New Covenant Schools

Summer Reading List: Beginning Readers

Below is a list of books we can recommend for beginning readers to enjoy hearing read aloud or reading to themselves. The best children's books bring delight and enjoyment, and awaken the moral imagination of young students. I hope you'll enjoy many of these selections with your children this summer as you continue to cultivate their love of learning. Reading incentive programs can be found through public libraries, Barnes and Nobles, and Little Dickens.

Alder, David	*Young Cam Jensen* (series)
Aliki	*A Medieval Feast*
	The Story of Johnny Appleseed
Andersen, Hans Christian	*The Ugly Duckling*
	Christine's Picture Book
	Emporer's New Clothes
Andrae, Giles	*Giraffes Can't Dance*
Arnosky, Jim	*Deer at the Brook*
Averill, Esther Holden	*Fire Cat*
Avi	*Abigail Takes the Wheel*
Bang, Molly	*Paper Crane*
Batchelor, Mary	*The Children's Bible in 365 Days*
Bedard,l Michael	*Emily*
Bemelmans, Ludwig	*Madeline* (series)
Blackstone, Stella	*Bear About Town*
Bridwell, Norman	*Clifford the Big Red Dog*
Brock, Cole	*King at the Door*
Brown, Marcia	*Stone Soup*
Brown, Margaret Wise	*Big Red Barn*
	Goodnight Moon
	The Runaway Bunny
	Bunny's Noisy Book
Brunhoff, Jean & Laurent	*Story of Babar*
Bulla, Clyde Robert	*Dandelion Hill*
Butterworth, Nick	*Stories Jesus Told*
Burton, Virginia Lee	*Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel*
Byars, Betsy	*The Golly Sisters* (series)
Carle, Eric	*The Very Busy Spider*
	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
	Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?
Cave, Kathryn	*Henry's Song*
Chaucer, Geoffrey	*Chanticleer and the Fox*
Christelow, Eileen	*Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*
Coerr, Eleanor	*Chang's Paper Pony*

	Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express
Cooney, Barbara	*Chanticleer & the Fox*
	Snow White & Red Rose
Daugherty, James	*Andy and the Lion*
DeAngeli, Marguerite	*Book of Nursery & Mother Good Rhymes*
DeBrunhoff, Babar	*Babar*
DeRegniers, Beatrice S.	*May I Bring a Friend?*
Demi	*Empty Pot*
Dennis, Wesley	*Flip*
DePaola, Tomi	*Clown God*
Duvoisin, Roger	*Petunia*
Eastman, P.D.	*Are You My Mother?*
Egielski, Richard	*The Gingerbread Boy*
Farnsworth, Bill	*Twice Yours*
Flack, Marjorie	*Angus and the Cat* (series)
	Story About Ping
Frasconi, Antonio	*The House That Jack Built*
Freeman, Don	*Corduroy* (series)
Gag, Wanda	*Millions of Cats*
Galdone, Paul	*Henny Penny*
	The Little Red Hen
	Three Little Kittens
Garelick, May	*Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains?*
Gerrard, Roy	*Sir Frances Drake: His Daring Deeds*
Goodall, John S.	*Midnight Adventures of Kelly, Dot, and Esmerelda*
Gramatky, Hardie	*Little Toot*
Gray, Libba Moore	*The Little Black Truck*
Greenaway, Kate	*Apple Pie*
Grimes, Nikki	*At Break of Day*
Hader, Berta	*Big Snow*
Hall, Donald	*Ox-Cart Man*
Hardle, Elizabeth & David	*Bombus the Bumblebee*
Hesse, Karen	*Sable*
Hest, Amy	*Pajama Party*
Higgs, Liz Curtis	*Go Away Dark Night*
Hoban, Russell	*Francis books*
Hodges, Margaret	*St. George and the Dragon*
Hoff, Sid	*Danny and the Dinosaur*
Horace (retold by Marilynne K. Roach)	*Two Roman Mice*
Howard, Arthur	*Mr. Putter and Tabby*
Hunt, Angela	*Gift for Grandpa*
Jackson, Dave an Neta	*Hero Tales*
Keats, Ezra Jack	*Snowy Day*
	Peter's Chair
Keller, Beverly	*Beetle Bush*
	Pimm's Place
Kraus, Robert	*Leo the Late Bloomer*
Krauss, Ruth	*The Carrot Seed*

Lamut, Sonja	*Too Noisy*
Langstaff, John M.	*Frog Went-a-Courtin'*
Lasky, Kathryn	*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*
	My Island Grandma
Leaf, Monro	*The Story of Ferdinand*
Lear, Edward	*The Owl & the Pussy Cat*
Lenski, Lois	*Prairie School*
Leodhas, Sorche Nic	*Always Room For One More*
Levinson, Nancy Smiler	*Snowshoe Thompson*
Lillegard, Dee	*The Big Bug Ball*
Little, Jean	*Emma's Magic Winter*
	Emma's Yucky Brother (sequel)
Lionni, Leo	*Biggest House in the World*
	Frederick
Livingstone, Star	*Harley*
Lobel, Arnold	*Frog and Toad* (series)
	Mouse Soup (and other "An I Can Read Book" books)
Lopshire, Robert	*Put Me in the Zoo*
MacLachlan, Patricia	*All the Places to Love*
	Sarah, Plain and Tall (3rd grade book report)
McCloskey, Robert	*Blueberries for Sal* (1st grade reader)
McClintock, Mike	*Stop That Ball!*
	Make Way for Ducklings (1st grade reader)
	One Morning in Maine
McGovern, Ann	*Too Much Noise*
McKissack, Patricia	*Flossie and the Fox*
McPhail, David	*The Day No Sheep Showed Up*
Milne, A.A.	*When We Were Very Young* (poems)
	The World of Winnie the Pooh
	The House at Pooh Corner
Minarik, Else H.	*Little Bear* books (read in 1st grade)
Murdock, Hy	*There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
Oakley, Graham	*Church Mouse*
Piper, Watty	*The Little Engine That Could*
Potter, Beatrix	*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (series)
	Fairy Caravan
Potter, Marian	*The Little Red Caboose*
Prokofiev, Sergei	*Peter and the Wolf*
Ray, Jane	*The Story of the Creation: Words From Genesis*
Richardon, Arleta	*Day at the Fair*
Rey, H.A.	*Curious George* books (read in 1st grade)
Rylant, Cynthia	*The High-Rise Private Eyes* (series)
	Cobble Street Cousins (series)
	When I Was Young in the Mountains
Sachar, Louis	*The Marvin Redpost Quartet*
Salten, Felix	*Bambi's Children*
Sandin, Joan	*The Long Way to a New Land*

	The Long Way Westward
Scarry, Richard	*The Funniest Storybook Ever*
	What Do People Do All Day?
Schecter, Ellen	*The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*
Schindler, Regine	*God's Creation – My World*
Scott, Ann Herbert	*On Mother's Lap*
Sendak, Maurice	*Where the Wild Things Are*
Seuss, Dr.	*Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now?*
	The Foot Book
	…and others…
Silverstein, Shel	*The Giving Tree*
Slobodkina, Esphyr	*Caps For Sale*
Speir, Peter	*Noah's Ark*
Spinelli, Jerry	*Tooter Pepperday*
Steig, William	*Amos and Boris*
Stevenson, Robert Louis	*A Child's Garden of Verses*
Taha, Karen	*Gift for Tia Rosa*
Tomlinson, Jill	*Hilda the Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up*
Tresselt, Alvin	*I Saw the Sea Come In*
Tudor, Tasha	*The Lord is My Shepherd: The 23rd Psalm*
Turner, Ann Warner	*Dust for Dinner*
Viorst, Judith	*Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	*Mouse Paint*
Ward, Lynd	*Biggest Bear*
Whelan, Gloria	*Next Spring an Oriole* (series)
	Hannah
Williams, Margery	*The Velveteen Rabbit*
Wojciechowski, Susan	*The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*
Yashima, Taro	*Umbrella*
Yolan, Jane	*Owl Moon*
Young, Ed	*Seven Blind Mice*
Ziefert, Harriet	*The Cow in the House*
Zion, Gene	*Harry the Dirty Dog*
Zolotow, Charlotte	*Big Sister and Little Sister*
	Hold My Hand
	Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present
	The Storm Book