



FAR HILLS
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2018 Summer Reading Suggestions Students Entering Pre-Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Picture Books

Banks, Kate. *Max's Words, Max's Dragon, and Max's Castle*. Max shows his two older brothers how wordplay and imagination can create extraordinary stories.

Barnett, Mac. *The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse*. The comical story of a duck and a mouse living together comfortably inside a wolf's belly after being gobbled up. Also read *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole, Rules of the House, Extra Yarn*, and others.

Becker, Aaron. *Journey* (2014 Caldecott Honor Book), *Quest*, and *Return*. These wordless picture books detail a young girl's exhilarating adventures in enchanting and fantastical lands.

Chin, Jason. *Grand Canyon* (2018 Caldecott Honor Book and 2018 Sibert Honor Book). Beautifully illustrated non-fiction book with an in-depth look at all of the features of this amazing wonder.

Cordell, Matthew. *Wolf in the Snow* (2018 Caldecott Medal Winner). The touching story of a girl and a wolf pup lost in a snowstorm, and how they reconnect with their families.

Daywalt, Drew. *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*. A hilarious account of the creation of the classic game, rock, paper, scissors. Also read *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*.

De La Peña, Matt. *Love*. Beautiful depiction of the different ways love is experienced by a child during times of both joy and heartache. Also read *Last Stop on Market Street*.

Ellis, Carson. *Du Iz Tak?* (2017 Caldecott Honor Book). Elaborately illustrated story that follows insects through the seasons. The invented language of the insects gives readers the opportunity to discover the meanings of the words themselves.

Goodrich, Carter. *We Forgot Brock!* Phillip and his imaginary friend Brock are never without each other, until Brock is accidentally left behind during a family outing. Goodrich delivers a wonderfully creative and humorous story about friendship.



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Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon's Story*. After many failed attempts of being something it is not, Red crayon comes to realize that it is only what's on the inside that counts.

Higgins, Ryan T. *Be Quiet!* A mouse struggles to create a wordless picture book, but his friends won't stop talking! Also read *Mother Bruce* and *Hotel Bruce*.

Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. *How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom*. Readers learn about 18 different animal behaviors in a humorous, step-by-step fashion. Also read *Flying Frogs and Walking Fish*, *Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do*, and others.

John, Jory. *The Bad Seed*. A comical look at the naughty behavior of a bad sunflower seed, and how choosing to be good may be easier than it seems.

Klassen, Jon. *This Is Not My Hat* (2013 Caldecott Honor Book). A tiny fish steals the hat of a much larger fish and explains how he is going to get away with the crime. Also read *I Want My Hat Back* and *We Found a Hat*.

Mattick, Lindsay. *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* (2016 Caldecott Medal Winner). The amazing tale of the real bear who inspired A. A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh* stories.

Macaulay, David. *How Machines Work: Zoo Break!* Sloth and Sengi use simple machines to try to escape from the zoo. This story is both engaging and informative as it explains the mechanisms of six different simple machines.

Pinkney, Jerry. *The Lion & the Mouse* (2009 Caldecott Medal Winner). A beautifully illustrated and wordless retelling of Aesop's tale.

Rex, Adam. *School's First Day of School*. Frederick Douglass Elementary School experiences first day jitters as children arrive for their first day of a new school year.

Santat, Dan. *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Up Again)*. A fractured version of the classic nursery rhyme detailing how fear and anxiety are conquered after Humpty's "great fall." Also read *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*.

Sarccone-Roach, Julia. *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*. Hilarious tale of a sandwich-stealing bear, told by an untrustworthy narrator.



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Favorite Authors

Baker, Keith. *LMNO Peas* and *123 Peas*.

Bingham, Kelly. *Z is for Moose* and *Circle, Square, Moose*.

Bishop, Nic. Author and photographer of award-winning, non-fiction animal books, such as *Lizards, Butterflies and Moths*, and *Marsupials*.

Carle, Eric. *The Nonsense Show*, *Twelve Rubber Ducks*, *Best Friends*, and others.

Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*, *Duck for President*, and others.

Floca, Brian. *Locomotive* (2014 Caldecott Medal Winner and 2014 Sibert Honor Book), *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* (2010 Sibert Honor Book), and *Lightship*.

Henkes, Kevin. *Waiting* (2016 Caldecott Honor Book), *Kitten's First Full Moon*, *My Garden*, and others.

Martin Jr., Bill and John Archambault. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Chicka Chicka A, B, C*.

Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*, *If You Give a Dog a Donut*, and others.

Simon, Seymour. Highly acclaimed author of more than 250 science books, such as *Oceans*, *Volcanoes*, and *Penguins*.

Willems, Mo. *Nanette's Baguette*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, and others.

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*, *Bear Wants More*, and others.

Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*, *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?*, and others.

Easy Reader Series

Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen*.

Arnold, Ted. *Fly Guy*.

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny*.



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Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad*.

Marshall, James. *Fox and His Friends* and others.

Parish, Herman. *Amelia Bedelia*.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge*, *Mr. Putter & Tabby*, and *Annie and Snowball*.

Sharmat, Marjorie W. *Nate the Great*.

Willems, Mo. *Elephant & Piggie* series. Also, *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!* series: *We Are Growing* by Laurie Keller and *The Cookie Fiasco* by Dan Santat.

Early Chapter Book Series

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen*.

Bell, CeCe. *Rabbit & Robot*.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson* and *Bink and Gollie*.

Chapter Books

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean* series.

Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake* series.

Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad* series and *J.J. Tully Mystery* series.

Coven, Wanda. *Heidi Heckelbeck* series.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Tales from Deckawoo Drive* series

Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory* series.

Gutman, Dan. *My Weird School* series.

Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller*.



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Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry* series.

LaReau, Kara. *The Infamous Ratsos* series.

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody* series.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Tree House* series.

Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones* series.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine* series.

Roy, Ron. *A to Z Mysteries* series

Scieszka, Jon. *Time Warp Trio* series.

Sheinmel, Courtney. *Stella Batts* series.

Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*.