

WW-P Summer Reading List 2010



Here is a list of some summer reading suggestions. We have included a range of books, listed by author's name. These authors are recognized as excellent choices for children in grades K-3 and all of them have written a variety of titles that you and your children can enjoy reading and sharing together. If you find an author that your child enjoys, please choose many of the other titles that are available by the same author.

Summer is a great time for leisurely and entertaining reading. A vacation should find us looking forward to reading and help us to remember that reading is fun as well as informative. Research tells us that the more children read, the better they read. We want children to continue reading during the summer and to consider reading enjoyable and not a chore. Giving children time to read is critical if we want them to become lifelong readers. Summer gives us the time, we have provided the author and title suggestions, so the rest is up to you. Relax – and enjoy a fun-filled summer of READING!!!

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PICTURE BOOKS

Baek, Matthew J. Panda and Polar Bear

Panda and Polar Bear usually live in two very different environments, until Polar Bear becomes curious to know what lies beyond his wintry world. He goes exploring, falls into a mud puddle, and is mistaken for a panda by a new playmate. A wonderful story highlighting acceptance and cooperation.

Bowen, Anne. Tooth Fairy's First Night

Sally the tooth fairy's first day on the job is a challenge when a toothless little girl hides her tooth and makes Sally follow a series of clues to find it.

Howe, James. Houndsley and Catina

Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

Garland, Michael. Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook

When the new teacher, Miss Smith, reads to her class, Zack and his classmates are amazed to find that the storybook characters come to life.

Giles, Andreae. Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs

When Flinn enters the classroom art closet for supplies, his imagination sends him on a high-seas adventure filled with pirates, dinosaurs, and mystery.

Graham, Bob. Dimity Dumpty: The Story of Humpty's Little Sister

Humpty Dumpty's little sister is too shy to be part of her family's circus act, but she finds courage when her brother needs her help.

Grey, Mini. Ginger Bear

After a lonely gingerbread bear creates some friends by mixing up a new batch of dough, he realizes that being a cookie has some major disadvantages.

Leehy, Loreen. Missing Math: A Number Mystery

A town's numbers suddenly disappear, and the residents realize how much they depend on numerals in their everyday lives. A fun, rhyming book that emphasizes the importance of numbers and how we use them in game scores, heights and weights, postage, clocks, computers, and so much more!

Ray, Jane. The Apple-Pip Princess

When the queen dies, her people are filled with sadness, and the land becomes parched by drought and ravaged by frosts. The King challenges his three daughters to make the kingdom bloom again and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

Watt, Melanie. Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach

Scaredy Squirrel has a wild adventure when he ventures to the beach to get a seashell. Part of the Scaredy Squirrel series.

FICTION

Applegate, Katherine. Don't Swap Your Sweater for a Dog

Determined to win a trophy of some kind, first-grader Roscoe swaps a hand-knitted sweater from his grandmother for the chance to enter his new neighbor's very clever dog in a trick contest.

Catling, Patrick Skene. The Chocolate Touch

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Creech, Sharon. Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

Durand, Hallie. Dessert First

Third-grader Dessert's love of treats leads to a change in her large family's dinner routine. Trouble starts when Dessert gobbles up a special treat and has to make it right with her family. Dessert learns valuable lessons about life in this sweet tale!

Harper, Charise Mericle. Just Grace Walks the Dog

Eight-year-old Just Grace and her best friend Mimi embark on a campaign to convince Grace's parents that they are responsible and dependable enough to get a dog. Part of the Just Grace series.

Maitland, Barbara. The Bookstore Ghost

The cat that Mr. Brown gets to catch the mice in his bookstore comes up with a very unusual way to attract customers.

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus. The Hoboken Chicken Emergency

Arthur goes to pick up the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, but comes home with a 266-pound chicken.

Thomas, Shelley Moore. Good Night, Good Knight

A good knight helps three little dragons that are having trouble getting to sleep.

NONFICTION

Adler, David A. Money Madness

A fun, brightly illustrated book that introduces young readers to the

purpose and value of money.

Cheney, Lynne. When Washington Crossed the Delaware

Tells the story of how General George Washington led his exhausted, defeated troops across the Delaware on Christmas night 1776 to attack the Hessians and the British at Trenton and Princeton, turning the tide of the Revolution in favor of the Americans. Great for learning local history.

Jenkins, Steve. Never Smile at a Monkey

There are some things that you just don't do to wild animals, but did you know that it's dangerous to pet a platypus, or to touch a tang fish? This fascinating book will tell you all you need to know to protect yourself from some surprisingly dangerous creatures.

Jones, Charlotte Foltz. The King Who Barked: Real Animals Who Ruled

Around the world and over thousands of years, animals have occasionally been appointed to or ran for government positions. Here are fifteen short, entertaining tales that showcase the roles that cats, dogs, and other four-legged creatures have played in shaping history across five continents.

Miller, Edward. The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active, & Feeling Great for Monsters & Kids!

Featuring a friendly, green monster this appealing book presents an illustrated guide to health and nutrition, providing information on the food pyramid, the five food groups, including tips and suggestions of eating right, getting enough sleep, and finding ways to exercise.

Ruddell, Deborah. A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems

An illustrated collection of whimsical poems about life in the forest through the seasons.

Thong, Roseanne. Wish: Wishing Traditions Around the World

Presents an illustrated guide to wishing traditions from around the world,

including Japan, China, Russia, Israel, Italy, Guatemala, the United States, and others, providing insights into the various cultures and highlighting the similarities. Map on endpapers.

Wells, Robert. Can You Count to a Googol?

Introduces the concepts of very large numbers, up to a googol, and multiples of ten.

Wheeler, Jill C. Michelle Obama

A brief biography of the wife of the forty-fourth president of the United States that profiles her childhood, education, and the events that led her to the White House.

Winter, Jonah. Barack.

A picture book biography about the life of Barack Obama.