

2015 PreK-K Grade Summer Reading

Sorted by Author / Title.

- LS E ANG Angleberger, Tom. Crankee Doodle. New York : Clarion Books, 2013.
A pony tries to convince his cranky owner to take a ride into town.
- LS E BAR Barnett, Mac, author. Telephone.
When his mother asks a string of birds on a telephone wire to pass little Peter the message that it's time for dinner, but the message reaches the last bird with some mixed up results.
- LS E BEA Bean, Jonathan, 1979-. Building our house. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2013.
A young girl narrates her family's move from the city to the country, where they have bought a piece of land and live in a trailer while they build a house from the ground up, with help from relatives and friends.
- LS E BEC Becker, Aaron, author. Journey. First edition.
Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.
- LS E BIR Bird, Betsy. Giant dance party. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c2013.
Six-year-old Lexy Tanz loves dancing so much that she wants to share her skills with others, and when she is becoming discouraged because no one wants lessons from a girl so small, a herd of hairy giants arrives to test her teaching ability.
- LS E BRE Breen, Steve. Pug & Doug. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2013.
Pug and Doug are best friends, even when their differences lead to a misunderstanding.
- LS 513.2 BRO Browne, Anthony, 1946-. One gorilla : a counting book. 1st U.S. ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2013, c2012.
Count from one to ten with an exuberant family of primates that bring new depth to first numbers.
- LS E BRU Brunhoff, Jean de, 1899-1937. Babar the King. New York : Random House, 1986, c1935.
After making peace with the rhinoceros, King Babar and Queen Celeste plan a model city and live happily with their friends and subjects in the country of elephants.
- LS BTR DEA Dean, James, 1957-. Pete the cat : Pete's big lunch. 1st ed. New York : Harper, 2013.
The grooving cool cat Pete appears in a beginning reader story that finds him making the biggest sandwich he has ever seen and looking for a friend who will help him eat it.

- LS BTR DEA Dean, James, 1957-. Pete the cat : play ball! New York : Harper, c2013.
A beginning reader story about super-groovy Pete the cat follows his haphazard participation in a youth baseball game, where he learns the importance of fair play over winning.
- LS E DUM Dumont, Jean-Francois, 1959- author, illustrator. The chickens build a wall.
When a friendly hedgehog visits the farm, the chickens build an enormous wall to keep out "prickly invaders."
- LS 398.8 MY My very first Mother Goose. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, c1996.
A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including "Hey Diddle, Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," "Little Jack Horner," and "Pussycat, Pussycat."
- LS E FAT Fatio, Louise. The Happy Lion ;. McGraw-Hill, [c1954].
- LS 385.0973 FLO Flocia, Brian. Locomotive. First edition.
Presents a visual exploration of America's early railroads, examining the sounds, speed, and strength of the fledgling transcontinental locomotives and the experiences of pioneering travelers.
- LS E FLO Flory, Neil, author. The short giraffe.
When Boba tries to take a group photograph of the tallest animals in the world, he has trouble fitting Geri, the shortest giraffe who ever lived, into the picture.
- LS E FRE Freeman, Don. Corduroy. New York, : Viking Press, [1968].
A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.
- LS E FYL Fyleman, Rose, 1877-1957. Mice. 1st ed. New York : Beach Lane Books, 2012.
Simple, rhyming text celebrates what is nice about mice.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Back to school for Rotten Ralph. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, 1998.
Afraid of being left alone, Rotten Ralph, the nasty red cat, follows Sarah to school and tries to prevent her from making new friends.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Happy birthday Rotten Ralph. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1990.
Rotten Ralph the cat is up to his usual rotten behavior as Sarah prepares for his birthday party.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. The nine lives of Rotten Ralph. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009.
When the veterinarian determines that Sarah's cat has used up eight of his nine lives, Sarah wonders if the high-spirited feline will finally stop misbehaving.

- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Not so Rotten Ralph. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1994.
Sarah's mischievous cat, Rotten Ralph, is sent to feline finishing school, but Sarah finds she liked him better the way he was.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Rotten Ralph. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1976.
Ralph, a very, very, nasty cat, finally sees the error of his ways--or does he?.
- LS HOLIDAY E GAN Gantos, Jack. Rotten Ralph's rotten Christmas. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 1984.
Rotten Ralph, the cat, is not at all nice to the Christmas visitor.
- LS VALEN-TINES E GAN Gantos, Jack. Rotten Ralph's rotten romance. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1997.
It is Valentine's Day and Rotten Ralph, a very, very nasty cat, is up to his rotten tricks.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Rotten Ralph's show and tell. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1989.
Sarah takes her rotten cat Ralph to school for Show and Tell and he behaves terribly, as usual, by spoiling everyone's show.
- LS E GAN Gantos, Jack. Wedding bells for rotten Ralph. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c1999.
Sarah's high-spirited, poorly behaved cat, Ralph, disrupts her aunt's wedding with his outlandish antics.
- LS BTR GIL Gilman, Grace. Dixie and the school trip. New York : Harper, c2012.
Sneaking onto the school bus when her human companion Emma embarks on a class trip to a dinosaur museum, Dixie the dog learns all about how real dinosaurs lived before accidentally mistaking dinosaur bones for doggie treats.
- LS E GOO Goodrich, Carter, author, illustrator. Mister Bud wears the cone. First edition.
Mister Bud and Zorro have learned how to get along, but now Mister Bud has to wear the cone to keep him from scratching a sore and Zorro does his best to help Mister Bud cope.
- LS E GUD Gude, Paul. When Elephant met Giraffe. 1st ed. New York : Disney/Hyperion Books, c2014.
Loud, boisterous Elephant learns how to be friends with calm, quiet Giraffe.
- LS 720 HAL Hale, Christy, author. Dreaming up : a celebration of building. First Edition. New York : Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2012.
Concrete poetry, illustrations, and photographs show how young children's constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world, with biographies of the architects, quotations, and sources.
- LS E HES Hest, Amy. Charley's first night. 1st ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick

Press, 2012.

A little boy spending his first night with his new puppy promises to be responsible, but then decides to change the whimpering puppy's sleeping place.

LS 591.3 JEN

Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. My first day. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2013.

Explores the first day of life for a variety of animals, from the emperor penguin to the Siberian tiger.

LS TINY JOH

Johnson, Crockett, 1906-. Harold and the purple crayon. New York : Harper, c1955.

A small boy uses his crayon to draw the things he needs as he goes for a moonlight walk.

LS BTR KEA

Keane, David, 1965-. Monster School : first day frights. 1st ed. New York, NY : HarperCollinsPublishers, c2012.

On his first day at a new school, Norm, a regular boy, has trouble fitting in with his monstrous classmates.

LS LEGO KEN

Kenney, Sean. Cool cars and trucks. 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt and Co., 2009.

Here come the cool cars! -- SUV -- Taxi of all sizes -- Too fast -- Load the airplane -- Strong builders and heavy haulers -- Pocket-sized crazy cars -- Rush to the rescue! -- Wide load -- Make your own truck -- Moving day -- Around your neighborhood -- Tune it up -- Flatten it down -- Build it BIG! -- About Sean. Sean Kenney, a LEGO Certified Professional. Presents easy-to-follow instructions for building such vehicles as cars, tankers, trucks, and an SUV using LEGO toy bricks.

LS E LOG

Logue, Mary. Sleep like a tiger. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012.

At bedtime a young girl asks "Does everything in the world go to sleep?".

LS E LON

London, Jonathan. Froggy gets a doggy.

Froggy and his little sister Polly want a dog of their own, but Doggy proves harder to train than Froggy anticipated.

LS E MAC

Mack, Jeff. Good news, bad news. San Francisco : Chronicle Books, c2012.

While on a picnic, Bunny and Mouse see everything that happens to them from opposite points of view--Bunny sees only the good, while Mouse sees only the bad.

LS BTR MAY

Mayer, Mercer, 1943-. What a good kitty. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2012.

Little Critter's new pet kitty tangles up his mom's knitting, knocks over the trash, and gets trapped high up in a tree, causing his family to become frustrated with the cat.

LS BTR MCP

McPhail, David, 1940-. Boy, Bird, and Dog. 1st ed. New York : Holiday House, c2011.

In this story for beginning readers, Boy, Bird, and Dog have lots of

fun in their tree house.

- LS E MOR Morstad, Julie. How to. [Vancouver, B.C.] : Simply Read Books, 2013.
Explores whimsical and imaginative ways of completing a host of activities, from "how to wonder" and "how to see the breeze" to "how to be brave."
- LS E PIV Piven, Hanoch, 1963-. Let's make faces. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2013.
Young readers can learn how to find faces in unexpected places using everyday objects in this interactive guide to cultivating creativity.
- LS E PRO Proimos, James. The best bike ride ever. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2012.
Bonnie O'Boy really wants a bicycle, but when she gets one, she forgets to do something that is very important.
- LS E SAN Santat, Dan, author, illustrator. The adventures of Beekle : the unimaginary friend. First edition.
An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.
- LS E SCH Schwartz, Amy, author, illustrator. 100 things that make me happy.
Lists a wide variety of items, from red socks to peekaboo, that can make one happy.
- LS E SOM Soman, David, author, illustrator. Three bears in a boat.
Afraid to face their mother after breaking her beautiful blue seashell, three bears set out on an high seas adventure to try to find a replacement.
- LS E TEA Teague, Mark. The three little pigs and the somewhat bad wolf. New York : Orchard Books, c2013.
In this original version of the traditional tale, the three little pigs are in their usual trouble with the somewhat bad wolf--who is really just very hungry and frustrated that the pizza parlor will not serve him.
- LS 398.2 AES Ward, Helen, 1962-. The town mouse and the country mouse : an Aesop fable. 1st U.S. ed. Somerville, Mass. : Templar Books, 2012, c2011.
A lyrical adaptation of the classic Aesop fable is set in a 1930s-era city at Christmastime and features a beguiled country mouse who visits his cousin's electric city, where the large-scale sights, sounds, and dangers help both mice appreciate their native homes.
- LS SUPERHEROES WEI Weitzman, Jacqueline Preiss. Superhero Joe and the creature next door. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2013.
Joe conquers his fear of the strange creature moving into the house next door, as well as the treehouse in the creature's backyard.
- LS E WEL Wells, Rosemary. Hands off, Harry! 1st ed. New York : Katherine Tegen

Books, c2011.

Harry has trouble keeping his hands off his classmates until Tina thinks of the perfect piece of gym equipment to teach him about personal space.

LS E WEL

Wells, Rosemary. Miracle melts down. New York : Katherine Tegen Books, 2012.

Traces the experiences of Miss Harmony's alligator kindergarteners, whose classmate throws disruptive temper tantrums.

LS E WIE

Wiesner, David. Mr. Wuffles!

Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens, and when Mr. Wuffles plays a little too roughly with the toy ship, the aliens must venture into the cat's territory to make emergency repairs.