



Mustard Seed School

Summer Reading List: Students Entering Kindergarten

One of the joys of childhood is story-time, that special time when the grown-up puts everything else aside for a few minutes and reads to the child. The love expressed in this simple act is deeply felt and long remembered.

We know that children who are read to daily enter kindergarten with more vocabulary, better listening skills, and a natural expectation that they will read too. There is not a better or easier way to prepare your child for school than the shared time and language a book can provide.

You may have many favorite books you love to read. If so, stick with them, for young children benefit from hearing favorite stories over and over. We know that the five-year-old loves to hear stories of princesses and castles, giants and dragons, talking animals and magic.

Any telling of a classic tale such as *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *Snow White*, *The Three Bears*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Cinderella*, *The Three Pigs* would be a good story to share. The following list is a list of books that you can read with your child over the summer and throughout the coming year. These books reflect a variety of the topics pursued in the kindergarten. You should feel free to choose from this list according to the interests of your child and the availability of books in libraries and stores.

(Please note that an * indicates that the author has written numerous books, most of which would make for equally suitable reading.)

We recommend some of our old favorites:

Ada, Alma Flor	<i>I Love Saturdays y Domingos</i>
Asch, Frank*	<i>Happy Birthday Moon, Moongame</i>
Barnes, Derek	<i>The King of Kindergarten</i>
Barnett, Mac	<i>Sam and Dave Dig a Hole</i>
Brett, Jan*	<i>The Mitten</i>
Cannon, Janelle	<i>Stella Luna</i>
Carle, Eric*	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider, The Very Quiet Cricket</i>
de la Pena, Matt	<i>Last Stop on Market Street, Carmela Full of Wishes</i>
de Paola, Tomie*	<i>Book of Poems, Favorite Nursery Rhymes</i>
Daywalt, Drew*	<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>
Dumuth, Patricia	<i>Those Amazing Ants</i>
Fleming, Denise	<i>In the Tall, Tall Grass</i>

Freeman, Don	<i>Corduroy</i>
Hutchins, Pat	<i>Rosie's Walk, My Best Friend</i>
Keats, Ezra Jack*	<i>Pet Show, Peter's Chair, Whistle for Willie</i>
Kellogg, Steven*	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>
Lionni, Leo*	<i>Frederick, It's Mine!, Swimmy</i>
Lobel, Arnold*	<i>Frog and Toad stories</i>
Lloyd-Jones, Sally	<i>The Jesus Storybook Bible</i>
Maillard, Kevin Noble	<i>Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story</i>
Martin, Bill &	
Archambault, John	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i>
Medina, Meg	<i>Mango, Abuela, and Me</i>
Mercurio, Ishta	<i>Small World</i>
McQueen, Lucinda	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>
Minarik, Elsa H.*	<i>Little Bear stories</i>
Murphy, Jill*	<i>Five Minutes Peace, A Piece of Cake</i>
Quintero, Isabel	<i>Papi Has a Motorcycle</i>
Rey, H. A.*	<i>Curious George stories</i>
Stead, Phillip	<i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i>
Waddell, Martin	<i>Can't You Sleep Little Bear? and other Little Bear stories</i>

All About Me

Alemagna, Beatrice	<i>What Is a Child?</i>
Beaumont, Karen	<i>I Like Myself</i>
Bell, Davina	<i>All the Ways to Be Smart</i>
Carlson, Nancy	<i>I Like Me</i>
Davol, Marguerite	<i>Black, White, Just Right</i>
Fox, Mem*	<i>Whoever You Are</i>
Hong, Jess	<i>Lovely</i>
Kane, Janene	<i>The Way I Feel</i>
Lovell, Patty*	<i>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon</i>
Manushkin, Fran	<i>Happy in Our Skin</i>
Miller, Pat Zietlow	<i>Be Kind</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>I Can be Anything!</i>
Turner, Matthew P.*	<i>When God Made You</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>The Day You Begin</i>

Seeds

Carle, Eric*	<i>The Tiny Seed</i>
Gibbons, Gail*	<i>From Seed to Plant</i>
Jordan, Helene	<i>How a Seed Grows (Let's Read and Find Out Science 1)</i>
Krauss, Ruth	<i>The Carrot Seed</i>
Seiling, Rebecca	<i>Plant a Seed of Peace</i>
Wallace, Nancy E.	<i>Seeds! Seeds! Seed!</i>

Light

Asch, Frank*	<i>Moonbear's Shadow, The Sun is My Favorite Star</i>
Bang, Molly	<i>My Light</i>
Barner, Bob	<i>Stars! Stars! Stars!</i>
Branley, Franklin M.	<i>Day Light, Night Light: Where Light Comes From</i>
Brown, Marcia*	<i>Shadow</i>

Carle, Eric*	<i>Draw Me a Star</i>
Gibbons, Gail*	<i>Sun Up, Sun Down</i>
Turner, Matthew P.*	<i>When God Made Light</i>

Garden

Aliki*	<i>Quiet in the Garden</i>
Anholt, Laurence	<i>The Magical Garden of Claude Monet</i>
Brown, Peter	<i>The Curious Garden</i>
Bunting, Eve*	<i>Sunflower House, Flower Garden</i>
Cole, Henry	<i>Jack's Garden</i>
Ehlert, Lois*	<i>Planting a Rainbow, Growing Vegetable Soup, Jack and the Beanstalk</i>
McCanna, Tom	<i>In a Garden</i>
Potter, Beatrix	<i>Peter Rabbit and others</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>This Year's Garden</i>
Tolstoy, Aleksei	<i>The Gigantic Turnip</i>