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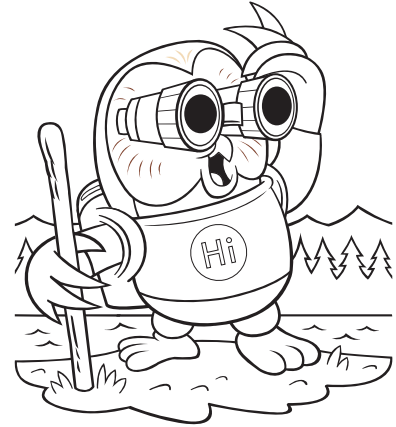
Summer Reading Adventures 2026

Grades K - 2 Book List

The titles selected for this Summer Reading list were chosen especially for those students leaving grades K - 2. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!

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*also available in electronic format



PICTURE BOOKS

Baptist, Kelly J. <i>The Band in Our Basement</i>	*E BAP
Brannen, Sarah S <i>Miles Comes Home</i>	E BRA
Clanton, Ben <i>This Book is Dangerous!</i>	*E CLA
Colón, Justin <i>The Quacken</i>	*E COL
Fang, X. <i>Broken</i>	E FAN
Hannigan, Jess <i>Spider in the Well</i>	E HAN
Kalb, Bess <i>Buffalo Fluffalo</i>	*E KAL
Lee, Laura <i>Soy Sauce</i>	E LEE
Lies, Brian <i>Cat Nap</i>	E LIE
Montagnana, Alessandro <i>Ready, Set, Roll!</i>	*E MON
Rex, Michael <i>Facts vs Opinions vs Robots</i>	E REX
Sharpson, Neil <i>Don't Trust Fish</i>	*E SHA

Smith, Lane <i>Recess</i>	E SMI
Sterer, Gideon <i>Treehouse Town</i>	E STE
Tabor, Corey R. <i>Ursula Upside Down</i>	*E TAB
Verde, Susan <i>Body Beautiful</i>	E VER
Wenzel, Brendan <i>Good Golden Sun</i>	E WEN

EARLY READERS

Lyons, Kelly Starling <i>Super Ty! (Ty's Travels series)</i>	ER LYO
Rylant, Cynthia <i>The Elephant's Birthday (Mouse & Spoon series)</i>	ER RYL
Watkins, Lala <i>Hello, Sun!</i>	ER WAT

FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

Gephart, Donna <i>Welcome to the Woofmore (Woofmore volume 1)</i>	FIRST CHAPTER GEP
Jarvis <i>The Stick and Other Stories (Bear & Bird series)</i>	*FIRST CHAPTER JAR
Kelly, Jacqueline <i>Who Gives a Hoot?</i>	*FIRST CHAPTER KEL
Reynolds, Aaron <i>Troubling Tonsils!</i>	*FIRST CHAPTER REY

CHILDRENS SERIES

- Grabenstein, Chris *CHILDRENS SERIES
The Boy Who Cried Underpants (Stinky's Stories, volume 1)
- Griffith, Theanne CHILDRENS SERIES
How to Test a Friendship (Magnificent Makers series, book 1)
- Higgins, Cam CHILDRENS SERIES
Lost and Found in the City (Ratnip series, book 1)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Alvarado, Jenny *CHILDRENS 741.59 A
Pencil and Eraser: We Have a Dull-Emma!
- Angleberger, Tom *CHILDRENS 741.59 A
Dino Poet, volume 1
- Lehman, Barbara CHILDRENS 741.59 L
To the Rescue! (Cool Buds series)

NONFICTION

- Madison, Megan CHILDRENS 362.4 M
All of Us: A First Conversation About Disability
- Coronado, Kris CHILDRENS 387.155 C
Lighthouse Ladies: Shining a Spotlight on Hardy Heroines
- Nickum, Nora *CHILDRENS 500 N
This Book Bubbles Over: From the Ocean to Mars and Everywhere in Between
- Montgomery, Heather L CHILDRENS 508.092 M
What's In Your Pocket?: Collecting Nature's Treasures
- Dotlich, Rebecca Kai CHILDRENS 510 D
What Is Math?
- McAnulty, Stacy *CHILDRENS 523.42 M
Venus! Fierce and Fabulous
- Poliquin, Rachel CHILDRENS 535.6 P
This is Orange: A Field Trip Through Color
- Brockenbrough, Martha CHILDRENS 551.3 B
A Gift of Dust: How Saharan Plumes Feed the Planet
- Zommer, Yuval CHILDRENS 551.42 Z
Our Islands
- Slivensky, Katie CHILDRENS 552 S
I, Rock: A Geology Tale
- Uglow, Joyce CHILDRENS 560.9 U
Stuck!: The Story of La Brea Tar Pits
- Markle, Sandra *CHILDRENS 567.91 M
Could You Ever Dine with Dinosaurs!?
- Pendreigh, Kirsten *CHILDRENS 577.3 P
When a Tree Falls: Nurse Logs and Their Incredible Forest Power

- Barnaby, Hannah Rodgers *CHILDRENS 585.2 B
The Pine Cone's Secret: A Life Cycle Poem
- Jackson, Colter *CHILDRENS 590 J
A Sleuth of Bears: And Other Amusing, Beguiling, and Peculiar Collective Nouns
- Hanson, Thor CHILDRENS 594.56 H
The Escape Artist: A True Story of Octopus Adventure
- Gravel, Elise CHILDRENS 595.44 G
The Spider
- Diehn, Andi CHILDRENS 595.7 D
Insect Adaptations: Mouthparts, Mimicry, and Flying
- Paeff, Colleen CHILDRENS 595.76 P
Firefly Song: Lynn Frierson Faust and the Great Smoky Mountain Discovery
- Cusolito, Michelle CHILDRENS 599.5 C
In the World of Whales
- Balkan, Gabrielle CHILDRENS 610 B
What Medicine Can Do
- Barton, Bethany *CHILDRENS 612.3 B
I'm Trying to Love Farts
- Gibeault, Stephanie *CHILDRENS 636.7 G
Dogs vs. Humans: A Showdown of the Senses
- Gutierrez, Hedviga ON ORDER
Hiking 101: Tips and Advice for Little Campers
- CHILDRENS 811.008 U
A Universe of Rainbows: Multicolored Poems for a Multicolored World
- Golio, Gary CHILDRENS B DECARAVA G
Everywhere Beauty Is Harlem: The Vision of Photographer Roy DeCarava
- Todd, Traci N. *CHILDRENS B JENKINS T
Make a Pretty Sound: A Story of Ella Jenkins – the First Lady of Children's Music
- Lawson, Jessica CHILDRENS B SHULMAN L
Ablaze: The Story of America's First Female Smokejumper
- Robbins, Dean CHILDRENS B SMITH R
The Fastest Drummer: Clap Your Hands for Viola Smith!
- Albee, Sarah *CHILDRENS B STUART A
The Painter and the President: Gilbert Stuart's Brush with George Washington



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