

2026 Summer Reading, Entering Pre-K & Kindergarten

During early childhood, the emphasis is on reading **to** your child and sharing the joy of stories. These read-alouds are suggestions; feel free to pick and choose based on your child's interests. Share with your child as you make memories that prepare them for life!

RESOURCE LISTS AND WEBSITES

- Notable Children's Books 2026: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Texas 2x2 Books 2026: <https://txla.org/tools-resources/reading-lists/2x2/current-list>
- Lee and Low Books: <https://www.leeandlow.com>
- Library Mom: <https://librarymom.com>
- Geisel Award: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward>
- Branches Books: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches>

FICTION

Every Monday Mabel, Jashar Awan
Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World), Corey R. Tabor
Ready, Steady, Sloth!, Justin Anderson
Who Ate Steve?, Susannah Lloyd
The Bear Out There, Jess Hannigan
Downpour: Splish! Splash! Ker-Splash, Yuko Onari
Forts, Katie Venit
Let's Be Bees, Shawn Harris
Little Big Man, Varian Johnson
Hello Day, Charlie Mylie
Are you Big?, Mo Willems
Smiling Eyes, Linda Sue Park

NONFICTION

The Noisy Puddle, Linda Booth Sweeny
Sleepy: Surprising Ways Animals Snooze, Jennifer Ward
Meet the Wild Things series, Hayley and John Rocco
The Upside Down Book of Sloths, Elizabeth Shreeve
Tiny Habitats series, Amy Hevron
Mysterious, Marvelous Octopus!, Paige Towler
Meet the Mini Mammals: A Night at the Natural History Museum, Melissa Stewart
I'm Longer Than You!, An Epic Contest of Measurement, Carolyn Fisher
**Dogs: A History of our Best Friends*, Lita Judge

EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

Fly Guy series, Ted Arnold
**Katie Woo/Pedro series*, Fran Manushkin
Haggis and Tank Unleashed, Jessica Young
Everyone Gets a Turn, Marianne Dubuc
Mercy Watson series, Kate DiCamillo
**Yasmin series*, Saadia Faruqi
Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends, Kaz Winans

EARLY READERS

Adventures of Otto series, David Milgrim
Stop That Mop!, Jonathan Fenske
Elephant and Piggie Like Reading! series, misc.
Fox the Tiger series, Corey Tabor
**I Can Read! Pete the Cat series*, James Dean
Vacation-Bat, Cat, & Rat series, Ame Dyckman

MINDFULNESS

Puppy in My Head: A book about Mindfulness, Elise Gravel
My Magic Breath: Finding Calm Through Mindful Breathing, Nick Ortner

* Available as an ebook on www.mackinvia.com