

## Books for Summer Reading

Summer reading books should be at a reader's independent reading level, which means that your child should be familiar with just about all the words in his/her book and be able to read them fluently. If your child has to work hard to figure out too many words, comprehension will break down and reading will become a chore. Young readers build capacity when they read "comfortable" books *every day*---with fluency and comprehension. If we want children to read every day, it has to be enjoyable for them!

The following books have been determined to be within the reading levels that correspond to your child's **Reading Stage** as indicated on the report card. Please note that levels are determined in a variety of ways and may not be completely consistent across publishers. Additionally, each stage represents more than one reading level, so please consider the list a guide to the type of book your child can read independently this summer.

Remember that these are the books your child can read him/herself. Please continue to read wonderful stories and informational books aloud to your child on a regular basis this summer. Reading aloud to children is the best way to build your child's vocabulary, content knowledge, and comprehension. ***Happy Reading!***

### **Early Emergent (EE)**

- Wordless picture books
- Do You Want To Be My Friend? Eric Carle
- I Read Signs Tana Hoban
- Growing Colors Bruce McMillan
- School Bus Donald Crews
- All About Danny Mia Coulton
- Look What I Can Do! Jose Aruego
- What Do Insects Do? Susan Canizares
- Eating Apples Gail Saunders Smith

### **Advanced Emergent (AE)**

- Have You Seen My Cat? Eric Carle
- My Dog Fuzzy Janice Boland
- Cat on the Mat Brian Wildsmith
- Here's Skipper Lynn Salem
- Have You Seen My Duckling? Nancy Tafuri
- Runaway Monkey J. Stewart & L. Salem
- What's For Dinner? Karen Hoenecke
- Who Lives In A Tree? Susan Canizares
- Who Lives In The Artic? Susan Canizares
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Bill Martin, Jr.
- A Rainbow of My Own by Don Freeman
- Where's Your Tooth? By Rozanne Lanczak Williams
- Silly Sally Besty Franco
- How Many? Rozanne Lanczak Williams
- What's For Lunch? Eric Carle

- Brown Bear, Brown Bear Bill Martin
- Boots Schreiber & A. Doughty
- Halloween Mask for Monster Virginia Mueller
- Spots Feathers and Curly Tails Nancy Tafuri
- Weather Pamela Chanko

### **Early Beginning (EB)**

- Mary Wore Her Red Dress and Henry Wore His Green Sneakers by Merle Peek
- Things I Like by Anthony Browne
- Spiders, Spiders Everywhere! Rozanne Lanczak Williams
- Bears on Wheels Stan & Jan Berenstain
- How Many Bugs in a Box? David Carter
- I Saw a Hippopotamus Hector V. Lee
- Sheep In A Shop Margot Apple
- Pumpkin, Pumpkin Jeanne Titherington
- From Bud to Blossom Gail Saunders Smith

### **Advanced Beginning (AB)**

- Where's Spot? Eric Hill
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed Eileen Christelow
- Dear Dragon series by Margaret Hillert
- All By Myself Mercer Mayer
- Inside, Outside, Upside Down Stan & Jan Berenstain
- A Great Place for Llama Virginia Mueller
- Animal Babies Bobbie Hamsa
- A Buzz is a Part of a Bee Carolyn Lunn
- Biscuit series Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox Grace Maccarone
- Soccer Game Grace Maccarone
- Rosie's Walk Pat Hutchins
- Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
- Harry Goes to Day Camp James Ziefert
- Monkey See, Monkey Do Marc Gave
- A Moon for Ana Garcia Anne S. O'Brien
- Itsy Bitsy Spider Iza Trapani
- Butterfly Colors Helen Frost
- What Am I? Margaret Hillert

### **Early Developing (ED)**

- I Like Me Nancy Carlson
- Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
- Are You Ready to Play Outside? By Mo Willems

- More Spaghetti, I Say Rita Gelman
- Dinosaur, Dinosaur Byron Barton
- The Doorbell Rang Pat Hutchins
- Fishy Facts Ivan Chermaneff
- I'm a Caterpillar Jean Marzollo
- Morris the Moose Bernard Wiseman
- Captain Cat Syd Hoff
- Sammy the Seal Syd Hoff
- You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch Pat Hutchins
- Just Me and My Dad Mercer Mayer
- Sammy the Seal Syd Huff
- If the Dinosaurs Came Back Bernard Most
- A Mother for Choco Keiko Kasza
- Building a House Byron Barton
- Pine Trees Marcia Freeman

### **Advanced Developing (AD)**

- The Napping House Audrey Wood
- Are You My Mother? P. D. Eastman
- There's a Nightmare in My Closet Mercer Mayer
- Leo the Late Bloomer Robert Kraus
- Max and Ruby series Rosemary Wells
- It's Not Easy Being a Bunny Marilyn Sadler
- Noisy Nora Rosemary Wells
- Mrs. Brice's Mice Syd Hoff
- All Tutus Should Be Pink Sheri Brownrigg
- Spring Gail Saunders Smith
- Police Cars Marcia Freeman
- Fancy Nancy (easy reader) series Jane O'Connor
- Little Bear series Else H. Minarik
- Froggy series Jonathan London
- Henry and Mudge series Cynthia Rylant
- Clifford Series Normal Bridwell
- Mr. Putter and Tabby series Cynthia Rylant
- Addie's Bad Day Joan Robins
- Danny and the Dinosaur Syd Hoff
- Curious George series Margaret & H. A. Rey
- Coral Stanley L. Swartz
- Where People Live Angela Royston

### **Early Transitional (ET)**

- Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
- If You Give a Mouse... series by Laura Numeroff

- Franklin series by Bourgeois & Clark (K)
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- Corduroy series by Don Freeman
- Madeline Ludwig Bemelmens
- Starfish and Urchins Stanley L. Swartz
- President's Day Helen Frost
- Dinosaurs Gail Gibbons
- Chicks & Chickens Gail Gibbons
- George and Martha series James Marshall
- Amelia Bedelia series Peggy Parish
- Horrible Harry series Suzy Kline
- Cam Jansen series David Adler
- Pinky and Rex series James Howe
- Loveable Lyle Barnard Waber
- Abraham Lincoln Lola Schaefer
- The Bravest Dog Ever - The Story of Balto Natalie Standiford
- Black Lagoon Adventures by Mike Thaler

#### **Advanced Transitional (AT)**

- Arthur chapter book series Marc Brown
- The Berenstain Bear Scouts series Stan and Jan Berenstain
- A Jigsaw Jones Mystery series by James Preller
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
- The Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey
- Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald
- Boundless Grace Mary Hoffman
- A Book About Your Skeleton Ruth Belov Gross
- Buttons for General Washington Peter Roop
- Cats Gail Gibbons
- Dogs Gail Gibbons
- Amber Brown series Paula Danziger
- A to Z Mysteries series Ron Roy
- Stories Julian Tells Ann Cameron
- Adam Joshua series Janice Lee Smith
- The Bill of Rights Patricia Ryon Quiri
- Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball Jim O'Connor
- Pythons Mary Ann McDonald
- Garter Snakes Mary Ann McDonald
- Apples Gail Gibbons