

LRSD Recommended Family Reading List: Kindergarten

Wondering what to read to your kindergartener? Here are some excellent books to enjoy together. This is not a required reading list, but will give your kindergartener a great start and provide your family with a variety of books to read over and over!



Sky Color by Peter H. Reynolds

Marisol finds a new way to paint the "sky" when she finds out she doesn't have any more blue paint. (Great Author!)

Little Pea by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; Illustrated by Jen Corace

Little Pea hates eating candy for dinner, but his parents won't let him have his dessert (spinach) until he eats all his dinner. What will he do?

The Show-and-Tell Lion by Barbara Ambercrombie; Illustrated by Lynne Avril Cravath

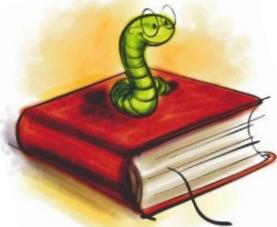
Matthew has a great imagination and tells his class he has a real pet lion. But his story gets out of hand and he has to tell his class the truth.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

When the bus driver takes a break, Pigeon tries to drive the bus. Oh, NO! What will happen? (Awesome author!)

When I Was Five by Arthur Howard

Even when you grow up and a lot of things change, some things never change.



I-I-E-I-O: How Old McDonald Got His Farm by Judy Sierra; Illustrated by Matthew Myers

Did you know that Old McDonald didn't always have a farm? Well, a very smart chicken helped him turn his yard into a farm - even though his neighbors weren't too happy!

A Big Guy Took My Ball by Mo Willems
One of many in the Elephant and Piggy series, this story is about finding ways to work (and play) together even when others are different. (Series)

The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett
When duck finds a different egg and it doesn't hatch right away the others think it's funny. But just wait until this egg finally hatches!

Because by Richard Torrey
Jack's mom doesn't think "Because" is a good answer, but Jack tries to prove how "because" IS a good answer after all. What do you think? (If you like this book, check out Richard Torrey's book "Why?" - its really good too!)

I'm Still Here in the Bathtub: Brand New Silly Dilly Songs by Alan Katz; Illustrated by David Catrow

Sing some of your favorite tunes with new, funny lyrics and excellent illustrations. What a great book for families to enjoy together!

Big Words for Little People by Jamie Lee Curtis; Illustrated by Laura Cornell

This fun book is filled with great examples and illustrations of adult words to help kids learn what they mean and why they are important.

Digger, Dozer, Dumper by Hope Vestergaard; Illustrated by David Slonim
This book is a collection of short poems about trucks and machines. It will entertain while teaching about the different types of equipment.

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
When a lost penguin shows up, the boy tries to help him get home. But then they both realize they were just lonely and need a friend. (Great Author & Illustrator)

Its Hard to Be Five by Jamie Lee Curtis; Illustrated by Laura Cornell
Growing up isn't always easy! Enjoy this book together and find out how growing up can be fun, too.

Spoon by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; Illustrated by Scott Magoon
Spoon is usually happy. But when he starts to feel different than the other utensils, he finds he is special in his own way.

Flight School by Lita Judge
Little penguin believes he can fly because he believes he has the soul of an eagle. But, will he learn to fly?

Frog and Fly: Six Slurpy Stories by Jeff Mack
This book has six funny stories about a frog and eating flies. The humor is perfect for a five or six year old, and adults will probably laugh, too!

Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham
Mr. Gumpy lives by the river and goes for a ride in his little boat. Then all the animals want to go, too! What will happen with all the animals on this boat ride?

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin; Illustrated by James Dean
When Pete the Cat loses a button, does he fret? Goodness no! Groove along with Pete the Cat as he counts all his buttons. (Look up Pete the Cat online for videos and songs!)

Many students begin to read in kindergarten (even just a little). Spend time celebrating what your child has learned, and enjoy reading together every day!

- ✓ Spend FUN reading time together every day. Don't focus on teaching and practicing reading- enjoy books and stories together.
- ✓ Read to your child every day - even after they start reading. Invite them to join in.
- ✓ Read books over and over - and even if she picks the same book AGAIN, its good for her!
- ✓ Let your child pick the books - they will stay interested and learn a lot.
- ✓ When its not fun or there are distractions, take a break. Keep reading enjoyable for everyone!