

Suggested Summer Reading

Kindergarten is a time when your child will begin developing the skills they need to read on their own, and summer is the perfect time to lay the groundwork for that process. Below is a suggested reading list for rising kindergarteners developed by early literacy experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Also remember that reading doesn't have to be a solo activity – shared reading experiences with a family member are a great learning opportunity. Your rising kindergartener and the whole family can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: www.cmlibrary.org/summerread

Please, Mr. Panda	E	<i>Antony</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
Mr. Panda will not share his doughnuts unless the animals say "please."			
The Little Bear Book	E	<i>Browne</i>	<i>GRL F</i>
Little bear knows just what to do with his pencil when he meets four grouchy animals in the forest.			
Maisy, Charley, and the Wobbly Tooth	E	<i>Cousins</i>	<i>GRL I</i>
Charley has a wobbly tooth and he goes to the dentist for the first time.			
Pete the Cat: A Pet for Pete	ER	<i>Dean</i>	<i>GRL G</i>
Pete paints a cool picture of his goldfish and soon everyone in the neighborhood wants one.			
Wolfie the Bunny	E	<i>Dyckman</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
Big sister Dot is not impressed when her parents decide to adopt a hungry baby wolf into their family of rabbits.			
We March	E	<i>Evans</i>	<i>GRL I</i>
Neighbors take a bus to Washington, DC to hear Dr. Martin Luther King's speech.			
Stick and Stone	E	<i>Ferry</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
An unlikely friendship develops between a stick and a stone when they are bullied.			
Olive and the Big Secret	E	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
Olive struggles to keep a secret and is tempted to tell.			
Chu's Day	E	<i>Gaiman</i>	<i>GRL F</i>
A little Panda worries his tremendous sneeze will cause trouble.			
Little White Fish	E	<i>Genechten</i>	<i>GRL A-C</i>
A little white fish has lost his Mom and asks his colorful ocean friends for help.			
How to Grow A Friend	E	<i>Gillingham</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
Making and keeping friends is compared to growing and taking care of plants in a garden.			

Oh No, George!	E	<i>Haughton</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
Poor George tries to do the right thing, but being a dog makes it extra tough.			
You are (not) Small	E	<i>Kang</i>	<i>GRL E</i>
Two creatures cannot agree on who is small and who is big.			
From Egg to Butterfly	J595.789	<i>Knudsen</i>	<i>GRL F</i>
Easy to understand sentences tell how an egg can become a butterfly.			
Tap the Magic Tree	E	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
Readers can tap, rub, and shake a book to make a tree change.			
First Snow	E	<i>McCarty</i>	<i>GRL G</i>
Pedro comes to visit his cousins and he experiences his first snow fall.			
I Don't Want to Be a Frog	E	<i>Petty</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
A young frog wants to be anything but a frog, and his father tries to convince him otherwise, especially when they meet a wolf.			
How to Lose a Lemur	E	<i>Preston-Gannon</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
A boy is followed by an increasing number of lemurs despite his best efforts to get rid of them.			
Floating	J532	<i>Rau</i>	<i>GRL A-C</i>
Using a combination of words, pictures, and repetition, children learn basic facts about things that float.			
A Bird is a Bird	J598	<i>Rockwell</i>	<i>GRL H</i>
Demonstrates the unique characteristics and wide variety of birds.			
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich	E	<i>Sarcone-Roach</i>	<i>GRL K</i>
Dinosaur vs. Mommy	E	<i>Shea</i>	<i>GRL J</i>
Roar!! Dinosaur takes on Mommy in this newest installment of the Dinosaur vs. series.			
Hello, Moon!	E	<i>Simon</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
A little boy has many favorite activities, does the moon like the same things?			
Are You Ready to Play Outside?	E	<i>Willems</i>	<i>GRL A-C</i>
Best friends Elephant and Piggie go outside to play, but what can they do when it begins to rain?			
Henri's Scissors	JB	<i>Winter</i>	<i>GRL N</i>
A biography of legendary artist Henri Matisse that focuses on his late period creating art using only paper and scissors.			
Night Owl	E	<i>Yuly</i>	<i>GRL D</i>
A little owl flies through the night listening to different sounds.			