Penderwicks
6. Who Was Harriet Tubman?
7. The Green Ember
8. The Sign of the Beaver
9. National Geographic Kids: Volcanoes
10. The Family Under the Bridge

5th Grade Reading Level

1. A Wrinkle in Time
2. The Bronze Bow
3. Number the Stars
4. The One and Only Ivan
5. The Door in the Wall
6. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
7. Who Was Abraham Lincoln?
8. Island of the Blue Dolphins
9. Amos Fortune, Free Man
10. Pilgrim's Progress (*children's edition*)

Advanced Reading Level

1. The Chronicles of Narnia series
2. The Secret Garden
3. Little Women
4. The Hobbit
5. The Green Ember series
6. The Penderwicks
7. Johnny Tremain
8. The Railway Children
9. The Case for Christ for Kids
10. Pilgrim's Progress (*children's edition*)