

2026 Summer Reading, Entering Primer

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 will 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

Big Bike, Little Bike, Kelli DuBay Gillis
Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme, Betsy Bird
Big Enough, Regina Linke
Punch! A Story About Kindness, Michael Hall
How to Draw a Tree, David LaRochelle
Alaina and the Great Play, Eloise Greenfield
Put Your Shoes On, Polly Dunbar
Oh Dear, Look What I Got!, Michael Rosen
Menudo Sunday: A Spanglish Counting Book,
Maria Dolores Aguila
Noodles on a Bicycle, Kyo Maclear
The Book That Almost Rhymed, Omar Abed
The Jade Bracelet, Ha' Dinh

CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

Boris, Andrew Joyner
Scrapper, Cam Higgins
Jo Jo Makoons, Dawn Quigley
**Squirrelish*, Ellen Potter
Henry Heckelbeck, Wanda Coven
**Mercy Watson*, Kate DiCamillo
**Sadiq*, Siman Nuurali
**Yasmin*, Saadia Faruqi
**Zoey and Sassafras*, Asia Citro

NONFICTION

The Blue Jays That Grew a Forest, Lynn Street
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic, Candace Fleming
Glitter Everywhere!, Chris Barton
**Volcanoes*, Nell Cross Beckerman
City of Leafcutter Ants: A Sustainable Society of Millions,
Amy Hevron
*Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by
Extraordinary Animals*, Linda Ashman
Wings of an Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills,
Billy Mills
The Iguanodon's Horn, Sean Rubin
Hurricane, Jason Chin

EARLY READER SERIES

Mo, David Adler
Fly Guy, Ted Arnold
**King and Kayla*, Dori Hillestad Butler
Jack Book series, Mac Barnett
**Beak and Ally* series, Norman Feuti
Elena Rides, Juana Medina
Bad Banana, Michael Rex
**Fox I can read!* series, Corey Tabor

* Available as an ebook on www.mackinvia.com