



A Basket of Books

NECSD Recommended / Suggested Summer Reading List for KINDERGARTEN

AUTHOR	TITLE	LEXILE
Ada, Alma Flor	<u>In a Cow's Backyard</u> A succession of animals join an ant lying in a hammock in the shade on a hot day.	
Aliki	<u>My Five Senses</u> An explanation of how sound, taste, smell, sight, and touch help us discover the world.	590
Beaton, Claire	<u>There's a Cow in the Cabbage Patch</u> The farm animals wander everywhere, but when dinnertime comes; they know exactly where they belong.	
Bonning, Tony	<u>Fox Tail Soup</u> In this retelling of an old tale, Fox tricks some farm animals into helping him make soup.	
Bosca, Francesca	<u>The Apple King</u> A selfish king realizes that sharing apples on his tree is better than keeping them to himself.	
Cameron, C.C.	<u>One for Me, One for You</u> Two friends find a perfect solution to sharing three cookies.	
Carle, Eric	<u>From Head to Toe</u> Animals invite children to stretch and bend and clap in this book about body movement.	80
Carr, Jan	<u>Splish, Splash, Spring</u> Four children pick daffodils, fly kites, and splash through puddles in the spring.	
Cooke, Trish	<u>Full, Full, Full of Love</u> For Jay Jay, Sunday dinner at his grandma's is full of tasty dishes and loving family members.	
Cotton, Cynthia	<u>At the Edge of the Woods: A Counting Book</u> One chipmunk, two spotted fawns, and other animals live and play at the edge of the woods.	
Crews, Donald	<u>Night at the Fair</u> Nighttime is a great time to be at the fair, and the best ride of all is the giant Ferris wheel.	
de Regniers, Beatrice Schenk	<u>May I Bring a Friend?</u> A boy invited to tea with the king and queen takes along his animal friends in this repetitive, rhyming story.	NP
Degan, Bruce	<u>Jamberry</u> A boy and a bear share a berry picking adventure.	NP
Dooley, Norah	<u>Everybody Brings Noodles</u> Carrie's neighbors, who come from many different countries, bring all kinds of noodle dishes to her Fourth of July party.	340
Evans, Lezlie	<u>Rain Song</u> Poetic text celebrates the excitement of a summer thunderstorm.	NP
Facklam, Margery	<u>Bugs for Lunch</u> Simple rhyming verse presents a variety of creatures that eat bugs.	NP
Falwell, Cathryn	<u>Turtle Splash!</u> One by one, eastern painted turtles are startled off their log and into the pond.	AD160

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Fleming, Denise	<u>In the Tall, Tall Grass</u> A caterpillar sees all kinds of creatures as it crawls through tall grass.	NP
Fowler, Allan	<u>Can You See the Wind?</u> Color photos and brief text explain what wind is and how it affects the weather.	
Galindo, Mary Sue	<u>Icy Watermelon</u> Abuelo reminisces as he and his family share watermelon on the porch on a Sunday afternoon.	
Gershator, Phillis & David	<u>Greetings, Sun</u> A pair of children greet everything that catches their eyes throughout a day.	120
Gorbachev, Valeri	<u>Nicky and the Summer Day</u> On a rainy day, Nicky and his rabbit siblings have all kinds of imaginative adventures.	
Hazen, Barbara Shook	<u>City Cats, Country Cats</u> Rhyming text tells about things city and country cats like to do.	BR
Hoban, Russell & Lillian	<u>Bread and Jam for Frances</u> Frances the badger decides all she wants to eat is bread and jam.	AD490
Hubbell, Patricia	<u>Pig Picnic</u> Rhyming text tells how a group of pigs share their picnic with an unexpected guest — a wolf.	90
Kuskin, Karla	<u>City Dog</u> A city dog explores the countryside for the first time.	580
Lee, Carson	<u>Everything is Different at Nonna's House</u> A boy describes the differences between his city home and his grandparents' farm.	
Lin, Grace	<u>Kite Flying</u> On a breezy day, a girl and her family make and fly a kite.	
Mahy, Margaret	<u>Simply Delicious</u> All the jungle animals want to eat Mr. Minky's double-dip-chocolate-chip-and-cherry ice cream.	AD1040
Mahy, Margaret	<u>A Summery Saturday Morning</u> A group of friends and their dogs enjoy a lively walk on a summer morning.	
McCloskey, Robert	<u>Blueberries for Sal</u> Picking blueberries on a hillside, a girl and a bear cub have a surprise meeting.	AD890
McPhail, David	<u>A Bug, a Bear, and a Boy</u> Three unusual friends eat, learn, and play together.	110
Meister, Cari	<u>Game Day</u> Simple rhyming text describes the events of a baseball game.	BR
Mollé, Tololwa	<u>Ananse's Feast</u> The clever spider Ananse gets his comeuppance in this Ashanti tale.	AD650
Monk, Isabell	<u>Family</u> Hope brings a special dish to her family's annual summer potluck get-together.	600
Narahashi, Keiko	<u>Two Girls Can</u> Two girls celebrate all the things that friends can do together.	BR
Noonan, Julia	<u>Mouse by Mouse</u> Ten mice in a glade investigate the scraps from a human picnic.	
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	<u>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</u> A mouse's request for a cookie sets off a chain of funny and unexpected consequences.	AD660
Partridge, Elizabeth	<u>Whistling</u> During a camping trip in the country, a father teaches his son to whistle up the sun.	
Rau, Dana Meachen	<u>Look Down Low</u> A boy looks at lots of interesting things on the ground with his magnifying glass.	

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Rau, Dana Meachen	<u>Lots of Balloons</u> A child buys different color balloons and gives them to people she meets in the park.	
Root, Phyllis	<u>One Duck Stuck</u> An increasing number of animals try to help a duck stuck in a mucky marsh.	210
Root, Phyllis	<u>Rattletrap Car</u> A family improvises clever solutions when their old jalopy breaks down during a trip.	AD510
Ryder, Joanne	<u>Each Living Thing</u> Poetic text asks readers to care for each living thing.	AD580
Schaefer, Carole Lexa	<u>One Wheel Wobbles</u> A motorcycle-riding, trike-peddaling, truck-driving, roller-skating family sets off in a parade.	
Scott, Elaine	<u>Friends!</u> Photographs and text introduce friends and the activities they share.	NP
Dr. Seuss	<u>Green Eggs and Ham</u> Sam-I-Am tries to persuade another Seussian character to eat a plate of green eggs and ham.	30
Dr. Seuss	<u>Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?</u> Mr. Brown, an expert in imitating all kinds of animal sounds, invites readers to do the same.	NP
Shannon, George	<u>Frog Legs</u> Active frogs jump, hop, jitterbug, and splash through twenty-four springtime poems.	90
Shaw, Nancy	<u>Raccoon Tune</u> A family of hungry raccoons searches a neighborhood for their supper.	
Simont, Marc	<u>The Stray Dog</u> A family picnicking gives a good home to a stray dog they find.	60
Soto, Gary	<u>The Old Man and His Door</u> In a funny mix-up, an old man takes his front door to a barbecue.	700
Swinburne, Stephen	<u>Go, Go, Go: Kids on the Move</u> Photographs show a lively group of kids jumping, dancing, cartwheeling, and bouncing.	
Vainio, Pirkko	<u>The Best of Friends</u> Hare likes carrots and Bear prefers fish, but despite their differences, the pair are good friends.	AD410
Van Laan, Nancy	<u>A Tree for Me</u> A child climbs five trees and discovers them occupied by animals, from one owl to five spiders.	250
Wilson, Karma	<u>Bear Wants More</u> Bear's friends help him satisfy his appetite when he wakes up hungry in the spring.	
Zeifert, Harriet	<u>Lunchtime for a Purple Snake</u> Jessica learns all about colors as she and her artist grandfather paint a picture together	
Ziefert, Harriet	<u>Rabbit and Hare Divide an Apple</u> Rabbit and Hare learn a lesson after being tricked by Raccoon.	80
Zion, Gene	<u>Harry the Dirty Dog</u> The classic story about a dog, some dirt, and a bath.	700

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AD	Adult Directed
BR	Beginning Reader
NP	Non-prose (poetry)
Lexile Level	Difficulty of Text