



## Entering Pre-K and Kindergarten Suggested Reading List

Summer reading is **not required** for students entering Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten but is strongly encouraged. Please read with your child a minimum of 20 minutes each day to experience the joy of reading! Students may log their summer reading minutes on the paper calendar provided in the yellow summer folder. Add up your child's summer reading minutes from May 30 – August 24, 2026, and submit the total by Friday, August 28, 2026, in the link provided here: <https://forms.office.com/r/x7JsMXrn3N>. For participating, students will be rewarded with a summer reading certificate.

The following is a list of suggested books to read and includes some of our favorite authors. This list is also located at [www.mcamustangs.org](http://www.mcamustangs.org). New books added to the list are in red.

### Suggested Bibles and Bible Reading:

*Jesus Calling Bible Storybook* by Sarah Young

*The Growing Reader Phonics Bible* by Joy MacKenzie

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones

*The Beginners Bible* by Zondervan

*Hey-O! Stories of the Bible* by Saddleback Kids

*The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm

### Classics:

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* by Fred Rogers

*The Berenstain Bears* by Stan and Jan Berenstain

*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson

*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton

*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans

*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

*Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler Some Monkeys and their Monkey Business* by Esphyr Slobodkina

*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes

### Concepts:

*A Seed is Sleepy* by Dianna Hutts Aston

*Alpha Oops! The Day the Z Went First* by Alethea Kontis

*Black? White! Day? Night! A Book of Opposites* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

*Every Color Soup* by Jorey Hurley

*Ready, Set, Skip* by Jane O'Connor

*Superhero ABC* by Bob McLeod

*Dog's Colorful Day* by Emma Dodd  
*Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose* by Leo & Diane Dillon  
*Count the Monkeys* by Mac Barnett  
*My First Bob Books: Pre-Reading Skills* by Lynn Maslen Kertell

*Ten Naughty Little Monkeys* by Suzanne Williams  
*White Is for Blueberry* by George Shannon  
*P is for Pterodactyl: The Worst Alphabet Book Ever* by Raj Haldar and Chris Carpenter  
*My First Bob Books: Alphabet* by Lynn Maslen Kertell

### Stories in Song and Rhyme:

*Croaky Pokey!* by Ethan Long  
*Green as a Bean* by Karla Kuskin  
*Move Over, Rover!* by Karen Beaumont  
*Old MacDonald Had a Truck* by Steve Goetz

### Silly Stories:

*Blizzard* by John Rocco  
*The Big Cheese* by Jory John  
*The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt  
*The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt  
*Truck Full of Ducks* by Ross Burach  
*The Book With No Pictures* by B.J. Novak  
*The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier  
*Too Much Glue* by Jason Lefebvre  
*The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner  
*Three Hens & A Peacock* by Lester Laminack  
*I Don't Want to be a Frog* by Dev Petty  
*The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli

### Animal Stories:

*Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman  
*Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper  
*Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell  
*It's an Orange Aardvark!* by Michael Hall  
*Kiss Good Night* by Amy Hest  
*Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle  
*Being Frog* by April Pulley Sayre  
*Memoirs of a Parrot* by Devin Scillian  
*Memoirs of a Tortoise* by Devin Scillian  
*Nesting* by Henry Cole  
*Where, Oh Where is Baby Bear?* By Ashley Wolff

### Friends and Families:

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams  
*A Splendid Friend, Indeed* by Suzanne Bloom  
*Boxitects* by Kim Smith  
*Friday Night Wrestlefest* by J.F. Fox  
*How to Babysit a Grandpa/Grandma* by Jean Reagan  
*Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev  
*My Grandma= Mi Abuelita* by Ginger Foglesong Guy  
*Olivia* by Ian Falconer  
*Sorry (Really Sorry)* by Joanna Cotler  
*The Old Truck* by Jarrett Pumphrey

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

*A Cup of Love* by Michael Todd

*God Gave Us Family* by Lisa Tawn Bergren

### School Stories:

*Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!* by Nancy Carlson

*Clark the Shark* by Bruce Hale

*Kindergarten Countdown* by Anna Jane Hays

*How to Get Your Octopus to School* by Becky Scharnhorst

*First Day Critter Jitters* by Jory John

*Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate

*Don't Eat the Teacher!* by Nick Ward

*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes

*The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!* by Mo Willems

### Christian Stories:

*Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer: A True Story of How You Can Talk with God* by Laura Wifler

*When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner

*The Creator in You* by Jordan Raynor

*God, I Feel Scared* by Michelle Nietert

*God Gave Us Prayer* by Lisa Tawn Bergren

### Additional Stories:

*What Should Danny Do? On Vacation!*  
(The Power to Choose series) by Ganit Levy

*The Crayons Go Back to School* by Drew Daywalt

*Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach* by James and Kimberly Dean

\*Updated April 2026