

Thacher Montessori School 2010 Summer Reading List Children's House

Please read as many books as possible with your child this summer (at least seven). This is a list of books you and your child might find interesting. Please be sure to check your public library for these titles, as many are classics that might no longer be in bookstores.

Birds by Kevin Henkes
A brief introduction to birds with beautiful illustrations by Henkes' wife, Laura Dronzek.

Big Wolf and Little Wolf by Nadine Brun-Cosmé
While at first Big Wolf is annoyed when Little Wolf comes along, he soon finds that Little Wolf has taken up space in his heart.

Trouble With Trolls by Jan Brett
While climbing Mount Baldy, a little girl outwits some playful but troublesome trolls who want to steal her dog.

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Midnight blues and frosty whites capture the majesty of this poetic mood piece in which a child and father go owling in the nighttime, wintry forest.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Beautiful cut paper collage illustrations of prehistoric beasts—at their actual size! An enjoyable book for dinosaur lovers.

You and Me Together by Barbara Kerley
A beautiful book of photographs celebrating parents and their children all around the world.

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems
Trixie brings her beloved stuffed "Knuffle Bunny" to the laundromat only to have it disappear. If only her parents knew what the problem was!

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
A little boy plants a carrot seed and waits patiently, tending to it carefully, while everyone around him insists "it won't come up." His patience is rewarded when a magnificent carrot springs forth from the earth.

The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

This year's Caldecott Award winner is an almost wordless retelling of the classic fable. Remarkable illustrations recount the tale and invite readers to lose themselves in the world of the African savannah.

Dr. De Soto by William Steig

Dr. De Soto was not in the habit of treating animals that were dangerous to mice. When a fox with a painful toothache showed up, he had quite a decision to make.

Peek! A Thai Hide-and-Seek by Minfong Ho

A young girl hides from her father in this playful seek-and-find book with a Thai jungle setting. This tale is great fun, especially for younger children who will delight in finding the child hiding on each page.

Long Night Moon by Cynthia Rylant

"Long ago Native Americans gave names to the full moons they watched throughout the year. Each month had a moon. And each moon had its name."

Where's Jamela? By Niki Daly

Set in South Africa, this is a tale of a child's experience on moving day. Somewhat reluctant to move, Jamela takes a break from the activity by hiding in a moving box. When she falls asleep, her family worries.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

A little fish avoids being swallowed by a tuna, but finds himself alone in the sea. He uses his resourcefulness to join with another school of fish to camouflage themselves.

How Much Is A Million? by David M. Schwartz

Ingenious full-color illustrations featuring Marvelosissimo, the Mathematical Magician, cleverly guide children to understand the concepts of a million, a billion, and a trillion.

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

A woman makes beautiful quilts to give to those in need. When ordered by the king to make one for the palace, she refuses. The king attempts to get the quiltmaker to change her mind, but instead, the king learns how to be truly generous.

Other recommended authors: Allan Say, Patricia McKissack, James Marshall, Jan Brett, Vera Williams, Eric Carle, Mary Pope Osborne, Virginia Lee Burton, Maurice Sendak, Tomie DePaola. Lois Ehlert, Demi

For emerging readers

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Arnold Lobel's comfortable brown and green illustrations invite and delight every reader, setting the tone for warm, funny stories about friendship. If you need even more of Frog and Toad, don't miss Frog and Toad Together, Frog and Toad All Year, and Days with Frog and Toad.

Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik

Minarik and Maurice Sendak teamed up to create these simple stories that are deeply comforting and lovingly playful. Follow up with A Kiss For Little Bear, Father Bear Comes Home, and Little Bear's Visit.

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

This acclaimed easy-to-read series features Henry and his lovable 180-pound dog, Mudge. The deep friendship between Henry and his dog is evident throughout their amusing adventures.

Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant

This series about the lovable Mr. Putter and his skittish cat, Tabby, is a wonderful choice for early readers. Howard's detail-rich illustrations of these utterly charming characters perfectly complement Rylant's humorous, entertaining, and very readable stories.