

Rising K4 & Kindergarten Summer 2026 Reading List

"To introduce children to literature is to install them in a very rich and glorious kingdom, to bring a continual holiday to their doors, to lay before them a feast exquisitely served. But they must learn to know literature by being familiar with it from the very first. A child's learning must always be with good books, the best that we can find" ~ Charlotte Mason

We hope that you will be spending this summer enjoying the outdoors with your children and also reading to them. Below is a list of possible books to put on your list!

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
Aesop's Fables (any)
Annie and the Wild Animals by Jan Brett
Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell Hoban
Dandelion by Don Freeman
Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Hattie and The Fox by Mem Fox
How to Get a Gorilla Out of Your Bathtub by John Hall
If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
Jesse Bear What Will You Wear? Nancy White Carlstrom
Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew
Katy No-Pocket by Emmy Payne
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik
Little Fur Family by Margaret Wise Brown
Make Way for the Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Moon: A Peek Through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup
Nighty Night Cooper by Laura Numeroff
Norman the Doorman by Don Freeman
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
Roly Poly by Mem Fox
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy E Shaw
Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Carrot Seed by Robert Kraus
The Cock, The Mouse, and The Little Red Hen by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
The Poky Little Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowrey
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack
Time for Bed by Mem Fox
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
Where Does the Butterfly Go When it Rains? By May Garelick