Suggested Summer Reading List 2016

Students Entering Kindergarten

1 2 3 Peas by Keith Baker

Meet the peas—the 1-2-3 Peas! Come along as they count from one to one hundred in this pea-filled picture book that’s packed with bright, bold numbers and playful number-themed scenes. These tiny green mathematicians will have young readers everywhere calling for more peas, please!

Betty Bunny Wants Everything by Michael Kaplan

Betty Bunny’s mother takes her and her siblings to a toy store where each is allowed to pick out one item, but Betty refuses to choose just one and throws a tantrum when she learns the alternative is to get nothing.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

In this bright and lively rhyme, the letters of the alphabet race each other to the top of the coconut tree. When X, Y and Z finally scramble up the trunk, however, the weight is too much, and down they all tumble in a colorful chaotic heap. All the family members race to the rescue, as one by one the slightly injured letters are helped.

Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee

It’s just ten days before kindergarten, and this little girl has heard all there is to know—from a first grader—about what it’s going to be like. You can’t bring your cat, you can’t bring a stuffed animal, and the number one rule? You can’t ask anyone for help. Ever. So what do you do when your shoes come untied—and you’re the only one in the class who doesn’t know how to tie them up again?
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie... by Laura Numeroff

What happens if you give a mouse a cookie? Why he’ll need a glass of milk to go with it! He’ll also need a straw, a napkin -- each item prompts the need for another. Later, when the mouse realizes that he’s thirsty and needs a glass of milk (uh-oh), it’s absolutely necessary to have a cookie!

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester’s fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary.

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson

It is Henry’s first day of kindergarten, the day he’s been waiting for all year. All the way to school, he asks what it will be like, imagining all the fun he will have. But when he arrives, it is bigger than he pictured and he wants to go home. When he meets a new friend, Henry decides that kindergarten really will be fun.

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Miss Bindergarten (a dog) and her new students (animals from A to Z) get ready for the first day of school. Alternating pages focus on the children and their teacher. "Adam Krupp wakes up. Brenda Heath brushes her teeth. Christopher Beaker finds his sneaker. Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten."

Mouse Paint by Ellen Walsh

When three white mice discover three jars of paint—one red, one yellow, and one blue—each climbs right in. The red mouse finds that if he steps in a yellow puddle and does a little dance, his paint puddle turns orange. And so it goes with the other mice as they create other colors.
**Owen** by Kevin Henkes

Owen loves his blanket named Fuzzy. Their next-door neighbor suggests to Owen’s parents a series of ways to separate their son—who is soon to start school—from Fuzzy. The clever mouse thwarts each attempt, until his resourceful mother stumbles upon “an absolutely wonderful, positively perfect, especially terrific idea.”

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle

Follow the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through the days of the week and through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

**Waiting is Not Easy** by Mo Willems

Gerald the elephant learns a truth familiar to every preschooler, “Waiting is not easy!” When Piggie cartwheels up to Gerald announcing that he has a surprise for him, Gerald is less than pleased to learn that the “surprise is a surprise.” And he’ll have to wait all day to get it!