

# Summer Reading 2023



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## Suggested reading for students entering Pre-Kindergarten

*A Big Guy Took My Ball!* by Mo Willems  
*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman  
*Another* by Christian Robinson  
*Bathe the Cat* by Alice B. McGinty  
*Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris  
*Bedtime for Sweet Creatures* by Nikki Grimes  
*Big Boys Cry* by Jonty Howley  
*The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates & Juniper Bates  
*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd  
*Get Off that Camel!* by A.H. Benjamin  
*Hey Water* by Antoinette Portis  
*The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)* by Patrick McDonnell  
*Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor  
*Mushroom Rain* by Laura K. Zimmermann  
*The Old Truck* by Jarrett Pumphrey & Jerome Pumphrey  
*Room for Everyone* by Naaz Khan  
*Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett  
*Skulls!* by Blair Thornburgh  
*This Is The Nest That Robin Built* by Denise Fleming  
*We All Play: kimētawānaw* by Julie Flett  
*When's My Birthday?* by Julie Fogliano  
*Windows* by Julia Denos

## Suggested reading for students entering Kindergarten

*A Hungry Lion, or a Dwindling Assortment of Other Animals* by Lucy Ruth Cummins  
*Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal  
*Balance the Birds* by Susie Ghahremani  
*Cricket in the Thicket* by Carol Murray  
*Danbi Leads the School Parade* by Anna Kim  
*Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)* by Carrie Finison  
*Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho  
*The Good for Nothing Button!* by Charise Harper  
*Good Rosie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*I am the Storm* by Jane Yolen & Heidi E. Y. Stemple  
*If Sharks Disappeared* by Lily Williams  
*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson  
*Isabel and Her Colores Go to School* by Alexandra Alessandri  
*The King of Kindergarten* by Derrick Barnes  
*My Dog Banana* by Roxane Brouillard  
*Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, He Did)* by Ryan T. Higgins  
*Parker Looks Up* by Parker Curry & Jessica Curry  
*Saturday* by Oge Mora  
*Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler  
*Truman* by Jean Reidy  
*Under My Hijab* by Hena Khan  
*Waiting* by Kevin Henkes  
*We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen  
*Who Wet My Pants?* by Bob Shea

## Suggested reading for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

*The Camping Trip* by Jennifer K. Mann  
*Fox + Chick (series)* by Sergio Ruzzier  
*Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate  
*Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming  
*In Plain Sight* by Richard Jackson  
*Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall  
*Lift* by Minh Lê  
*Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons* by Laura Purdie Salas  
*Melia and Jo* by Billy Aronson  
*My First Day* by Phung Nguyen Quang  
*My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories* by Salina Yoon  
*The Panda Problem* by Deborah Underwood  
*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali  
*Red, A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall  
*Reina Ramos Works It Out!* by Emma Otheguy  
*Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie  
*Ty's Travels (series)* by Kelly Starling Lyons  
*¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat* by Raúl the Third

## Suggested reading for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

*Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty  
*Because* by Mo Willems  
*Charlie and Mouse (series)* by Laurel Snyder  
*Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built* by Angela Burke Kunkel  
*Doña Esmeralda, Who Ate Everything!* by Melissa De La Cruz  
*Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard  
*I Talk Like A River* by Jordan Scott  
*Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home* by Sy Montgomery  
*Nugget and Dog (series)* by Jason Tharp  
*Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere* by Barb Rosenstock  
*Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us* by Lauren Castillo  
*Packs: Strength in Numbers* by Hannah Salyer  
*Pokko and the Drum* by Matthew Forsythe  
*See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog* by David LaRochelle  
*The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal* by Nick Seluk  
*The Water Princess* by Susan Verde  
*Yasmin (series)* by Saadia Faruqi  
*Your Place in the Universe* by Jason Chin

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## Parent Resources

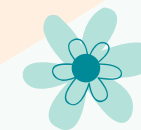
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- AstroNuts: The Plant Planet* by Jon Scieszka & Steven Weinberg
- Catstronauts (series)* by Drew Brockington
- Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* by Suzanne Slade
- Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real* by Marc Tyler Nobleman
- Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina
- Little Robot* by Ben Hatke
- Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang
- Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey (series),* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- A Narhwal and Jelly Book (series)* by Ben Clanton
- No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History Edited* by Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V Dawson & Jeanette Bradley
- The Oregon Trail (series)* by Jesse Wiley
- Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone
- Press Start! (Series)* by T. Flinham
- Tales from Deckawoo Drive (Books 1,2,3)* by Kate DiCamillo
- William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad* By Don Tate
- Yours Sincerely, Giraffe* by Megumi Iwasa

## Suggested reading for students entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
- A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything* by Kirsten W. Larson
- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Dragon in the Library* by Louie Stowell
- Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure (Mouse Adventures)* by Torben Kuhlmann
- Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise* by David Ezra Stein
- The Little Mermaid* by Jerry Pinkney
- The Penderwicks (series)* by Jeanne Birdsall
- Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac
- Stargazing* by Jen Wang
- Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones & Katie Kath
- Violet & Jobie in the Wild* by Lynne Rae Perkins
- Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson illustrations by Nina Mata
- Waylon! Even More Awesome* by Sara Pennypacker
- Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

## Suggested reading for students entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- A Wolf for a Spell* by Karah Sutton
- All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World* by Lori Alexander
- Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan
- Everything Robotics* by Jennifer Swanson
- The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm
- Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- Knights vs. Dinosaurs* by Matt Phelan
- Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar
- Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech* by Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek
- Maya and the Robot* by Eve L. Ewing
- Pawcasso* by Remi Lai
- Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- Solar System: Our Place in Space* by Rosemary Mosco and Jon Chad
- Star Scouts* by Mike Lawrence
- Super Women: Six Scientists who Changed the World* by Laurie Lawlor
- Take Back the Block* by Chrystal D. Giles
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
- The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

## Suggested reading for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat
- The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin
- Code Word Courage* by Kirby Larson
- Frizzy* by Claribel Ortega
- Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
- My Aunt is a Monster* by Reimena Yee
- Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary D. Schmidt
- Pax* by Sara Pennypacker
- The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs* by Gail Jarrow
- Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo
- Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell
- Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks
- Slacker* by Gordon Korman
- They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scoot, & Harmony Becker
- This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews
- The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
- The Last Fallen Star* by Graci Kim Wink by Rob Harrell

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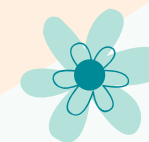
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