

# Summer Reading: Kindergarten

## Beliefs about Summer Reading

- Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
- Reading aloud to children is one of the most important things a parent can do to help children succeed in school and in life.
- Reading aloud to children stimulates and accelerates a child's vocabulary, language and literacy development and overall intellectual growth.
- Reading aloud is a "gift" from a parent to a child.
- Reading aloud is based on love.
- Reading aloud fosters a love of books and a love of reading within a child.
- Reading aloud stretches a child's mind and imagination.

Adapted from Susan Frankenberg's *Read Aloud Magic*.  
<http://www.read-aloud-magic.com>

It is good for children to be familiar with traditional stories.

Snow White  
Cinderella  
Rumpelstiltskin  
The Princess and the Pea  
Jack and the Beanstalk  
Sleeping Beauty  
The Three Pigs  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Beauty and the Beast  
The Little Mermaid

The Frog Prince  
Hansel and Gretel  
Brer Rabbit stories  
Paul Bunyon  
Pecos Bill  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
The Tortoise and the Hare  
The Pied Piper  
The Ugly Duckling  
Puss 'n' Boots

The Bremen Town Musicians  
Rapunzel  
Robin Hood  
The Elves and the Shoemaker  
Billy Goats Gruff  
The Gingerbread Man  
The Little Red Hen  
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse  
(Not an exhaustive list.)

## Suggested Titles

### Other Fun Narratives:

Doggerella		Boelts
One Green Apple	and books by	Bunting
Biscuit	(series)	Capucilli
Mercy Watson	(series)	DiCamillo
The Gruffalo		Donaldson
My Lucky Day		Kasza
Lissy's Friends		Lin
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes	Eric	Litwin
How I Became a Pirate		Long
Officer Buckle and Gloria		Rathmann
Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy		Soman
The Cat in the Hat	and books by	Seuss
Amanda Pig	(series)	Van Leeuwen
Ira Sleeps Over	and books by	Waber
The Three Pigs	and books by	Weisner
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	and books by	Willems
How do Dinosaurs Eat Cookies?	and books by	Yolen

### Poetry Authors

Mary Ann Hoberman	Douglas Florian
X. J. Kennedy	Shel Silverstein
Jack Prelutsky	Jane Yolen

### Informational Texts

My Five Senses	Aliki
Dinosaurs: In Your Face! (3D)	Bakker
How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses	Cobb
I Fall Down	Cobb
Jack's Garden	Cole
From Seed to Plant	Fowler
The Wolves are Back	George
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons
How People Learned to Fly	Hodgkins
Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships)	Holland
Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza?	Hort
Ocean Dive	Jewitt
The Boston Tea Party	Krol
Astronaut Handbook	McCarthy
If You Decide to go to the Moon	McNulty
Incredible Animals	Morgan
Guess What is Growing Inside this Egg?	Posada
One Bean	Rockwell
Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story...	Sayre
Big Tracks, Little Tracks	Selsam
Nothing but Trouble	Stauffacher
Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln	St. George
The Kids' Guide to Money Cents	Thomas
Frog Scientist	Turner
Zinnia's Flower Garden	Wellington
Mammoths on the Move	Wheeler
Everything Reptile	Winner

“Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.”

- Marilyn Jager Adams