

**Set Aside Time Every Day to Read!**  
**Springfield Public Schools Suggested Summer Reading List**  
**KINDERGARTEN**

Summer provides a very important time for students of all ages to continue reading books of their own choosing. We know that the more a student is read to and reads independently, the better reader he/she will become. Start the summer off right by setting aside a consistent time of at least one-half hour each day for an enjoyable reading time with your child.

Many of these titles are most appropriate for reading aloud to your child. Some early book activities to use with these books include:

- Introduce the title of the book to the child and talk about the picture on the front cover.
- Before reading the book, survey the pictures on each page to get a “flavor” for the book.
- Read the story to the child, encouraging conversation about the book.
- After reading the story, discuss favorite parts, the characters, or a lesson learned.
- Reread the stories as many times as the child has interest.

As your child begins to read independently, choosing a “just right” book is important. That means that the book is not too difficult, and your child should be able to read most of the words correctly and without hesitation. Independent reading time should be enjoyable!

Asch, Frank. *Happy Birthday, Moon*

Archambault, John and Bill Martin, Jr. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*

Bourgeois, Paulette. *Franklin* (and other books in the series)

Bridwell, Norman. *Clifford the Big Red Dog* (series)

Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Carle, Eric. *The Grouchy Ladybug*

Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*

Clement, Gary. *The Great Poochini*

Crews, Donald. *Truck*

Duffy, Dee Dee. *Barnyard Tracks*

Ehlert, Lois. *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count*

Ehlert, Lois. *Boo to You!*

Ehlert, Lois. *Waiting for Wings*

Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*

Gibbons, Gail. *The Reason for Seasons*

Helligman, Deborah. *Cool Dog, School Dog*

Henkes, Kevin. *Chester's Way*

Henkes, Kevin. *Owen*

Hest, Amy. *Baby Duck*

Hest, Amy. *Baby Duck and the Bad Glasses*

Hutchins, Pat. *The Doorbell Rang*

Javernick, Ellen and O'Malley, Kevin. *The Birthday Pet*

Kirk, David. *Little Miss Spider*

Hoban, Tana. *Exactly the Opposite*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally. *Being a Pig is Nice*

Martin, Jr., Bill. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*

Minark, Else Holmelund. *Little Bear* (series)

Opie, Lona. *My Very First Mother Goose*

Penn, Audrey, *The Kissing Hand*

Schaefer, Carole, *The Squiggle*

Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

Stevens, Janet, *Tops and Bottoms*

Wood, Don and Aubrey. *The Napping House*

Beaty, Andrea. *Firefighter Ted*

Blake, Stephanie. *I Don't Want to Go to School!*

Bogan, Paulette. *LuLu the Big Little Chick*

Bramsen, Kristen and Carin. *The Yellow Tutu*

Breznak, Irene. *Sneezy Louise*

Cordell, Matthew. *Trouble Gum*

DeGroat, Diane. *Dogs Don't Brush Their Teeth*

Donaldson, Julia. *Stick Man*

Ehlert, Lois. *Boo to You!*

Ellery, Amanda. *If I Were a Jungle Animal*

Emberley, Rebecca. *There Was an Old Monster*

Feiffer, Kate. *Which Puppy?*

Fucile, Tony. *Let's Do Nothing!*

Gravett, Emily. *The Odd Egg*

Halse, Laurie. *The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School*

Helligman, Deborah. *Cool Dog, School Dog*

Kladstrup, Kristen. *The Gingerbread Pirates*

Javernick, Ellen and O'Malley, Kevin. *The Birthday Pet*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally. *Being a Pig is Nice*

Markie, Sandra. *How Many Baby Pandas?*

Phillipps, JC. *Wink the Ninja Who Wanted to Be Noticed*

Ransom, Jeanie Franz. *What Really Happened to Humpty?*

Sierra, Judy. *The Sleepy Little Alphabet*

Silvano, Wendi. *Turkey Trouble*

Spinelli, Eileen. *Silly Tilly*

Urban, Linda. *Mouse Was Mad*

Wilson, Karma. *Don't Be Afraid, Little Pip*

Yoon, Salina. *Opposnakes*