

SUMMER READING LISTS

Kinder level

1, 2, 3 to the zoo by Carle – 1998, c1968 - Each car on the train has one more zoo animal than the one before, from the first car with an elephant to the last with ten birds.

Adell and the secret well by Hanson – c2006 - Presents a children's book for beginning readers that introduces the "ell" sound in words such as bell, cell, shell, well, and yell.

Anna's book by Baker – 2004 - Anna loves her new book, so after her mother reads it to her three times, she starts reading it to her teddy bear.

Anthony and the girls by Konnecke – 2006 - Anthony arrives at the playground with a bucket, a shovel, and a really big car, but he cannot seem to attract the attention he wants from the girls.

Bear in air by Worth – c2008 - Winnie the Pooh spends his day sharing his breakfast, chasing the bees, and trying to steal their honey.

Berenstain Bears big bear, small bear, The by Berenstain – c1998 - The Bear family demonstrates the difference between big and small with a variety of objects from hats and heads to suits of clothes.

Bears in the night by Berenstain – c1971 - Seven bears sneak out of bed, through the window, and across the dark countryside to investigate the source of a noise.

Bess and Tess by Blackaby – c2005 - Compares Lucy's two lovable dogs who are exact opposites in personality. The comparison concept is enhanced by the acrylic picture clues.

Best Fall of all by Godwin – 2002 - Happy the dog & Honey the cat enjoy playing outside on a fall day.

Best soccer player, The by Blackaby – c2005 - When the children play soccer, Katy, their dog, is the best player of them all.

Big brown bear by McPhail – 1999 - A big brown bear turns blue with paint when a little bear accidentally knocks over his ladder with her baseball bat.

Big egg by Coxe – 2003, c1997 - A mother hen wakes up one morning to find a gigantic egg among the others in her nest and goes in search of the egg's origin.

Biscuit finds a friend by Capucilli - 1997 - Biscuit helps a lost duckling to find its way home, but the baby ducks wants to play with his new friend.

Boy who wouldn't share, The by Reiss – 2008 - Edward, unwilling to share his toys with his sister, has a change of heart when she has something he wants.

Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see? by Bill Martin, Jr. – 1992 - Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.

Bubble trouble by Hulme – c1999 - Bubbles grow and flow, fly in the sky, and pop, but dipping the stick and blowing can make more.

Bugs! by McKissack – c2000 - Counts from one to five as two children search for a variety of insects in their yard.

Cat and a dog, A by Masurel – 2003, c2001 - A cat and a dog are enemies until a crisis brings them together as friends.

City fun by Hillert – c2008 - As two girls explore the city, they watch buildings being torn down and built, ride the subway, visit the park, watch a parade, play games, and visit the library.

Clifford's valentines by Bridwell – c2001 - Clifford, the big red dog, makes a snowy valentine for his friends.

Cloudy day, sunny day by Crews - 1999 - Whether the day is cloudy or sunny, it provides lots of opportunities for fun and entertainment.

Clown around by Rau – c2001 - A clown troupe prepares for, and presents, a circus act complete with seltzer, a tiny car, and a high wire act.

Colors and the number series by Sargent – c2005 – A series of children's "Learning to Read" books that teaches colors and the numbers.

Coco on the go by Blackaby – c2006 - Coco the dog goes everywhere with Mama and her new baby, but at the end of the day Coco and the baby want very different things.

Cornelius P. Mud, are you ready for bed? by Saltzberg – c2005 - Cornelius the pig has his own style when preparing for bed, but he does not really feel ready until he gets a hug.

Cowboy up! by Brimmer – c1999 - Presents a rhyming look at a cowboy's day at the rodeo.

Dan and Dan by Leonard – 2006, c1998 - Dan describes the things he does with his grandfather who is also named Dan.

Dan gets set by Blackaby – c2005 - Easy-to-read text reveals that Dan has forgotten something very important while setting the table for supper.

Dan the ant by Gillis – c2006 - Dan the ant goes from sad to happy after finding a yummy snack in the garbage.

Daniel's pet by Ada – c2003 - A young boy takes good care of his pet chicken, and when she is grown up she gives him a surprise.

Day with Daddy, A by Gikow – 2004 - After a visit to the zoo with the children, it is Daddy who needs the nap.

Dirty Larry by Hamsa – c2002 - No matter what he does, Larry always gets dirty--except in the shower.

Do donkeys dance? by Walsh – 2000 - Asks such questions as "Do hippos hop?" and "Can ladybugs stand on one leg?" and then tells which animal makes each specific movement.

Don't hop with Pop! by Hanson – c2006 - Presents a collection of illustrated rebus puzzles that introduce new vocabulary words ending in the letters "op."

Elephants by Molter – c2001 - Photographs and simple text teach children about elephants.

Eye book, The by Seuss – 1999, c1968 - A boy and rabbit both have two eyes that see all kinds of things, from blue and red to a bird and a bed.

Fan in the can, The by Salzmann – c2006 - Presents a collection of illustrated rebus puzzles that introduce new vocabulary words ending in the letters "an".

Fast-draw Freddie by Hamsa – c2000 - Freddie draws many different kinds of pictures, including pictures of Mom, Dad, and Grandma.

Fishing trip by Blackaby – c2005 - Easy-to-read text describes Joe and Dad's attempts to catch fish for dinner.

Fourth of July mice! by Roberts – c2004 - Four energetic mice enjoy a parade and other festivities on Independence Day.

From head to toe by Carle – c1997 - Encourages the reader to exercise by following the movements of various animals. In each two-page spread, a child is paired with an animal, and kids are invited to make the same movement.

Funny baby, The by Hillert – 2007, c1963 - The well-known tale of the ugly duckling is retold with only forty pre-primer words.

Guess who? by Diane Namm – 2004 - Inspired by toys and other objects in his room, a boy imagines all sorts of visitors, from a jet pilot to slimy aliens, as he thinks about who might come and play with him.

Guess who hisses by Gordon – c2005 - Clues about the snake's physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat lead the reader to guess what animal is being described.

Have you seen my cat? by Carle – 1997, c1987 - A young boy encounters all sorts of cats while searching for the one he lost.

Hello, Doctor by Marx – c2000 - A little boy does everything the doctor tells him to do when he goes for his check-up.

Here comes the snow by Medearis – c1996 - After waiting anxiously for the arrival of snow, children enjoy it by making snow angels, throwing snowballs, and riding their sleds.

How many fish? by Cohen – 2000, c1998 - A school of fish and a group of children frolic in the bay.

I am lost by Wilhelm – c1997 - A little dog gets lost and learns to find his way home again.

I am water by Marzollo – c1996 - Simple text and colorful cutout pictures describe the many uses of water.

I like mess by Leonard – c1998 - Messy Tess cleans up her room to please Mom and Dad.

It's fun to share by Steele – c2007 - Boz shows his friends, Drew & Gracie, different ways to share.

- Joe boat by Riggs – c2006** - Joe the tugboat dreams of traveling around the world but, realizing how much his help is needed in the harbor, decides his voyage can wait for another day.
- Joey's first day by Jones – c2006** - Joey is nervous about his first day of school, but by the second day he is just excited.
- Lan's plant by Riggs – c2006** - Illustrations and simple text tell a story about how Lan takes care of her plant, and reviews the short "a" and "e" vowel sounds.
- Learn about the past by Benjamin – c2004** - Briefly introduces activities popular in the past, such as quilting and candle-making, in a text that incorporates phonics instruction and rebuses.
- Leaves in fall by Rustad – c2008** - Lists the colors several kinds of leaves change to in the fall and describes what else happens to leaves during the season.
- Loose tooth by Schaefer – c2004** - A young child experiences a loose tooth for the first time and eagerly waits for it to come out.
- Me and my brother by Ohi – c2007** - Illustrations and simple rhyming text describe the bond between two young brothers.
- Me and my sister by Ohi – c2005** - A young girl and her sister delight in the fun of sisterhood, sharing games and food and playing throughout the day.
- Mole sisters and the blue egg, The by Schwartz. – c2001** - The mole sisters find an original way to use a blue egg.
- Monkeys by Molter – c2001** - Photographs and simple text teach children about monkeys.
- My mother is mine by Bauer – c2001** - As a child makes a Mother's Day card, various animal mothers are shown taking care of their young.
- My new school by Hall – 2004** - A young boy shows the reader, and someone hidden until the end, all around his school, pointing out the different rooms, demonstrating things he has learned to do, and sharing his favorite book.
- My very first book of animal homes by Carle – 2006, c1986** - Upper and lower halves of divided pages can be turned separately, to match various animal homes with the domestic or wild animals that live in them.
- My very first book of motion by Carle – 2007** - Split pages allow readers to match the illustrations of various animals with the motions they make when they move.
- My very first book of numbers by Carle – 2006, c1974** - Pages are divided into upper and lower half leaves, with separate illustrations on each half leaf. Split pages create a matching game in which young children are challenged to pair illustrations with corresponding numbers.
- My world by Margaret Wise Brown - 2001, c1949** - A little bunny delights in all the familiar things in his daily life. A companion book to Goodnight moon.
- No new pants! by Leonard - c1999** - When his mother takes him to buy new pants, a young boy tries on many different pairs, but finds just what he wants back at home.

Oh, cats! by Buck – c1997 - A child plays with three new cat friends.

On a farm by Chapman - c2004 - Shows animals on a farm in an easy-to-read text that incorporates phonics instruction and rebuses.

Puppy Mudge finds a friend by Rylant – c2004 - Henry's puppy Mudge likes many things, especially playing with his friend, Fluffy the cat.

Puppy Mudge wants to play by Rylant – c2005 - Henry tries to read, while his puppy Mudge tries to get him to play.

Rick is sick by McPhail – c2000 - Jack, the rabbit, tries to make his friend Rick, a sick bear, feel better.

Rosie's walk by Hutchins – 1986, c1968 - Although unaware that a fox is after her as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen still manages to lead her stalker into one accident after another.

Sam's first word book by Got – c1999 - Presents more than one hundred words with illustrations, grouped in categories such as family, animals, and rooms of the house.

Show and tell by Mayer – c2003 - The pets that Little Critter brings to show at school all get loose.

Snakes by Rustad – c2002 - Simple text and photographs introduce pet snakes, their features, and basic care.

So many sounds by Rau – c2001 - A little girl listens to the many sounds she encounters during the course of her day.

Ted's red sled by Scheunemann – c2006 - Presents a children's book for beginning readers that introduces five vocabulary words ending in "ed" including bed, moped, red, shed, and sled.

Todd's box by Sullivan – c2001 - Todd surprises his mother with a box full of objects that he has collected while walking with her to catch a bus.

Twelve plump cookies by Brimner – c2006 - Egbert practices division as he shares cookies with his friends and neighbors.

Where is Max? by Pearson – c2000 - When the class gerbil escapes from his cage, the children look everywhere for it and find a way to get it to return home.

Where's my sock by Dunbar – 2006 - Tog searches through the laundry basket, trash basket, and fruit basket for his missing yellow sock.

Young Chrissy by Sargent – c2005 - When Ole Barney the coonhound chases her, young Chrissy the bunny learns the importance of minding her mama.