St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School 2022 Summer Reading for Students Entering Kindergarten*

Letters, Numbers and Repetition



1 2 3 Dream	Krans, Kim	Counting, alliteration, and search-and-find prompts are merged with pen-and-ink drawings of unusual animals and scenes of natural beauty.
3x4	Brunetti, Ivan	Annemarie and her classmates use their imagination to come up with creative solutions to set problems. Young readers will delight in the counting game.
8: An Animal Alphabet	Cooper, Elisha	This unique animal alphabet book is also a counting game.
100 Bugs! A Counting Book	Narita, Kate	How many bugs can you count? Readers will learn 10 different ways to count to 100 using different kinds of bugs.
And the Robot Went	Robinson, Michelle	Starting with a box of parts, various characters assemble the Robot, step by step. A cumulative, repetitious tale.
Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book	Giganti Jr., Paul	Dynamic illustrations and appealing words combine to introduce beginning math concepts and reinforce visual literacy.
Juanito Counts to Ten = Johnny Cuenta Hasta Diez	Byrd, Lee Merrill	Bilingual Picture Book - Juanito enjoys counting while giving kisses to those he loves.
Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way) , The	McDonnell, Patrick	It starts with an alligator and a bear chasing a cat. When a dragon (and a chicken and an egg!) join in pursuit, things start to get really interesting.
¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z!	Delacre, Lulu	Explore the Ecuadorian Andes and its cloud forest in this Spanish bilingual alphabet book.
Once Upon an Alphabet	Jeffers, Oliver	This delightful and whimsical alphabet book has a short story for each letter of the alphabet.
One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree	Bernstrom, Daniel	In this rhyming, repetitious book, a crafty boy gets gobbled by a snake and finds a way out of his predicament.
Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! An Alphabet Caper	Twohy, Mike	In this playful abecedary, a ball and a dog interrupt mouse's nap, triggering an A to Z chase.

Fiction Picture Books and Wordless Books



All Are Welcome	Penfold, Alexandra	<i>All Are Welcome</i> lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.
Bee-Bim Bop!	Park, Linda Sue	A young girl, eager for a favorite Korean meal, helps her mother with shopping, food preparation, and table setting. Presented in rhyming verse with illustrations.
Call Me Max	Lukoff, Kyle	Transgender child Max begins his school journey making new friends and revealing his feelings about his identity to his parents.
Don't Wake the Dragon	Schulze, Bianca	A fantastic and interactive bedtime story featuring a sound-asleep dragon who is not to be woken up! Children are tasked with checking in on the sleeping dragon as the castle inhabitants make noise.
Flashlight	Boyd, Lizi	In this story without words, a boy explores the woods after dark with a flashlight
Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors	Khan, Hena	In simple rhyming text a young Muslim girl and her family guide the reader through the traditions and colors of Islam.
Jabari Jumps	Cornwall, Gaia	While at the city pool with his father and sister, young Jabari gains courage, faces his fear, and makes a splash.
Life on Mars	Agee, Jon	A young astronaut explores the Martian landscape to prove life exists on Mars, and does not suspect that something could be following him.
Mina vs. the Monsoon	Guidroz, Rukhsanna	When the monsoon arrives, Mina is stuck indoors and can't play soccer. That's when she decides to chase the clouds away and makes an unexpected discovery.
The Patchwork Bike	Clarke, Maxine Beneba	A daring girl in a desert village enjoys riding her brother's bike made of recycled materials in this fun picture book.
Thank You, Omu!	Mora, Oge	When the aroma of Omu's homemade stew fills the air, her neighbors arrive, one by one, for a taste until all is gone except for her generous spirit
Where Are You From?	Mendez, Yamile Saied	Tired of being asked where she's from, a little girl brings the question to her abuelo. His response takes the girl on an imaginative journey through their history and culture.
Wild Berries	Flett, Julie	Spend the day picking wild blueberries with Clarence and his grandmother in this serene, nature-filled book that includes phrases in the Swampy Cree dialect.

As a boy and his mother move quickly through the city, they're drawn to different things. It's push and pull, but in the end, they both find something to stop for.

Nonfiction & Biography Picture Books



Actual Size & Prehistoric Actual Size	Jenkins, Steve	Two books that show various animals, prehistoric animals or parts of them in their actual size.
Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer	Stanley, Diane	A look at Ada Lovelace, the pioneering computer programmer and the daughter of the poet Lord Byron.
Becoming Bach	Leonard, Tom	A picture book that explores the life of German composer Johann Sebastian Bach.
Hiromi's Hands	Barasch, Lynne	Tells the true story of Hiromi Suzuki who became one of the first female sushi chefs in New York.
Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captured the World	Hatkoff, Craig	Nonfiction book about the first polar bear born in the Berlin Zoo who was raised by people.
Mae Among the Stars	Ahmed, Roda	Inspired by the story of Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, Little Mae has big dreams, a loving family, and the right stuff to dance among the stars.
Over and Under the Pond	Messner, Kate	Though the surface of the water seems calm, it is teeming with life, as a small boy and his mother discover during an afternoon row.
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat	Steptoe, Javaka	A biography of Jean-Michel Basquiat, an artist in New York City who rose to fame in the 1980s.
Side by Side / Lado a Lado: The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez	Brown, Monica	Spanish bilingual picture book biography describing the partnership between Dolores Huerta and César Chávez, the founding of the National Farm Workers Association, and their efforts to improve working conditions for laborers.
What's the Difference?: Being Different Is Amazing	Richards, Doyin	Photographs and simple text celebrate friendship, diversity, and acceptance.
When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons	Fogliano, Julie	A graceful combination of words and arts in a poetry moving through the seasons

Classic Picture Book Read-alouds



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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett, Judi	rains soup and snows mashed potatoesuntil the weather takes a turn for the worse.
Corduroy	Freeman, Don	A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all. *Available in video through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
Gilberto and the Wind	Ets, Mary Hall	Gilberto is a small boy whose companion is the windan unpredictable friend who might roar, whisper, be silent, or tear things apart.
Tale of Peter Rabbit, The	Potter, Beatrix	Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.
Ugly Vegetables, The	Lin, Grace	A little girl thinks her mother's garden is the ugliest in the neighborhood until she discovers that flowers might look and smell pretty but Chinese vegetable soup smells best of all. Includes a recipe.
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	In this award winner, a naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.
Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears	Aardema, Verna	This West African folktale, told in the style of the traditional village storyteller, relates how a tale passes from animal to animal, creating a jungle disaster.