



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 Kindergarten Summer Reading List

The importance of reading to your rising kindergartener cannot be overemphasized. You will find much joy in sharing pictures and stories with them, and they will gain in vocabulary, knowledge, and the ability to listen. Rereading favorite books and rhymes is an excellent way to establish reading readiness skills.

Alphabet books, counting books, and books about colors and shapes are excellent choices to share with your child. Some favorite authors and titles are listed below. Read any books written by the same authors, and read anything of interest to your child. Please enjoy reading a minimum of 10-15 minutes daily with your child.

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Jan Brett	Eric Carle	Leo Lionni	Bill Martin	Mercer Mayer
Laura Numeroff	Dr. Seuss	Mo Willems	Henry Cole	

FAVORITE SERIES

<i>Berenstain Bears</i> series by Berenstain	<i>Biscuit</i> series by Capucilli
<i>Froggy</i> series by London	<i>How Do Dinosaurs...</i> by Yolen

FAVORITE RHYMING BOOKS

<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> by Martin	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> by Martin and Archambault
<i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i> by Christelow	<i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More</i> by Beaumont
<i>Ten in the Bed</i> by Cabrera	

FAVORITE ALPHABET BOOKS

<i>ABC I Like Me!</i> by Carlson	<i>All Aboard ABC</i> by Magee and Newman
<i>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten</i> by Slate	<i>Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten</i> by Slate
<i>The Night Before Kindergarten</i> by Wing	

FAVORITE FICTION BOOKS

<i>The Gingerbread Man</i> by various authors	<i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> by McPhail
<i>The Little Red Hen</i> by Galdone	<i>Rosie's Walk</i> by Hutchins
<i>Sheep on a Ship</i> by Shaw	