

The Two's Summer Reading List

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Busy Town, by Richard Scarry

Take a walk along the street and meet many of the people who work in the town. The children will get to know the postal worker, the grocer, the banker and the doctors and nurses. This is a great introduction to community helpers.

Can You Make a Scary Face?, by Jan Thomas

This book is filled with wiggles and laughter. A very bossy ladybug has the children interact with her throughout the story. She tells them to pretend that there is a bug on their noses. Laugh along with your children as they do everything imaginable to get rid of that annoying bug!!! By the way - get ready to do the Chicken Dance with them!!!

Giraffes Can't Dance, by Giles Andreae

Gerald the giraffe doesn't really want to win "Dancing With the Stars'!!! He just wants to dance. But his knees are crooked and his legs are thin, and all the other animals make fun of him when he approaches the dance floor at the annual Jungle Dance. Poor Gerald runs away as the chimps cha-cha, rhinos rock 'n' roll, and warthogs waltz. But an encouraging word from an unlikely source shows this sad giraffe that those who are different "just need a different song," and soon he is prancing and sashaying and boogying to moon music with the rest of them!!

I Love Monkey, by Suzanne Kaufman

Monkey tries again and again to be something special. He wants to be a grasshopper, a squirrel or anything other than himself. In the end Monkey learns that each of us is very special in our very own way. This book is a must-have for teaching the concept of self- esteem.

Opposites, by Eric Carle

In typical Eric Carle fashion - this book's illustrations are simple and bold. This is a wonderful book for beginning the concept of opposites for little ones. The children catch on quickly and get caught up in wanting to make up more!!!

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin

Pete the cat is one happy guy. No matter what comes his way he keeps moving along and singing his song!!! The story takes Pete on a journey through strawberries, blueberries and a mud puddle. Each time this happens his shoes change colors. The children love imagining what will happen next. We all love singing his song and grooving along. This is a great book about being positive no matter what comes our way!

Splendid Friend Indeed, by Suzanne Bloom

A polar bear is very content doing things by himself. A goose constantly keeps interrupting him and asking him what he is doing. Goose can't seem to get the attention of that polar bear! Finally goose writes a note to bear which causing an endearing friendship to bloom. This is a book to be treasured!!

There's Going to Be a Baby, by John Burningham

When a mother tells her young son that a baby is on the way many thoughts pop into his head. His imagination runs wild but with the help of his mother he is able to start to grasp the idea of a new baby joining the family. This is a wonderful book to read to little ones waiting for a new sibling to arrive.

Three Little Kittens and Other Nursery Rhymes, by Tony Ross

This is a classical book of nursery rhymes. It is filled with a great sense of humor. The illustrations will capture your little one's attention. Nursery rhymes are such an important part of your child's reading experience! Be sure to read it again and again!!!

Zoo I Drew, by Todd Doodler

This animal alphabet book is an eye-catcher from the start. The rhyming verse holds the children's attention. It is a book that not only teaches the alphabet but also evokes a great conversation about the animals in the zoo.

Dear Moms and Dad,

It is never ever too early to start reading with your children. It is such a great way to spend quality time with them! Parents who love to read to their children will have children who love to read!!!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!

Linda Recht