



# **2023 Summer Reading List**

## **First Presbyterian Day School**

Dear Lower School Parents,

The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to nurture the habit of reading and to develop secure skills by engaging in daily reading opportunities. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and open them up to a lifetime love of learning. Nothing can take the place of reading when it comes to building vocabulary, language, comprehension, and writing skills. All children enjoy cuddling up to read a good book, especially when they've found a book they love!

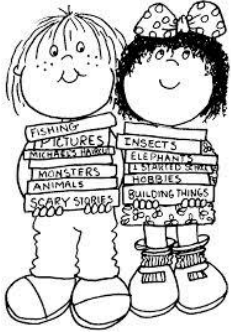
Parents, please make sure to monitor time and activities on digital devices this summer to be sure programs are appropriate and your child is safe. Research states that a child who is read to or reads 20 minutes a day is more successful in academics. Children who create things develop stronger problem-solving skills. Reading and creating – what a wonderful combination for summer fun!

We suggest giving your child as many reading opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read that interest them. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing required assignments. Let's all work together as we watch their love for reading grow!

Happy reading! We can't wait to see you back on campus very soon!

Mrs. Shannon Bryant



## Rising 3K Wee Vikings' Suggested Summer Reading List

The language arts program at First Presbyterian Day School is designed to improve our students' reading skills and instill a lifelong love of reading. Our teachers are committed to these goals. We hope this list helps you to foster a daily reading time with your child.

Reading aloud with your child is one of the single most important activities leading to literacy acquisition. Reading aloud to your child builds word-sound awareness, stimulates language and cognitive skills (even before they can talk), and builds motivation, curiosity, memory skills, and the ability to listen. As tempting as the convenience of technology is, nothing replaces the parent-child bond and cognitive growth that reading a book aloud with your child can bring.

Below is a list of just a few favorite books to read aloud to 3 year-olds and older children. Please try to read 10-15 minutes each night to your child.

**\*\*Fairy tales\*\***

**\*\*Nursery Rhymes\*\***

*The Napping House* by Wood

*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Johnson

*Jamberry* by Degan

*Mouse Paint* by Walsh

*Mouse Count* by Walsh

*Sheep in a Jeep* and other *Sheep* books by  
Shaw

*Llama Llama* books by Dewdney

*Pete the Cat* books by Litwin

Dr. Seuss books

Eric Carle books

Mo Willems books

Henry Cole books