

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

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

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

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