

# Montessori Suggested Summer Reading

Montessori Kindergarten is a time when your child will begin developing the skills they need to read on their own, and summer is the perfect time to lay the groundwork for that process. Below is a suggested reading list for rising kindergarteners. Remember that reading doesn't have to be a solo activity – shared reading experiences with a family member are a great learning opportunity.

## **America the Beautiful: Together We Stand** *Bates*

Celebrates the song "America the Beautiful" by combining quotes from presidents and artwork by different artists.

## **Nightsong** *Berk*

Chiro, a young bat, is nervous about flying into the world for the first time without his mother, especially on a very dark night, but he soon learns to rely on his "song" to find his way and stay safe.

## **Everything Goes: Henry in a Jam** *Bourne*

Henry witnesses different rescue vehicles as he waits in a traffic jam.

## **Redwoods** *Chin*

A young city boy, riding the subway, finds an abandoned book about redwoods. He finds himself in the very forest described in the book. After finishing the book, he leaves it for someone else to read.

## **Nighttime Ninja** *DaCosta*

Late at night, when all is quiet and everyone is asleep, a ninja creeps silently through the house in search of treasure.

## **Pete at the Beach** *Dean*

Pete the cat visits the beach with his family.

## **Some Bugs** *DiTerlizzi*

Covers a wide variety of backyard bugs, with fun, rhyming text.

## **Olivia** *Falconer*

Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.

## **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** *Galdone*

Three billy goats must cross a bridge that shelters a mean and hungry troll in order to get to their favorite pasture.

**Happy Hout**

Clear, strong lines and radiant colors that seem to smile at the reader characterize Mies van Hout's drawings. In "Happy," Mies shows all the emotions a young child encounters. Each double page spread is devoted to one fish, showing a particular emotion with its name in lettering that expresses the same feeling.

**Lost and Found Jeffers**

A boy is greeted by a lost penguin at his front door; they journey to the South Pole, only to find the penguin was never lost. (First in the series)

**Actual Size Jenkins**

In this visually stunning book, seeing is believing as Jenkins illustrates animals both large and small at their actual size.

**Otis Long**

When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs, Otis is the only one who can help.

**The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot! Magoon**

A twist on the classic story about telling the truth and not telling lies.

**A Green Green Garden Mayer**

Little Critter and his family work on growing a garden, and after planting seeds, watering each seedling, and waiting for the plants to grow, they have a green garden with lots of vegetables.

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie Numeroff**

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

**Amelia Bedelia Parish**

A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

**The Lion and the Mouse Pinkney**

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

**The Watermelon Seed Pizzoli**

A young crocodile eats a watermelon seed by accident and it leads to frightening, yet funny consequences.

**The Dot Reynolds**

An art teacher encourages young Vashti, who believes she cannot draw.

**The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend Santat**

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

**Where the Wild Things Are Sendak**

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

**Duck on a Bike Shannon**

A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.

**Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great** *Shea*

Goat is envious of Unicorn, but soon they become friends.

**Caps for Sale** *Slobodkina*

A cap seller must outsmart the monkeys who are stealing his wares.

**Mama Built a Little Nest** *Ward*

Through rhyming text, the reader is introduced to different types of birds and the nests they build.

**Today I Will Fly!** *Willems*

Piggie is determined to fly, but Gerald does not think that it is possible for pigs to fly. First in the series.

**Henri's Scissors** *Winter*

Follows the artist's life and the illness that kept in him a wheelchair that later inspired his paper-cutout masterpieces.

**Seven Blind Mice** *Young*

Retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance.

Thank You,

Montessori Teachers