

# Summer Reading for Kindergarten



## FICTION

### *All About Friends*

*How to Be a Friend* by Laurie Kransy Brown and Marc Brown  
*Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers  
*Letters from a Desperate Dog* by Eileen Christelow  
*May I Bring a Friend?* by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers  
*Yo! Yes?* by Chris Raschka

### *Books about the Joy of Reading*

*Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood  
*Beatrice Doesn't Want to* by Laura Numeroff  
*Book! Book! Book!* by Deborah Bruss  
*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault  
*I Can Read With My Eyes Shut* by Dr. Seuss  
*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen  
*Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra

### *Books about School*

*Cleversticks* by Bernard Ashley  
*David Goes to School* by David Shannon  
*First Day Jitters* by Julie Daneberg  
*Friends at School* by Jeremy Tankard  
*Grumpy Bird* by Jeremy Tankard  
*How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* by Jane Yolen  
*Kindergarten Rocks!* by Katie Davis  
*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn  
*Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come* by Nancy Carlson  
*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes

### *Books with a Positive Message*

*Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale From Kenya* by Mary and Richard Chamberlin  
*Tikki, Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel  
*Visiting the Art Museum* by Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown  
*Wake Up Sleepy Bear!* by Christine Morton-Shaw and Greg Shaw  
*Bee-Bim Bop* by Linda Sue Park  
*Keeker and the Sneaky Pony* by Hadley Higginson

**Classic Childhood Favorites**

*A Hole is to Dig* by Ruth Krauss  
*The Maggie B.* by Irene Haas  
*Marshmallow* by Clare Newberry  
*No Roses for Harry!* by Gene Zion  
*The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark* by Ken Geist  
*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

**Fantasy Books**

*Alice the Fairy* by David Shannon  
*The Bravest of the Brave* by Shutta Crum  
*The Gingerbread Cowboy* by Janet Squires  
*Good Enough to Eat* by Brock Cole  
*Heckedy Peg* by Don and Audrey Wood  
*A Pipkin of Pepper* by Helen Cooper  
*Regards to the Man in the Moon* by Ezra Keats  
*Rumble in the Jungle* by Giles Andeae  
*Simeon's Gift* by Julie Andrews-Edwards  
*Super Sam!* by Lori Ries  
*Tiffky Doofky* by William Steig  
*The Wolf's Chicken Stew* by Keiko Kasza

**Historical Fiction**

*Small Beauties: The Journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara* by Elvira Woodruff

**Mysteries**

*Detective LaRue* by Mark Teague  
*Escape of Marvin the Ape* by Caralyn and Mark Buehner  
*Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mo Willems  
*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola

**Seasonal Stories**

*Angelina Ice Skates* by Katharine Holabird and Helen Craig  
*Bunny Wishes: A Winter's Tale* by Michaela Morgan  
*Fall Leaves Fall* by Zoe Hall  
*Flower Fairies of the Winter* by Cicely Mary Barker  
*One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims* by B. G. Hennessy and Lynne Cravath  
*Raindrop, Plop* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison  
*Sleep, Black Bear, Sleep* by Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple  
*Snow* by Uri Shulevitz  
*Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner

*Snow Music* by Lynne Rae Perkins  
*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*The Three Snow Bears* by Jan Brett

**Silliness and Humor**

*Art Dog* by Thacher Hurd  
*Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss  
*Bea & Mr. Jones* by Amy Schwartz  
*Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed?* by Barney Saltzberg  
*The Day the Babies Crawled Away* by Peggy Rathmann  
*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems  
*Julius, the Baby of the World* by Kevin Henkes  
*I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* by Glen Rounds  
*King Bidgood's in the Bathtub* by Audrey Wood  
*Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems  
*Ladybug Girl* by Jackie Davis  
*Monkey and Me* by Emily Gravett  
*One Potato, Two Potato* by Cynthia DeFelice  
*The Opposite* by Tom MacRae  
*Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig  
*The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen  
*The Queen's Feet* by Sarah Ellis  
*Where Is The Green Sheep?* by Mem Fox

**NONFICTION**

**Animals**

*Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins  
*One Tiny Turtle* by Nicola Davies  
*A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo* by Joanne Ryder  
*Friends* by Catherine Thimmesh  
*Winter's Tail* by Juliana Hatkoff  
*A Seal Called Andre* by Harry Goodridge

**Art**

*No One Saw: Ordinary Things Through the Eyes of an Artist* by Bob Raczka

**History**

*Eleanor Roosevelt* by Lisa Trumbauer  
*If You Grew Up With George Washington* by Ruth Gross  
*Look What Came From The United States* by Kevin Davis  
*Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building* by Deborah Hopkinson

**Science and Nature**

***Corn Is Maize: The Gift of the Indians*** by Aliki  
***A Handful of Dirt*** by Raymond Bial  
***My Bag and Me!*** by Karen Farmer  
***My Five Senses*** by Aliki  
***Popcorn!*** By Elaine Landau  
***Me and My Senses*** by Joan Sweeney  
***Let's Experiment*** by Natalie Lunis and Nancy White  
***Us a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?*** by Robert E. Wells  
***Investigating Your Backyard*** by Natalie Lunis  
***How Many Seeds are in a Pumpkin?*** by Margaret McNamara  
***How Big is a Foot?*** By Rolf Myller  
***How Tall, How Short, How Far Away*** by David Adler  
***Planting a Rainbow*** by Lois Ehlert  
***Day and Night*** by Robin Nelson  
***What Makes Day and Night?*** by Franklyn M. Branley  
***Clouds*** by Anne Rockwell  
***Sunshine Makes the Seasons*** by Franklyn M. Branley  
***The Moon Seems to Change*** by Franklyn M. Branley

**The World Around Us**

***Be My Neighbor*** by Maya Ajmera  
***Great Estimations*** by Bruce Goldstone  
***I'm Dirty!*** by Kate McMullan  
***Picture Pops: Machines*** by Roger Priddy  
***Lightship*** by Brian Floca

# Summer Reading for First Grade



## FICTION

### *All About Friends*

*Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

*Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows

*Margaret and Margarita: Margarita y Margaret* by Lynn Reiser

*My Best Friend* by Pat Hutchins

*There Is a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems

*Widget* by Lyn Rossiter McFarland

### *Books About the Joy of Reading*

*Aunt Chip & the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair* by Patricia Polacco

*The Boy Who Loved Words* by Roni Schotter

*Carlo and the Really Nice Librarian* by Jessica Spanyol

*Edward and the Pirates* by David McPhail

*Max's Words* by Kate Banks

*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by

Mary Ann Hoberman

### *Books About Nature*

*The Apple Pie That Papa Baked* by Lauren Thompson

*Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson

*The Big Snow* by Berta and Elmer Hader

*Diary of a Wombat* by Jackie French

*The Snow Leopard* by Jackie Morris

*Winter's Eyes* by Douglas Florian

### *Books About School*

*Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker

*The Dot* by Peter Reynolds

*Emily's First 100 Days of School* by Rosemary Wells

*Little Cliff's First Day of School* by Clifton L. Taulbert

*Miss Smith's Incredible Story Book* by Michael Garland

*The New Girl ... and Me* by Jacqui Robbins

*Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary

### *Books to Calm Anxieties*

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst

*Is a Worry Worrying You* by Ferida Wolff and Harriet May Savitz

*Oh Brother!* by Nikki Grimes

**Books with a Positive Message**

*Big Bug Surprise* by Julia Gran  
*Dad, Jackie and Me* by Myron Uhlberg  
*Elena's Serenade* by Campbell Geeslin  
*The Empty Pot* by Demi  
*Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant  
*How to Be a Good Dog* by Gail Page  
*I Knew You Could* by Craig Dorfman  
*Raggedy Ann's Wishing Pebble* by Johnny Gruelle  
*What's So Bad About Being An Only Child?* by Cari Best

**Classic Childhood Favorites**

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White  
*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes  
*I Wish That I Had Duck Feet* by Theo. LeSieg  
*The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton  
*The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery  
*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater  
*The Stories Julian Tells* by Ann Cameron

**Fantasy Books**

*Fairytale News* by Colin and Jacqui Hawkins  
*Fin M'Coul, The Giant of Knockmany Hill* by Tomie DePaola  
*Flotsam* by David Wiesner  
*The Flower* by John Light  
*The Girl in the Castle Inside the Museum* by Kate Bernheimer  
*Goldilocks and the Three Martians* by Stu Smith  
*Hot Hot Hot* by Neal Layton  
*How the Elephant Got Its Trunk*  
*How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long  
*Tuesday* by David Wiesner

**Mysteries**

*Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery* by Doug Cushman  
*Minnie and Moo and the Case of the Missing Jelly Donut* by Denys Cazet  
*Young Cam Jansen & The Lost Tooth* by David Adler  
*Private I. Guana: The Case of the Missing Chameleon* by Nina Laden

**Historical Fiction**

*Almost to Freedom* by Vaunda Nelson  
*Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?* by Jean Fritz

**Seasonal Stories**

*Seasonal Stories* by Jean Luc Fromental  
*Stella, Queen of the Snow* by Marie Louise Gay

**Silliness and Humor**

*Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin  
*Frankie Stein* by Lola M. Schaefer  
*George Washington's Cows* by David Small  
*The Giant Hug* by Sandra Horning  
*Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold  
*I Lost My Bear* by Jules Feiffer  
*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes  
*Oops!* By Alan Katz  
*Sally and the Some-Thing* by George O'Connor  
*Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!* by Barbara Odanaka  
*So, What's It Like to Be a Cat?* by Karla Kushkin  
*Tacky and the Winter Games* by Helen Lester  
*There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold

**Sports**

*Out of the Ballpark* by Alex Rodriguez  
*Ballerina Girl* by Kirsten Hall

**NONFICTION**

**The Arts**

*M is for Music* by Kathleen Krull  
*Museum ABC* by Brown  
*The Shape Game* by Anthony Browne

**Biographies**

*Mae Jemison* by Nancy Polette  
*Picasso and Minou* by P.I. Maltbie  
*Teammates* by Peter Golenbock

**Health**

***A Cool Drink of Water*** by Barbara Kerley  
***Looking After Myself*** by Sarah Levette

**History**

***Aliens Are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast*** by Meghan McCarthy  
***Castle: Medieval Days and Knights*** by Kyle Olmon  
***G is for Golden: A California Alphabet*** by David Domeniconi  
***The Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving*** by Ann McGovern  
***Thanksgiving is For Giving Thanks*** by Margaret Sutherland

**Science and Nature**

***The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle: A Story About Recycling*** by Alison Inches  
***The Beetle Alphabet Book*** by Jerry Pallotta  
***Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!*** by Donna Rathmell  
***Chameleon, Chameleon*** by Joy Cowley  
***The Icky Bug Counting Book*** by Jerry Palotta  
***The Nature Treasury: A First Look at the Natural World*** by Lizann Flatt  
***The Polar Bears' Home: A Story About Global Warming*** by Lara Bergen  
***The Reptiles*** by Simon Holland  
***The Three R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle*** by Nuria Roca  
***Uneversaurus*** by Aidan Potts  
***Water Boy*** by David McPhail  
***Why Do Leaves Change Color*** by Betsy Maestro



# Summer Reading for Second Grade



## FICTION

### Adventure

*Adventures of Taxi Dog* by Debra & Sal Barracca

*Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr

*Sneakers, the Seaside Cat* by Margaret Wise Brown

### All About Friends

*Dear Max* by Sally Grindley

*Dogku* by Andrew Clements

*Fox and His Friends* by Edward Marshall

*We Are Best Friends* by Aiki

*Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel

### Books About Art

*Painted Dreams* by Karen Lynn Williams

### Books About the Joy of Reading

*Clara and the Bookwagon* by Nancy Smiler Levinson

*Could You? Would You?* By Trudy White

*Evangeline Mudd and the Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle* by David Elliott

*Mom and Dad Are Palindromes* by Mark Shulman

*Mr. George Baker* by Amy Hest

*My Dad's a Birdman* by David Almond

*Once Upon a Time* by Niki Daly

*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children* by Jack Prelutsky

### Books About School

*A Fine, Fine School* by Sharon Creech

*It's Test Day, Tiger Turcotte* by Turcotte

*Maltilda* by Roald Dahl

*Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

**Books with Positive Messages**

***Brundibar*** by Tony Kushner  
***Building with Dad*** by Carol Nevius  
***Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog*** by Pamela S. Turner  
***Lassie Come-Home*** by Rosemary Wells  
***Mr. Peabody's Apples*** by Madonna and Loren Long  
***Paint the Wind*** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
***Sam and the Lucky Money*** Karen Chinn  
***Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly*** by Alan Madison

**Classic Childhood Favorites**

***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Skene Catling  
***The Dark is Rising*** by Susan Cooper  
***The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*** by C.S. Lewis  
***Little Toot*** by Hardie Gramatky  
***Make Way for Ducklings*** by Robert McCloskey  
***The Puppy Sister*** by S. E. Hinton

**Fantasy Books**

***Atomic Ace*** (He's Just My Dad) by Jeff Weigel  
***The Bee-Man of Orn*** by Frank R. Stockton  
***Dinosaurs Before Dark, Magic Tree House Series*** by Mary Pope Osborne  
***Duck for President*** by Doreen Cronin  
***Dude, Where's My Spaceship?*** by Dan Greenburg  
***Hansel and Gretel*** by Rika Lesser  
***The Little Prince*** by Antoine de Saint-Exupery  
***My Father's Dragon*** by Ruth Stiles Gannett  
***Roger the Jolly Pirate*** by Brett Helquist  
***Space Station Mars*** by Daniel San Souci  
***Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection*** by F. Isabel Campoy  
***The Water Horse*** by Dick King-Smith  
***Why the Sky is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale*** by Mary-Joan Gerson  
***Traction Man Is Here!*** By Mini Grey  
***The Worst Witch at School*** by Jill Murphy  
***Winter of the Ice Wizard, Magic Tree House Series*** by Mary Pope

**Historical Fiction**

***Baseball Saved Us*** by Ken Mochizuki  
***Chig and the Second Spread*** by Gwennyth Swain  
***The Enchanted Dolls' House*** by Robyn Johnson  
***Show Way*** by Jacqueline Woodson

**Mysteries**

***Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball*** by David Adler  
***Julian, Secret Agent*** by Ann Cameron  
***The Seven Treasure Hunts*** Besty Byars  
***Tuff Fluff: The Case of Duckie's Missing Brain*** by Scott Nash

**Seasonal Stories**

***Babymouse: Skater Girl*** by Jennifer L. and Matthew Holm  
***Come on, Rain*** by Karen Hesse  
***Marja's Skis*** by Jean E. Pendziwol  
***Nate the Great and the Mushy Valentine*** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
***Poppleton in Winter*** by Cynthia Rylant  
***The Race of the Birkebeiners*** by Lise Lunge-Larsen  
***Snow Wonder*** by Charles Ghigna

**Silliness and Humor**

***Chester*** by Melanie Watt  
***Down Girl and Sit: Smarter than Squirrels*** by Lucy Nolan  
***Drooling and Dangerous: The Riot Brothers Return*** by Mary Amato  
***Gooney Bird Greene*** by Lois Lowry  
***How to Save Your Tail*** by Mary Hansen  
***Ira Sleeps Over*** by Bernard Waber  
***Its Raining Pigs & Noodles*** by Jack Prelutsky  
***Ready Freddy: Don't Sit on My Lunch (Series)*** by Abby Klein  
***Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*** by Peggy Gifford  
***Science Verse*** by Jon Scieszka  
***Tacky in Trouble*** by Helen Lester  
***Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One*** by Judy Blume  
***Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog*** by Sara Swan Miller

**Sports**

***Mama Played Baseball***

**NONFICTION**

**Animals**

***Emperor Penguins*** by Roberta Edwards  
***Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs*** by Matthew Reinhart  
***Look What Tails Can Do*** by Dorothy Souza  
***Water Hole*** by Zahavit Shalev

**Biographies**

***The Flyer Flew! The Invention of the Airplane***

***Frida*** by Jonah Winter

***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***

***Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story***

***What Presidents Are Made Of*** by Hanoch Piven

***Smart About – George Washington Carver, The Peanut Wizard***

by Laura Driscoll

**History**

***George Crum and the Saratoga Chip*** by Gaylia Taylor

***On the Mayflower*** by Kate Waters

***It's Disgusting and We Ate It!: True Food Facts From Around the World and***

***Throughout History*** by James Solheim

***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of***

***Shackleton and the Endurance*** by Jennifer Armstrong

***The Story of the Pilgrims*** by Katherine Ross

**How Things Work**

***How to Be a Baby, by Me the Big Sister*** by Sally Lloyd-Jones

***My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World*** by Margriet Ruurs

***My Senator and Me*** by Edward M. Kennedy

**Science and Nature**

***Compost, by Gosh! An Adventure With Vermicomposting*** by Michelle Eva Portman

***Michael Recycle*** by Ellie Bethel

***Dear Children of the Earth*** by Schim Schimmel

***Recycle! A Handbook for Kids*** by Gail Gibbons