



Books can take you anywhere...

...and anywhere is a good place to take time to read to your preschooler. The preschool teachers would like to recommend that the best reading to do with your preschooler is all kinds of reading. Follow your child's interests and share some of your own. Children who read at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year. Pictures, books, cookbooks, magazines, all develop your child's literacy knowledge. (Comfyreading.com/reading-statistics)

In the preschool curriculum, preschoolers will learn about friendship, community helpers, family and emotions, outer space, Earth, weather and seasons, dinosaurs, plants, nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and animals.

☀️ Summer Reading Suggestions for Preschoolers (Ages 3–5) ☀️

Featured Authors & Illustrators

These beloved creators offer books with engaging stories, vibrant illustrations, and preschool-friendly language:

- Eric Carle – *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* (with Bill Martin Jr.), *The Tiny Seed*
- Leo Lionni – *Swimmy*, *Frederick*, *Inch by Inch*
- Bill Martin Jr. – *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
- Ezra Jack Keats – *The Snowy Day*, *Whistle for Willie*, *Peter's Chair*
- Donald Crews – *Freight Train*, *Truck*, *Ten Black Dots*
- Rosemary Wells – *Max and Ruby* series, *Noisy Nora*, books about feelings and family
- James Dean (Pete the Cat) – *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*, *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*
- Margaret & H.A. Rey – *Curious George* series

Books by Theme

Nature & Adventure

- *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* – Michael Rosen
- *The Gruffalo* – Julia Donaldson (rhyming and adventurous)
- *Owl Babies* – Martin Waddell

Construction, Transportation, and Outer Space

- *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* – Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site* – Sherri Duskey Rinker
- *Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?* – Brianna Caplan Sayres
- *Roaring Rockets* – Tony Mitton
- *Zoom, Rocket, Zoom!* – Margaret Mayo

Colors, ABCs, & Numbers

- Graeme Base – *Animalia, The Water Hole, Alphabet Adventures*
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* – Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault
- *Mouse Paint* – Ellen Stoll Walsh
- *Count the Monkeys* – Mac Barnett

Animals, Oceans, and Dinosaurs

- Doreen Cronin – *Click, Clack, Moo* series, *Diary of a Worm*
- *Commotion in the Ocean* – Giles Andreae
- *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* – Jane Yolen

Friendship, Feelings & Family

- Rosemary Wells – *Max and Ruby, Yoko, Kindergarten Stories*
- *Llama Llama* series – Anna Dewdney
- *The Family Book* – Todd Parr
- *My Many Colored Days* – Dr. Seuss

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales

- Classic collections such as *Mother Goose, The Real Mother Goose*
- *The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears*
- Interactive or sing-along books (e.g., *Wheels on the Bus, Five Little Monkeys*)

Links:

Preschool Book Recommendations:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UTCPTnQJ0IxiPQHEMNhXVf2BCcxk2QJB7H_fcoZINdw/edit#heading=h.1blxel52ct4r

Reading Tips for Parents Reading with your Preschooler :

<https://www.readingfoundation.org/download/Z1XFzp>

25 Fun Literacy Games for Preschoolers:

<https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/literacy-activities-for-preschoolers/>