

Summer Reading List for Rising Kindergarten



Plainfield School District

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Allen, Kathryn Madeline. ***A Kiss Means I Love You***. Whitman, 2012. The meanings of different actions, expressions, words, and sounds are explored through rhyming text and engaging photographs of real children.

Antony, Steve. ***Please, Mr. Panda***. Scholastic, 2014. Mr. Panda wants to share his doughnuts with the other animals, but only if they remember to say “please” and “thank you.”

Barrow, David. ***Have You Seen Elephant?*** Gecko, 2016. Subtle humor and irresistible artwork make this game of hide-and-seek with an elephant big fun.

Bass, Jennifer Vogel. ***Edible Colors***. Roaring Brook, 2014. The many colors found in different fruits and vegetables are explored through simple text and photographs.

Child, Lauren. ***The New Small Person***. Candlewick, 2015. In the familiar tale of a less-than-welcome sibling, the author gets to the heart of a child’s evolving emotions about becoming a big brother or sister.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin & Schories. ***Bathtime for Biscuit***. HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 1998. Everything is ready for Biscuit’s bath – everything except Biscuit. He wants to roll in the mud and play with his friend Puddles.

Carle, Eric. ***What’s Your Favorite Animal?*** Holt, 2014. With beautiful illustrations and charming personal stories, 14 children’s book artists share their favorite animals and tell the reader why they love them.

Cazet, Denys. ***Minnie And Moo and the Musk of Zorro***. Moo longs for the days of heroes, the days of the derring-do of good-deed doers. As Juanita del Zorro del Moo and Dolores del Zorro del Minnie, our heroes roam the farm armed with an aerosol can of Zorro musk and a barbecue skewer, attempting to rescue the downtrodden.

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- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Rubia and the Three Osos***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. This retelling of the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears uses rhyming text mainly in English, but interspersed with Spanish words.
- Hudson, Cheryl Willis & Ford, Bernette. ***Bright Eyes, Brown Skin***. Just Us Books, Inc., 1990. In this book designed to build self-esteem, four African-American kindergarteners enjoy their day together.
- Lloyd-Jones, Sally. ***The Ultimate Guide to Grandmas & Grandpas***. HarperCollins, 2008. Hints are offered to grandchildren about how to make grandparents happy, such as singing and dancing for them, sharing naps, and letting them give you special treats and presents.
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. ***If You Give a Dog a Donut***. Balzer & Bray, 2011. Simple text and illustrations describe the chaos that might ensue if a dog was given a donut.
- Raschka, Christopher. ***A Ball for Daisy***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. Daisy the dog is heartbroken when her favorite toy ball is destroyed while she is playing with another dog, but she realizes she has also gained something. Caldecott Medal 2012
- Rinker, Sherri Duskey. ***Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site***. Chronicle Books, 2011. At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.
- Rocco, John. ***Blackout***. Disney-Hyperion, 2011. A busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, but they find they are having so much fun spending time together that not everyone is happy when the lights go back on. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2012
- Simon, Seymour. ***Cats***. HarperCollins Publishers, 2009. Cats are fascinating creatures. Come along as Seymour Simon explores the many faces of this beloved animal with striking full-color photographs.
- Vamos, Samantha R. ***The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred***. Charlesbridge, 2011. Text in English with some Spanish is used in this cumulative tale of a farm maiden who, aided by a group of animals, prepares "Arroz con Leche," or rice pudding. A recipe and a glossary of Spanish words are included.

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Wells, Rosemary. **How many? How much?** Get Set for Kindergarten series. Timothy and his kindergarten classmates learn about counting, measuring, money, and other math concepts. Includes activities on directionality, spatial relations, and the days of the week.

Wells, Rosemary. **Letters and Sounds.** Get Set for Kindergarten series. Timothy and his kindergarten classmates learn about the alphabet, sounds, and rhyming. Includes activities on letter recognition, single and multiple syllable words, and words that start with consonants and vowels.

Willems, Mo. **That Is Not a Good Idea.** Balzer & Bray, 2013. When a plump mama goose is invited to dinner by a hungry fox, her babies try to warn her that this is a very bad idea!

YOU MAY ALSO SELECT A BOOK FROM ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS OR SERIES:

AUTHORS	SERIES
Frank Asch Eric Carle Joy Cowley Mem Fox Jonathan London David Shannon	Five Little Monkeys Biscuit Clifford the Big Red Dog Miss Bindergarten Spot

