The Smythe Gambrell Library  
Suggestions for Summer Reading  
for Pre-First Students

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer is a great time for reading! There are many excellent children’s books available, including the titles we’ve recommended on this reading list. This booklet is just one resource for locating great books. The public library and many local bookstores are also excellent sources of information and will be delighted to help you fill your summer with wonderful books. The titles on this list are for parents to read aloud and share with their children during the summer months. However, if your child is already reading, please browse through the titles listed in the “For Beginning Readers” section for some appropriate books. Also, please note that any additional book by one of the authors listed here may be read, too.

The Twelve Rules of Summer Reading:
Read…Read again…Read some more…Read anything…Read about everything …Read enjoyable things…Read things you yourself enjoy…Read and discuss it…Read carefully some things…Read on the run, many things…Don’t think about reading, but…Just read!

Favorite Stories about Families and Friends

Baker, Roberta. No Ordinary Olive. From the day she is born, Olive, an exuberant young girl, enjoys life in her own way and even though she is occasionally misunderstood, her parents support her. Series (E Bak)

Bates, Amy June. Big Umbrella. A spacious umbrella welcomes anyone and everyone who needs shelter from the rain. (E BAT)

Blumenthal, Deborah. Don’t Let the Peas Touch!: and Other Stories. In three linked stories, sisters Annie and Sophie argue over such issues as foods touching on a plate, quiet time, and pet ownership. (E Blu)
Brett, Jan.  **Gingerbread Friends.**  Lonely Gingerbread Baby, having set out to find a friend, enters a bakery where he tries to talk to different cookies and other figures, but winds up leading a crowd back to his house on a chase similar to the one in the familiar tale. Series (E Bre)

Child, Lauren.  **But, Excuse Me, That is My Book.**  When Lola’s favorite book is not on the library’s shelf, her older brother, Charlie, tries to find another book she will enjoy. Series (E Chi)

Choldenko, Gennifer.  **Dad and the Dinosaur.**  A boy keeps a toy dinosaur in his pocket to help him be brave like his dad—but when the dinosaur goes missing, Dad knows just what to do. (E Cho)

Crum, Shutta.  **A Family for Old Mill Farm.**  When animals seeking new homes see Old Mill Farm, they know that it is just right, while human house-hunters, shown a variety of houses by their realtor, finally make clear what they are truly seeking and wind up at the farm, as well. (E Cru)

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Dorros, Arthur.  **Abuela.**  While riding a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. (E Dor)

Eaton, Maxwell.  **Superheroes.**  When Max and Pinky decide to play superheroes, Pinky gets stuck with all of the unappealing sidekick duties, until Max finds himself in real trouble. (E Eat)

Feiffer, Jules.  **I Lost My Bear!**  When a young girl loses her best toy, she plays detective to find it. Hilarious! (E Fei)

Fox, Mem.  **Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge.**  A small boy tries to discover the meaning of “memory” so he can restore that of an elderly friend. (E Fox)

Henkes, Kevin.  **Julius, the Baby of the World.**  Lilly is convinced that the arrival of her new baby brother is the worst thing that has happened in their house…until Cousin Garland comes to visit. (E Hen)

Hutchins, Pat.  **The Doorbell Rang.**  A dozen freshly baked cookies tempt Victoria, Sam and others, as the mathematical considerations begin. (E Hut)

Joosse, Barbara.  **Mama, Do You Love Me?**  A child living in the Arctic learns that a mother’s love is unconditional. Also, **Papa, Do You Love Me?**  In which a Masai father in Africa answers his son’s questions and the boy learns that his father’s love for him is unconditional, too. (E Joo)
McBratney, Sam.  **Guess How Much I Love You.**  During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father, Big Nutbrown Hare gently shows him that the love is returned even more.  (E McB)

Norac, Carl.  **My Daddy is a Giant.**  A little boy’s father seems so large to him that he needs a ladder to cuddle him and birds nest in his father’s hair.  (E Nor)

Penn, Audrey.  **Chester Raccoon and the Almost Perfect Sleepover.**  After going to his first sleepover, Chester Raccoon has a day of fun and games with his friends, but he finds it hard to fall asleep because he misses his family.  (E Pen)

Polacco, Patricia.  **Thunder Cake.**  Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild’s fear of thunderstorms.  (E Pol)

Smothers, Ethel.  **Auntee Edna.**  Tokee is unhappy about having to spend the day with her old-fashioned Auntee Edna, but she soon discovers her aunt is full of good ideas for fun, from baking teacakes to putting paper rollers in their hair.  (E Smo)

Snyder, Laurel.  **Charlie and Mouse.**  Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks. Series (E Sny)

Waber, Bernard.  **Ira Sleeps Over.**  A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend’s house, but worries how he’ll get along without his favorite teddy bear.  (E Wab)

Wells, Rosemary.  **Yoko’s Paper Cranes.**  When Yoko moves from Japan to California, she decides to make and send origami cranes to her grandmother for her birthday.  Series (E Wel)

Willems, Mo.  **Are You Ready to Play Outside?**  Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do. Series (E-R Wil)

Yolen, Jane.  **Owl Moon.**  On a winter’s night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see a great horned owl.  (E Yol)

**Stories about School**

Allard, Harry.  **Miss Nelson is Missing!**  The students in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher’s good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute teacher. Series (E All)

Bemelmans, Ludwig.  **Madeline.**  The classic adventures of the little French girl who attended a boarding school all covered in vines. Series (E Bem)
Carlson, Nancy. **Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come!** Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there. (E Car)

Cordell, Matthew. **Wolf in the Snow.** When a wolf cub and little girl are lost in a snowstorm they must find their way home. (E Cor)

Dorrie, Doris. **Lottie’s Princess Dress.** When Lottie persuades her mother to let her wear her sparkly gold dress to school, their day becomes very special. (E Dor)

Everitt, Betsy. **Mean Soup.** After a bad day at school and still feeling mean, Horace watches in astonishment as his mother finds an incredibly funny (and ingenious) way to lure him out of his bad mood. (E Eve)

Hall, Kirsten. **My New School.** A young boy shows the reader, and someone hidden until the end, all around his school, pointing out the different rooms, demonstrating things he has learned to do, and sharing his favorite book. (E Hal)

Henkes, Kevin. **Chrysanthemum.** Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of her name. (E Hen)

Hoffman, Mary. **Amazing Grace.** Although a classmate says that she can’t play Peter Pan in the school play because she is African-American, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind on. Series (E Hof)

Lovell, Patty. **Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon.** Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and feels good about herself. (E Lov)

Pattou, Edith. **Mrs. Spitzer’s Garden.** With her sure, loving gardener’s touch, Mrs. Spitzer nurtures the students in her classroom each year. (E Pat)

Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl.** Amanda Pig’s first day of school is every bit as wonderful as she always hoped it would be. Series (E-R Van)

Viorst, Judith. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.** On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too. (E Vio)

Wells, Rosemary. **My Kindergarten.** Through a month-by-month review of a year in kindergarten, Emily shares the stories of the many happy experiences she has at her school with her new classmates. (E Wel)
Whitcomb, Mary. **Odd Velvet.** Although she dresses differently from the other girls and does things which are unusual, Velvet eventually teaches her classmates that even an outsider has something to offer. (E Whi)

**Series too Good to Miss**

Adler, David. **Bones and the Birthday Mystery.** In his latest case, young Jeffrey Bones tries to discover the whereabouts of his grandfather’s missing birthday present. (E-R Adler)

Appelt, Kathy. **Bubba and Beau, Best Friends.** When Mama Pearl washes their favorite blanket, it’s a sad day for Bubba and his puppy, Beau, but it gets worse when she decides they need baths, too! (E App)

Arnold, Tedd. **Parts.** A five-year-old boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns new teeth grow and hair and skin replace themselves. (E Arn)

Barracca, Debra. **The Adventures of Taxi Dog.** A stray dog in New York City is adopted by a taxi driver, with whom he thereafter rides and shares adventures each day. (E Bar)

Brown, Marc. **D.W. All Wet!** D.W. bosses her brother Arthur into carrying her on his shoulders at the beach because she claims she hates the water, until she gets a big wet surprise! (E Bro)

Capucilli, Alyssa. **Biscuit.** A lovable little puppy always wants one more thing before he’ll go to sleep. A great selection for beginning readers! (E-R Cap)

Hoban, Russell. **Bread and Jam for Frances.** "Jam on toast," sings Frances about the food she likes most—until she has it for the sixth meal in two days. (E Hob)

Holabird, Katherine. **Angelina Ballerina.** Angelina loves to dance and wants to become a ballerina more than anything else in the whole world. (E Hol)

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad are Friends.** Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends. (E-R Lob)

London, Jonathan. **Froggy Learns to Swim.** Froggy is afraid of the water until his mother, along with his flippers, snorkel, and mask, help him learn to swim. (E Lon)

Marshall, James. **George and Martha.** A series that relates the funny episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. (E Mar)
McPhail, David. **Pig Pig Grows Up.** Only when faced with a dire emergency does Pig Pig finally react like a grown-up and admit that he’s not a baby anymore. (E McP)

Numeroff, Laura. **If you Give a Cat a Cupcake.** A series of increasingly far-fetched events might occur if someone were to give a cupcake to a cat. Series (E Num)

Rey, H.A. **Curious George.** Curiosity always gets George the monkey into trouble, until he learns to put it to good use. (E Rey)

Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton.** Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better. (E-R Ryl)

Waber, Bernard. **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.** Lyle is perfectly happy living with the Primms on East 88th Street until the irritable Mr. Grumps next door changes all that. (E Wab)

Wells, Rosemary. **Bunny Cakes.** Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma’s birthday and provides unwelcome help to his older sister, Ruby as she attempts to bake her angel surprise cake. (E Wel)

Wells, Rosemary. **McDuff Goes to School.** When McDuff, a little West Highland terrier and his new French-speaking neighbor are enrolled in obedience school, it seems as though Mc Duff hasn’t learned his lessons. (E Wel)

**Science Fiction and Fantasy**

Buehner, Caralyn. **Superdog: the Heart of a Hero.** Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, a big-hearted dog named Dexter transforms himself into a superhero. (E Bue)

DePaola, Tomie. **Strega Nona.** When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works. (E DeP)

Freeman, Don. **Corduroy.** A girl named Lisa fell in love with a little brown bear wearing green overalls with one button missing, and thousands of readers followed suit, making Corduroy one of the best-loved children’s books of all time. Series (E Fre)

Garland, Michael. **Miss Smith’s Incredible Storybook.** When the new teacher, Miss Smith, reads to her class, Zack and his classmates are amazed to find that the storybook characters come to life. Series (E Gar)
Grey, Mini. **Traction Man is Here!** Traction Man, a boy’s courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house. Series (E Gre)

Joyce, William. **George Shrinks.** Taking care of a cat and a baby brother turns into a series of comic adventures when George wakes up to find himself shrunk to the size of a mouse! (E Joy)

McDonald, Megan. **When the Library Lights Go Out.** When the lights go out in the library, the storytime puppets set out on an adventure to find their missing friend, Hermit Crab. (E McD)

Reynolds, Aaron. **A Creepy Pair of Underwear.** A young rabbit is frightened by his underwear. (E Rey)

Thomas, Shelley Moore. **Good Night, Good Knight.** A knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep. Series (E-Tho)

Van Allsburg, Chris. **Zathura.** Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game. (E Van)

Whybrow, Ian. **Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.** Harry finds toy dinosaurs in the attic that come to life when he names each one. Series (E Why)

Yolen, Jane. **Commander Toad in Space.** The intrepid crew of the space ship “Star Warts” lands on a water-covered planet inhabited by Deep Wader, a horrible hungry monster. Series (E-Yol)

**Historical Fiction: Stories from the Past**

Cooney, Barbara. **Miss Rumphius.** As a child, Great-Aunt Alice resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful. (E Coo)

Friedman, Ina. **How My Parents Learned to Eat.** An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries (in secret) to learn the other’s way of eating meals. (E Fri)

Funke, Cornelia. **Pirate Girl.** Ferocious Captain Firebeard thinks that he and his band of ruthless pirates rule the high seas, but Firebeard’s crew meets their match when they kidnap a girl named Molly. (E Fun)
Hopkinson, Deborah. **Saving Strawberry Farm.** During the Great Depression, Davey learns that a neighbor’s property is about to be auctioned, and he rallies his friends, neighbors, and family to help save Strawberry Farm. (E Hop)

Howard, Elizabeth. **Aunt Flossie’s Hats (and Crab Cakes Later).** Sara and Susan share tea, cookies, crab cakes, and stories about hats when they visit their favorite relative, Aunt Flossie. Series (E How)

Kimmel, Eric. **The Erie Canal Pirates.** A boat captain and his men battle Bill McGrew and his pirate crew on the Erie Canal in a rhyming tale inspired by a folksong. (E Kim)

Martin, Bill. **Knots on a Counting Rope.** A grandfather and his blind grandson reminisce about the young boy’s birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race. (E Mar)

Polacco, Patricia. **The Keeping Quilt.** A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith. (E Pol)

Ringgold, Faith. **Tar Beach.** During the depression era, a young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem Home, proclaiming all she sees for herself and her family. (E Rin)

Tarback, Simms. **Joseph had a Little Overcoat.** A very old coat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments. (E Tar)

**Animal Stories: Real and Imaginary**

Bateman, Teresa. **Farm Flu.** When the farm animals seem to catch the flu one after another, a young boy does his best to take care of all of them. (E Bat)

Brett, Jan. **The Mitten.** Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki’s lost mitten until the bear sneezes! (398.2 Bre)

Bridwell, Norman. **Clifford’s First Day of School.** As a small puppy, Clifford the red dog goes to school with Emily Elizabeth and gets into mischievous trouble during the finger painting, cookie baking, and snack time. Series (E Bri)

Brown, Margaret Wise. **The Runaway Bunny.** A little rabbit who wants to run away, finds his mother is always right behind him. (E Bro)

Cannon, Janell. **Verdi.** A young python doesn’t want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes he sees in the tropical jungle where he lives. (E Can)
Carle, Eric. *A House for Hermit Crab*. A crab who has outgrown his shell moves into a new one which he decorates with various sea creatures. *(E Car)*

Cazet, Denys. *Will you Read to Me?* Hamlet enjoys reading books and writing poetry, not playing in the mud and fighting over supper like the other pigs, but he finally finds someone who appreciates him just as he is. *(E Caz)*

Cronin, Doreen. *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*. When Farmer Brown’s cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses them. Series *(E Cro)*

Clements, Andrew. *Slippers at School*. A puppy named Slippers is sad that Laura and Edward have no time for him on the first day of school, but he finds a comfortable backpack in which to fall asleep before they leave. Series *(E Cle)*

Demas, Corinne. *Saying Goodbye to Lulu*. When her dog Lulu dies, a young girl grieves but then continues with her life. *(E Dem)*

Falconer, Ian. *Olivia*. 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. Series *(E Fal)*

Feiffer, Jules. *Bark, George*. When George’s mother asks George to bark, the little dog makes other animal sounds, so she takes him to the veterinarian to correct the problem. *(E Fei)*

Fleming, Denise. *In the Small, Small Pond*. Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn. *(E Fle)*

Fox, Mem. *Possum Magic*. Two little Australian possums go in search of the magic that will make the invisible one of them visible. *(E Fox)*

Ginsburg, Mirra. *Mushroom in the Rain*. How can an ant, butterfly, mouse, sparrow, and rabbit all take shelter from the rain under the same mushroom when originally there was room only for the ant? *(E Gin)*

Hood, Susan. *Pup and Hound*. Explains how Hound discovered his puppy friend, Pup, and tried to find him something to eat. Series *(E-R Hoo)*

Howard, Arthur. *Cosmo Zooms*. Cosmo the dog discovers a special talent when he accidentally takes a nap on a skateboard. *(E How)*
Kang, Anna. **I am (not) Scared.** Two bears are fearful about going on a roller coaster so they try to think of things that are much scarier than the ride. (E Kan)

McCloskey, Robert. **Make Way for Ducklings.** The Mallards proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. (E McC)

McFarland, Lyn. **Widget.** A small stray dog is accepted into a household full of cats by learning to “fit in,” but when his mistress is hurt, he demonstrates that being a dog is not all bad. (E McF)

Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Breath.** Hally, the Tosis’ family dog, has such bad breath that the family plans to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog! (E Pil)

Rathmann, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria.** The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle’s safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches. (E Rat)

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Great Gracie Chase: Stop that Dog!** A cumulative tale about a small dog named Gracie whose quiet life is disrupted by some noisy painters. (E Ryl)

Schachner, Judy. **Skippyjon Jones.** Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with an overactive imagination who would rather be El Skippito, his Zorro-like alter ego. (E Sch)

Shannon, David. **Duck on a Bike.** A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes, too. (E Sha)

Sharmat, Marjorie. **I’m Terrific.** Jason Bear thinks he’s marvelous and insists on telling everyone. (E Sha)

Waddell, Martin. **A Kitten Called Moonlight.** A little girl and her mother recall how a special kitten came into their lives on dark and stormy night. (E Wad)

Willans, Tom. **Wait! I Want to Tell You a Story.** A wily muskrat outsmarts an extremely ravenous tiger by telling him a circular story. (E Wil)

Zion, Gene. **Harry the Dirty Dog.** Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the classic tale of a white dog with black spots who runs away from home and gets so dirty that his own family doesn’t recognize him as a black dog with white spots! Series (E Zio)

**Non-Fiction Books**

Aliki. **Dinosaur Bones.** Discusses how scientists, studying fossil remains, provide information on how dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. Series (567.9 Ali)
Bunting, Eve. **Ducky.** Based on a real-life incident, a yellow plastic duck narrates the story of his adventures on the ocean after a ship’s crate loaded with bathtub toys is washed overboard. (E Bun)

Gibbons, Gail. **My Baseball Book.** An introduction to baseball, describing the equipment, playing field, rules, players, and the process of the game. Series (796.35 Gib)

Grossman, Bill. **My Little Sister Ate One Hare.** In this mathematical counting tale, little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to peas—watch out! Series (513 Gro)

Lewis, Rose. **I Love You Like Crazy Cakes.** Based on the author’s own experiences, a woman describes how she went to China to adopt a special baby girl. (E Lew)

Loomis, Christine. **Across America, I Love You.** Describes the various landscapes of America, from the Rocky Mountains and Alaska’s wildlands to the giant sequoias of California. (E Loo)

McLimans, David. **Gone Wild: an Endangered Animal Alphabet.** A beautifully illustrated volume detailing many of the planet’s endangered species. (E McL)

McMillan, Bruce. **Counting Wildflowers.** A counting book with photographs of wildflowers, illustrating the numbers one through twenty. (E McM)

Mitton, Tony. **Cool Cars.** From luxury limousines to speedy sports cars, a wide variety of automobiles are featured through rhyming text and bold illustrations paired with a picture dictionary which identifies car parts to make learning about cars even more fun. (E Mit)

Nevius, Carol. **Karate Hour.** Rhyming text portrays the exuberance of an hour of karate class in a story that includes nonfiction information at the end. (E Nev)

Parker, Nancy. **Bugs.** Includes general information, jokes, and brief descriptions of the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of a variety of common insects. (595.7 Par)

Sweetland, Nancy. **God’s Quiet Things.** Illustrations and rhyming text depict the quiet wonder of God’s creation. (E Swe)
Tyler, Michael. **The Skin You Live In.** Rhyming verse describes the diversity of skin color, promotes self-esteem, and explores how children can be both unique and similar at the same time. (E Tyl)

Wargin, Kathy-Jo. **M is for Melody: a Musical Alphabet.** Instruments, terms, composers, and even musical styles are examined from A to Z in easy read-aloud poems and text accompanied by colorful artwork. (780 War)

**Folktales**

Aardema, Verna. **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears.** An African folktale revealing the origin of the mosquito’s buzz. (398.2 Aar)

Aylesworth, Jim. **The Gingerbread Man.** A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers until he meets a clever fox. (398.21 Ayl)

Bruchac, Joseph. **Raccoon’s Last Race: a Traditional Abenaki Story.** In this Native American trickster tale, Raccoon, the fastest animal on earth, loses his speed because he is boastful and breaks his promise. (398.2 Bru)

Bryan, Ashley. **Beautiful Blackbird.** In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his “blackening brew.” (398.2 Bry)

Haley, Gail. **A Story, a Story.** Recounts how most African folktales came to be called “Spider Stories.” (398.2 Hal)

Kellogg, Steven. **Jack and the Beanstalk.** A boy climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where he uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant and make his and his mother’s fortune. (398.2 Kel)

MacDonald, Margaret Read. **Tuck-Me-In Tales: Bedtime Stories from Around the World.** Presents five folktales for young children. (398.2 Mac)

McDermott, Gerald. **Arrow to the Sun.** An adaptation of the Pueblo Indian myth which explains how the spirit of the Lord of the Sun was brought to the world of men. (398.2 McD)

Marshall, James. **Hansel and Gretel.** A poor woodcutter’s children, lost in the forest, come upon a house made of cookies, cakes, and candy occupied by a wicked witch. Series (398.2 Mar)
Zemach, Margot. *It Could Always Be Worse: a Yiddish Folktale*. Unable to stand his overcrowded and noisy home any longer, a poor man goes to the Rabbi for advice. (398.2 Zem)

**For Beginning Readers**

Avi. *Things that Sometimes Happen*. A collection of nine brief stories from this popular author’s very first book. (E Avi)

Cole, Joanna. *Ready…Set…Read!: the Beginning Reader’s Treasury*. A collection of stories, poems, and non-fiction for beginning readers, by such authors as Dr. Seuss and Else Minarik. (SC Col)


Hoferman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me and I’ll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together*. This book offers eight fairy tales to inspire a wonderful read-aloud experience for two voices. (398.2 Hob)

Hoferman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me and I’ll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together*. Designed with budding readers in mind, each of the seventeen tales is set in three columns with color-coded type as a script for two voices to read separately and together – join the fun as familiar nursery rhyme characters take starring roles in this latest addition to this popular series of books. (398.8 Hob)

Hoferman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me and I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together*. A compilation of stories to be read and shared together. (811.54 Hob)

Minarik, Else. *Cat and Dog*. A young child monitors a cat and dog as they romp through the house and garden. (E-R Min)

Schwartz, Alvin. *Ten Copycats in a Boat, and Other Riddles*. A collection of riddles selected from folklore around the world. (793.7 Sch)

Takahashi, Hideko. *Hotdog on TV*. A small brown dog tries out for a television commercial. (E-R Tak)
**Summer Vacation Stories**

Ashman, Linda. *To the Beach!* A family keeps forgetting the things they need to take to the beach. (E Ash)

Brown, Marc. *Arthur Goes to Camp.* Arthur is not looking forward to Camp Meadowcroak, and when mysterious things start happening there, he decides to run away. Series (E Bro)

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Sneakers, the Seaside Cat.* A little cat named Sneakers experiences the sights, sounds, and smells of an ocean beach. (E Bro)

Carlstrom, Nancy White. *Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear!* Jesse is admonished not to get wet under a variety of tantalizing circumstances, until he finally receives his own wading pool. Series (E Car)

Clements, Andrew. *Because Your Daddy Loves You.* When things go wrong during a day at the beach, like a ball that drifts away or a gooey ice cream mess, a father could do a lot of things but always picks the loving one. (E Cle)

Cole, Henry. *On the Way to the Beach.* A walk through the woods into a salt marsh over the dunes and onto the beach brings encounters with a variety of animals and plants whose identity is revealed by folding out flaps that appear on alternate pages. (E Col)

Davies, Jacqueline. *The House takes a Vacation.* While the Petersons are away, their house decides to take a trip to the sea to watch the "Dance of the Sunlight," despite some groaning from the chimney and the basement's refusal to rise to the occasion. (E Dav)

DiCamillo, Kate. *Louise: the adventures of a chicken.* Longing for adventure, intrepid Louise leaves her comfortable nest and goes to sea. (E Dic)

Diesen, Deborah. *Bloom.* A mother and child plant flower bulbs in the fall, wait through the winter, and see them bloom in the spring. (E DIE)

Ehrlich, H.M. *Louie's Goose.* While spending the summer at the beach with his parents, Louie has a wonderful time playing with his toy goose and even rescues her from a big wave. (E Ehr)

Fiocelli, Elizabeth. *Kid Tea.* On every night of the week, a new color of "kid tea" is created in the bath, depending on the activities of that day. (E Fic)

Gay, Marie-Louise. *Stella, Star of the Sea.* Since her younger brother Sam knows so little about the beach, Stella takes great care explaining things to him, but when the time
comes for Sam to take a swim in the ocean, Stella wonders if he will be ready for his new experience. Series (E Gay)

Gretz, Susanna. The Bears Who Went to the Seaside. Five teddy bears and their dog enjoy a variety of activities at the seashore. Series (E Gre)

McPhail, David. Emma’s Vacation. Emma’s idea of a good vacation is quite different from that of her parents. (E McP)

Reynolds, Peter. Happy Dreamer. A "dreamer maximus" describes the many ways one can dream, and the importance of being a happy dreamer. (E Rey)

Teague, Mark. How I Spent My Summer Vacation. A schoolboy tells his class about his summer vacation, during which he joined a group of cowboys and stopped a cattle stampede. (E Tea)

Wiesner, David. Flotsam. A wordless picture book in which a boy discovers an underwater camera washed up on the beach and has the film developed, revealing amazing photos. (E Wie)