



## Summer Reading List For Students Entering Kindergarten and Grade 1



### **Picture Books & More:**

**Acorn Was a Little Wild** by Jen Arena

**Are You Big?** by Mo Willems

**Bulldozer's Big Day** by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann

**Bug on the Rug** by Sophia Gholz

**Can an Aardvark Bark?** by Melissa Stewart and Steve Jenkins

**Carl and the Meaning of Life** by Deborah Freedman

**Circle** by Mac Barnett

**Construction** by Sally Sutton

**Diary of a Baby Wombat** by Jackie French

**Don't Eat Bees** by Devorah Pettyex

**Emma and Julia Love Ballet** by Barbara McClintock

**Flying Frogs and Walking Fish** by Steve Jenkins

**Girl Versus Squirrel** by Hayley Barrett

**Hair Love** by Matthew A. Cherry

**How Did That Get in my Lunchbox?** by Chris Butterworth

**How to be a Rock Star** by Lisa Tolin

**I Will Not Eat You!** by Adam Lehrhaupt

**If Animals Built your House** by Bill Wise

**I'm Not Missing** by Kshelle Gourley

**Is This Your Class Pet** by Troy Cummings

**Light Is All Around Us** by Wendy Pfeffer

**Line and Scribble** by Debora Vogrig (2022 COCBA winner)

**Listen** by Gabi Snyder

**Market Maze** by Roxie Munro

**Mighty Truck** by Chris Barton

**Made by Maxine** by Ruth Spiro

**My Bike** by Byron Barton

**Outside In** by Deborah Underwood

**Q&U Call it Quits** by Steph Wade

**Sloth Sleeps Over** by Blythe Russo

**Snail Crossing** by Corey R. Tabor

**Sometimes I Grumblesquinch** by Rachel Vail

**Spring Stinks** by Ryan T. Higgins

**Summertime Sleepers** by Melissa Stewart

**Swashby and the Sea** by Beth Ferry

**That's My Sweater** by Jessica Von Innerebner

**The Barnabus Project** by The Fan Brothers (2023 COCBA winner)

**The Oldest Student, How Mary Walker Learned to Read** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard  
**The Water Princess** by Susan Verde  
**They All Saw a Cat** by Brendan Wenzel  
**This Old Dog** by Martha Brockenbrough  
**Tiny Dino** by Deborah Freedman  
**Truman** by Jean Reidy  
**Up In The Leaves** by Shira Boss  
**Will Pigeon Graduate?** by Mo Willems  
**You Nest Here With Me** by Jane Yolen

### **Easy Readers for the Beginning Reader:**

**Astrid & Apollo series** by VT Bidania, Dara Lashia Lee  
**Crabby** (series) by Jonathan Fenske  
**Dog Can Hide** by Laura Gehl  
**Duck, Duck, Porcupine** (series) by Salina Yoon  
**Emily and Sam Series** by David Cole  
**Figgy And Boone** by Janee Trasler  
**Jack** (series) by Mac Barnett  
**Pepper and Boo** (series) by Charise Mericle Harper  
**Otto** (series) by David Milgrim  
**Blue, Barry & Pancakes** (series) by Dan Abdo  
**Unicorn & Yeti** (series) by Heather Ayris Burnell  
**Who is the Mystery Reader?** by Mo Willems  
**Worm and Caterpillar** Kaz Windness

### **Charter Oak Children's Book Award (COCBA) 2025**

**I am Stuck** by Julia Mills  
**A Day with No Words** by Tiffany Hammond  
**The Curious Why** by Angela DiTerlizzi  
**The Candy Dish** by Kobi Yamada  
**Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider** by Jessica Lanan  
**The Fastest Drummer: Clap Your Hands for Viola Smith** by Dean Robbins  
**Log Life** by Amy Hevron  
**Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by Extraordinary Animals** by Aparna Varma