

SUMMER READING LIST-Grades K-2

A Chair for My Mother

by Vera B. Williams
Greenwillow Books, 2007
ISBN: 9780688040741
After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy.

Be You!

by Peter H. Reynolds
Orchard Books, 2020
ISBN: 9781338572315
Discover a joyful reminder of the ways that every child is unique and special.

Boss Stories: 11 Real Life Stories about the Impact of Incarceration on Students & Educators

by Dr. Jaelyn Walker, et. al.
INPB, 2019
ISBN: 9781094697369
These stories are from the perspective of 9 children and 2 adults that have been impacted by incarceration. However, these B.O.S.S. (Breaking Obstacles to Seek Success) stories will encourage others in similar situations that regardless of your circumstances, then you can still be a BOSS!

Brave Irene

by William Steig
BYR, 1986
ISBN: 9780312564223
This winning heroine will inspire every child to cheer her on as she ventures through a bitter cold snowstorm.

Can I Play Too?

by Mo Willems
Hyperion Books, 2010
ISBN: 9781423119913
In Can I Play Too? Gerald and Piggie meet a new snake friend who wants to join in a game of catch. But don't you need arms to catch?

Flowers Are Calling

by Rita Gray
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121
Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Giraffes Can't Dance

by Giles Andreae
Watts Pub Group, 2014
ISBN: 9780545392556
Gerald would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance ...or can they?

Give Bees A Chance

by Bethany Barton
Puffin Books, 2019
ISBN: 9780593113721
This book is for anyone who doesn't quite appreciate how extra special and important bees are to the world, and even to humankind!

Hair Love

by Matthew A. Cherry
Illustrated by Christian Robinson
Kokila, 2019
ISBN: 9780525553366
Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

Have Fun Molly Lou Melon

Patty Lovell
G.P. Putnam Sons Books, 2012
ISBN: 9780399254062
Molly Lou Melon's grandma taught her to be happy with herself no matter what, but that's not all she learned. Molly learned the best thing to play with is a huge imagination.

How to Read a Story

by Kate Messner
Chronicle Books, 2015
ISBN: 9781452112336
This picture book playfully and movingly illustrates the idea that the reader who discovers the love of reading finds, at the end, the beginning.

Hula Hooping Queen
by Thelma Lynne Godin

Lee & Low Books, 2017
ISBN: 9781620145791
Kameeka yearns to continue her hula hooping competition with her rival, Jamara, rather than help prepare for Miz Adeline's birthday party, and "the itch" almost ruins the party before the girls learn who the real winner is.

Ish

by Peter H. Reynolds
Candlewick, 2004
ISBN: 9780763623449
A creative spirit learns that thinking "ish-ly" is far more wonderful than "getting it right".

Our Moms

by Q. Futrell
Morgan James Kids, 2018
ISBN: 9780692525586
Our Moms is an easy-to-read guide that lets kids with incarcerated parents know they're not alone.

Peanut Butter & Cupcake

by Terry Border
Philomel Books, 2014
ISBN: 9780399167737
What's a little piece of bread to do when he's feeling lonely? Find a friend, of course! And that's exactly what Peanut Butter tries to do.

Please Please the Bees

by Gerald Kelley
INDPB, 2017
ISBN: 9780807551837
Benedict has a pretty sweet life for a bear. Every morning the bees leave a jar of honey on his doorstep, and every day he has honey for breakfast and honey in his tea. It's an important part of his day. But all that changes when the bees go on strike.

Spaghetti in a Hotdog Bun
by Maria Dismondy

Cardinal Rule Press, 2008
ISBN: 97800615473932
This charming story empowers children to always do the right thing and be proud of themselves, even when they are faced with someone who is challenging.

Stick and Stone

by Beth Ferry
MHM Books, 2015
ISBN: 9780544032569
When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor?

Strictly No Elephants

by Lisa Mantchev
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015
ISBN: 9781481416474
Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

Swimmy

by Leo Lionni
Dragonfly Books, 2017
ISBN: 9780399555503
heir watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding . . . until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how—with ingenuity and teamwork—they can overcome any danger.

The Feelings Book

by Todd Parr
LB Kids, 2005
ISBN: 9780316012492
Kids and adults will appreciate Todd Parr's quirky intelligence as he pays special attention to the ever-changing, sometimes nonsensical emotions that we all feel.

The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog

by Mo Willems
Hyperion Books, 2004
ISBN: 9780786818693
When Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog, he can hardly wait to shove the entire thing in his beak. But . . . then a very sly and hungry duckling enters the scene and wants a bite. Who will be the more clever bird?

The Kissing Hand

by Audrey Penn
Tanglewood, 1993
ISBN: 9781933718002
School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary.

This is Not a Good Idea

by Mo Willems
Balzer & Bray, 2013
ISBN: 9780062203090
Inspired by the evil villains and innocent damsels of silent movies, Willems tells the tale of a hungry fox who invites a plump goose to dinner.

What If?

by Samantha Berger
Little Brown Books, 2018
ISBN: 9780316390965
Stunning mixed media illustrations, lyrical text, and a breathtaking gatefold conjure powerful magic in this heartfelt affirmation of art, imagination, and the resilience of the human spirit.



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