



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 Pre-K Summer Reading List

The importance of reading to your pre-school children 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.

Below are some recommended Pre-K books. Feel free to read anything of interest to your child. Please enjoy reading together a minimum of 10-15 minutes daily.

<i>Jack's Garden and Try a Little Kindness</i> by Cole	<i>Animal Nursery Tales</i> by Scarry	<i>Are You My Mother?</i> by Eastman
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i> by McCloskey	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> by Martin	<i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i> books by Bridwell
<i>Corduroy</i> by Freeman	<i>Curious George</i> books by Rey	<i>Egermeier's Bible Story Book</i> by Egermeier
<i>Elmer the Elephant</i> by McKee	<i>Frog and Toad All Year</i> by Lobel	<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> and all Dr. Seuss books
<i>Goodnight Gorilla</i> by Rathman	<i>Happy Birthday, Moon</i> by Asch	<i>Harold and the Purple Crayon</i> by Johnson
<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i> and other <i>Harry</i> books by Zion	<i>How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?</i> and others by Yolen	<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> and others by Numeroff
<i>The Kissing Hand</i> by Penn	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i> and others by Willems	<i>The Little Engine That Could</i> by Piper
<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> by Kraus	<i>The Mitten</i> and others by Brett	<i>Mister Seahorse</i> and others by Carle
<i>Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes</i> by Reed	<i>No, David!</i> and others by Shannon	<i>Owl Moon</i> by Yolen
<i>Pete the Cat</i> books by Litwin	<i>Rainbow Fish</i> books by Pfister	<i>Splat the Cat</i> by Scotton
<i>Stellaluna</i> by Cannon	<i>The Story About Ping</i> by Flack	<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i> by Leaf
<i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> by Potter	<i>The Tub People</i> by Conrad	<i>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> by Taback
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> by Sendak		