

Summer Reading List for the Kindergarten Kids

10 Things I Can Do to Help My World,

by Melanie Walsh

This is a great book about protecting our world. The interactive pages are done so creatively. The book lends itself to a lively discussion into the many ways we can take care of our world.

365 Penguins, by Jean-Luc Fromental

This is a very large picture book filled with penguins throughout the year. It deals with math concepts and ecology in a hilarious manner. See if you can figure out all of the answers with your children!

Dogs Don't Brush Their Teeth, by Diane de Groat

Children and their parents will laugh when they see the things that dogs can and can't do! This is a great book for teaching realism versus make believe. It is fun to get your children to decide what other things these fifteen dogs can and can't do

Duck! Rabbit!, by Amy Rosenthal

The book shows optical illusions on each and every page. Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Everyone will have her/his own opinion!! This is one of the many wonderful books by the author who also wrote *Little Pea*, *Little Oink* and *Spoon*.

Little Beauty, by Anthony Browne

This is a true story about an ape in a zoo that is taught sign language by his zookeepers. Ape has everything an ape might

need but one thing - a friend! Beauty, a cat, is put in his cage and they become great friends. Something happens that might tear this friendship apart!!!!

Little Smudge, by Lionel Le Neouanic

Little Smudge is lonely and wants to find some friends. When he encounters some beautiful shapes they laugh at him because he is just a smudge. His father convinces him that he has the ability to befriend these rascals. Watch how this story transforms into a work of art and wonder!!!

The Lion & the Mouse, by Jerry Pinkney

Here we find an adaption of one of Aesop's fables. An enormous lion saves a mouse and in return the mouse comes to his rescue. This fable teaches us about friendship in the simplest of ways. This wordless picture book is great for sparking the imagination in your children!!! (This year's Caldecott Award Book!)

Moon Over Star, by Diana Aston

A little Afro American girl was living on a farm in 1969. The children were all excited because today was the day that man was first going to walk on the moon. Her Grandpa wasn't so sure about all of the hoopla surrounding this moonwalk. After watching this monumental event everyone was inspired to dream big dreams!!!!

Mrs. Katz and Tush, by Patricia Polacco

This is a story about a little black boy and a lonely Jewish bubbe. The two learn about each other's religions and backgrounds and form a loving relationship. This is a Patricia Polacco classic that is loved by all.

One Boy by Laura Seeger

The book looks like a simple counting book. However you will find die cuts that expose a word and then the following page will expose another die cut with more words to show what is happening. This book is a great beginning in word play for soon-to-be reader

Oscar Wilde's The Happy Prince, by Elissa Grodin

This classic story has been made very child friendly. A statue of a prince sits in a park. He is made of very precious materials. He shows the true meaning of mitzvot to the people in the town.

Pete and Pickles, by Berkely Breathed

Pete is a very predictable pig - he likes things done a certain way at a certain time. Life changes in a very unpredictable way when he meets Pickles - a runaway circus elephant. Is it true that opposites really do attract one another???????

The Racecar Alphabet, by Brian Floca

The various pictures show racecars starting in 1901 through 2001. There is quite a bit of alliteration going on which is fun for the grown ups and children to enjoy. The artwork is very bold and grabs the children's attention. This is a great alphabet book!!!

Round Like a Ball, by Lisa Ernst

Each page shows a small circle with pictures and a clue. Every member of the family gets involved in this fascinating guessing game. The Grandma thinks that it is a matzah ball!!! The children love figuring out this riddle!

The Teddy Bear, by David McPhail

Left behind at a diner, a small boy's beloved bear is accidentally thrown out! Rescued from the trash by a homeless man, the bear, like the boy is lonely at first but eventually both adjust ("The bear still felt loved"). One day the boy and his family see the bear on a park bench!!! The story has a wonderful ending and teaching children the true meaning of doing a mitzvah.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?, by Jonah Winter

Sandy Koufax was the greatest left-handed pitcher in baseball. They say that maybe he threw the ball so well was to prove that a Jew could be a great baseball player!!!! I hope that the children will share this book with all of the baseball fans in their family!!!

Yummy - Eight Favorite Fairy Tales, by Lucy Cousins

The vibrant illustrations will immediately catch your eyes!! Cousins has taken some favorite fairy tales and made them thrilling, scary and totally enthralling. This is a must for your fairy tale collection!!

Dear Boys and Girls,

You have read so many wonderful books this year. Be sure to read all summer long! Please go to the public library and check out some great books. Have a great summer and please come back and visit!! I will miss all of you!!!

Love,
Mrs. Recht