

Rising Kindergarteners and Summer Reading

Below is a list of books and authors to consider for your child that is just starting kindergarten. It is helpful to give your kindergartener choices that interest him/her and read with your child often. Don't overlook fabulous nonfiction books with engaging text and pictures! BOB books are good first reader books. The LEAP FROG series or other books that expose children to letter sounds are good options as well. Make games out of letter sounds (Example: I am thinking of an animal that starts with an A). Most importantly, have fun reading this summer!

Kindergarten Books

Kindergarten Authors

Harold and the Purple Crayon / Crockett Johnson	Denise Fleming
Jabari Jumps / Gaia Cornwall	Donald Crews
Douglas You Need Glasses / Ged Adamson	Kevin Henkes
Ten Red Apples / Pat Hutchins	Dr. Suess and P.D Eastman
Wolf in the Snow / Matthew Cordell	Eric Carle
They All Saw a Cat / Brendan Wenzel	Ezra Jack Keats
I Wanna Iguana / K. Orloff	Jane Moncure
Little Nelly's Big Book / Pippa Goodhart	Jane Yolen
Baby Elephant Goes for a Swim / Mia Coulton	Audrey Wood
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten / Joseph Slate	Lois Ehlert
A Garden of Opposites / Nancy Davis	Margaret Wise Brown
Mouse Paint / Ellen Stoll Walsh	Maurice Sendak
The Napping House / Audrey Wood	Mo Willems
A Boy and A Jaguar / Alan Rabinowitz	Nancy Tafuri
Wow! Said the Owl / Tim Hopgood	Tana Hoban
A Seed is Sleepy / D. Aston	Series: The Adventures of Otto, Biscuit, Brownie and Pearl, Curious George, Clifford, Froggy, Arthur

Book Suggestions for Rising First Graders

Below is a list of books and authors to consider for your rising first grade student. First graders need you to read engaging stories to them and they may also be reading simple “reader” books independently. It is sometimes a challenge to get children to *want* to read on their own. If you have a child that needs encouragement, ask your child to read aloud a simple reader book (with help). Then reward your child by letting him/her pick out a book for you to read aloud. Simple reward systems can also motivate children to read. Most importantly, give your rising first grader a lot of choices and have fun reading!

First Grade Books

First Grade Authors

Book Series

The Great Fairy Tale Disaster / David Conway	Laura Numeroff	Biscuit
Maybe Something Beautiful / Isabel Campoy	Karma Wilson	Berenstein Bears
The Bad Seed / Jory John	Denise Fleming	Danny and the Dinosaur
The Spider and the Fly / Tony DiTerlizzi	Janet Stevens	Elephant and Piggie
Pierre the Penguin: A True Story / Jean Marzallo	David Adler	Brownie and Pearl
Even Superheroes Have Bad Days / Shelly Becker	Doreen Cronin	Pete the Cat
A Beach Tail / Karen William	Candace Fleming	Fly Guy
Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories / Laura Vaccaro Seeger	Syd Hoff (readers)	The Adventures of Otto
Blueberries for Sal / Robert McCloskey	Tomie Depaola	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You
Triangle / Mac Barnett	Kevin Henkes	Lego Readers
Snow / Uri Shulevitz	Anne Rockwell	Fancy Nancy
Lion Lessons / Jon Agee	David Adler	Pinkalicious
Nerdy Birdy / Aaron Reynolds	Frank Asch	Cat in the Hat's Learning Library
This is not My Hat / Jon Klassen	Karma Wilson	National Geographic Readers – Level 1
After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again / Dan Santat	Jane Moncure (readers)	
Blackout / John Rocco	Jean Marzollo (readers)	
Little Nelly' Big Book / Pippa Goodhart	Pat Hutchins	
Before Morning / Joyce Sidman	Harriett Ziefert (readers)	
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich / Julia Sarcone - Roach	Lois Ehlert	
Once a Mouse / Marcia Brown	Marc Brown	

Book Suggestions for Rising Second Graders

Students can be on very different reading levels entering second grade. Some books on the list below will be too easy and some too difficult for your child. Choose books that fit your child and that are not too frustrating to read. If you have a reluctant reader, try some nonfiction books with engaging pictures: animal books, weird insects, folktales (located in the 398 section of the library) or graphic novels. Kids' sports magazines or nature magazines are also great options. Although second graders should be reading some books independently, parents should continue to read higher level books and high interest books to promote a lifelong love of reading.

Picture and Short Chapter Books

Book Series for Independent Reading

I'm Trying to Love Spiders... / Bethany Barton	National Geographic Readers (Level 1 and 2)
Fog Island / Tomi Ungerer	Judy Moody and Friends
The Big Mistake / Blake A. Hoena	Dragon Masters
Henry's Freedom Box / Ellen Levine	Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea
The Fox in the Library / Lorenz Pauli	Monkey and Me
Little Bad Riding Hood / Julia Jarman	Mercy Watson
Six Dots/Jen Bryant	The Masterpiece Adventures
Follow the Moon Home / Philippe Cousteau	Lego Friends
Snowflake Bentley / Jacqueline Briggs Martin	Lunch Lady
Stars / Mary Lyn Rae	Humphrey's Tiny Tales
The Great Dictionary Caper / Judy Sierra	Nate the Great
Bad Kitty / Nick Bruel	Roscoe Riley Rules
Dog vs. Cat / Chris Goll	Henry and Mudge
Stick Kid / Peter Holwitz	The Critter Club
A Child of Books / Sam Winston	Tales from Maple Ridge
Help Me Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems / Janet Stevens	The Adventures of Benny and Watch (Early Reader Boxcar Children)
My Pet Human / Yasmine Surovec	Poppy the Pirate Dog
Mr. George Baker / Amy Hest	Katie Woo
Bunjitsu Bunny / John Himmelman	Bink and Gollie
A Voyage in the Clouds / Matthew Olshan	The Owl Diaries
About Hurricanes / Kris Bonnell	Bramble and Maggie
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole / Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen	Teacher from the Black Lagoon

Book Suggestions for Rising Third Graders

Most third graders are comfortable reading chapter books and have developed specific genre preferences. It is important to let them read what they enjoy, but occasionally encourage your child to read something a little different and give them opportunities to read nonfiction text. For students intimidated by longer chapter books, folktales and fables (located in the 398 section of the library) offer shorter in depth stories with higher level reading. Kids sports and nature magazines are also great options.

Books

Book Series

Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year / Bill Harley	National Geographic Readers (Level 2 and up)
Juana and Lucas / Juana Medina	Bink and Gollie
Freckle Juice / Judy Blume	Tales from Maple Ridge
Pugs of the Frozen North / Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre	The Kid from Planet Z
Secret Coders / Gene Yang	Ranger in Time
Ruffleclaw / Cornelia Funke	Eerie Elementary
Fly Away / Patricia MacLachlan	The Data Set
The Courage of Sarah Noble / Alice Dalgliesh	Speedbump and Slingshot Misadventures
The Blue Ghost / Marion J. Bauer	Judy Moody /Stink
Snowed in with Grandmother Silk / Carol Fenner	A to Z Mysteries
Sarah, Plain and Tall / Patricia MacLachlan	The Magic Treehouse
Uncle Pirate / Douglas Rees	Marvin Redpost
On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein / Jennifer Berne	Ivy and Bean
Dragons and Marshmallows / Asia Citro	The Last Firehawk
Cody and the Fountain of Happiness / Eliza Wheeler	The Escapades of Clint McCool
Dude, Where's My Spaceship? / Dan Greenburg	Capital Mysteries
Building Our House / Jonathan Bean	Looniverse
The Curse of Snake Island (Pirate School) / Brian James	Greetings From Somewhere
On Earth / G. Brian Karas	The Chicken Squad
Like Bug Juice on a Burger / Julie Sternberg	Hardy Boys are the Clues Bothers
The Truth of Me / Patricia MacLachlan	The Ballpark Mysteries
Waylon: One Awesome Thing / Sara Pennypacker	Third Grade Authors – Beverly Cleary, Ronald Dahl, Sara MacLachlan, Sara Pennypacker, Dave Pilkey, Sharon Creech

Book Suggestions for Rising Fourth Graders

Books	Book Series
Because of Shoe and Other Dog Stories / Ann M Martin	National Geographic Kids
Moo / Sharon Creech	American Girl
Applesauce Weather / Helen Frost	Beastologist
Real Friends / S. Hale and P. LeUyen	The Treehouse Books- by Griffiths
Sarah, Plain and Tall / Patricia Maclachlan	Friends for Keeps
How to Eat Fried Worms / Thomas Rockwell	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Crenshaw / Katherine Applegate	I Survived
Baseball Genius / Tim Green	Trapped in a Video Game
Jacky Ha-Ha / James Patterson	The Last Kids on Earth
Pie / Sarah Weeks	Hamster Princess
May B. / Caroline Starr Rose	39 Clues
My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish / Mo O'Hara	Choose Your Own Adventure
The Chocolate Touch / Patrick Catling	Ulysses Moore
The Cricket in Times Square / George Selden	Big Nate
The Wizard's Dog / Eric Kahl The Good Dog / Avi	Dying to Meet You
The Hundred Dresses / Elenor Estes	Poppy
On my Honor / Marion Dane Bauer	Bone
Save Me a Seat / Sarah Weeks	The Baby-Sitters Club
Bob / Wendy Mass	
Because of Mr. Terupt / Rob Buyea	
The Island of Dr. Libris / Chris Grabenstein	
Word of Mouse / James Patterson	
Wildfire! / Elizabeth Starr Hill	
Fourth Grade Authors – Andrew Clements, Beverly Cleary, Matt Christopher, Dan Gutman, Suzanne Selfors, Ronald Dahl, Wendy Mass	