Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. Before entering each grade, a Parkway student should read or hear at least three of the books listed for that grade. Parents of elementary students may consult one of the Read-Aloud Handbooks by Jim Trelease for additional selections. For annotations describing each individual title, go online to PANDA at http://panda.pkwy.k12.mo.us, choose your school, and then click on Parkway Summer Reading List.

**Before Entering Kindergarten**

**Read Alouds**
- Aylesworth: *Naughty Little Monkeys* c2003 (alphabet)
- Bang: *When Sophie Gets Angry - Really, Really Angry...* c1999 (character)
- Crews: *The Neighborhood Mother Goose* c2004 (nursery rhymes, diversity)
- Ehlert: *Pie in the Sky* c2004 (family, fiction)
- Kimmel: *The Gingerbread Man* c1993 (fairy tale)
- Penn: *The Kissing Hand* c1993 (family life)
- Pfister: *Rainbow Fish* stories (animal stories)
- Pinkney: *The Lion & the Mouse* c2009 (wordless, fairy tale)
- Prelutsky: *Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* c1986 (poetry)
- Rosen: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* c2003 (animals, fiction)
- Rosenthal: *Duck! Rabbit!* c2009 (animals)
- Shannon: *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* (school)
- Sierra: *Counting Crocodiles* c1997 (counting, rhyming)
- Sierra: *Wild About Books* c2004 (animals, humor)
- Slate: *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* (school)
- Taback: *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* c1999 (diversity)
- Thompson: *Little Quack* c2003 (animals)
- Wood: *Alphabet Adventure* c2001 (alphabet)
- Wood: *The Napping House* c1984 (sleep, fiction)

**Before Entering First Grade**

**Read Alouds**
- Bailey: *Stanley’s Party* c2003 (dogs, humor)
- Bloom: *A Splendid Friend Indeed* c2005 (friendship)
- Bourgeois: *Franklin in the Dark* c1986 (fear, fiction)
- Bruel: *Bad Kitty* c2005 (alphabet)
- Carle: *Mister Seahorse* c2004 (animals, fiction)
- Cousins: *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales* c2009 (fairy tales)
- Cronin: *Dooby, Dooby, Moo* c2004 (animal humor)
- Ehlert: *Market Day: a Story Told with Folk Art* c2000 (stories in rhyme, fiction)
- Falconer: *Olivia* series (pigs, fiction)
- Lester: *Hooway for Wodney Wat* c1999 (fantasy, abilities awareness)
- Lionni: *Swimmy* c1991 (fish stories)
- McKinley: *One Smile* c2002 (kindness)
- Numeroff: *Beatrice Doesn't Want To* c2005 (realistic fiction, humor)
- Prelutsky: *Me I Am* c2007 (poetry)
- Rathmann: *Ruby the Copycat* c1991 (school, fiction)
- Shannon: *A Bad Case of Stripes* c1998 (individuality, fiction)

**Independent Reading**
- Capucilli: *Biscuit* series (dog stories)
- Gelman: *More Spaghetti I Say* c1993 (stories in rhyme, humor)
- Johnson: *Alphabet City* c1995 (alphabet)
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Before Entering Second Grade

**Read Alouds**

- **Brett:** *Town Mouse, Country Mouse* c1994, 2003 (fable)
- **Cannon:** *Crickwing, Pinduli, Stellaluna, Verdi* (insects, fiction)
- **Ernst:** *Sylvia Jean, Scout Supreme* c2010 (fantasy, animals, humor)
- **Hoberman:** *You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together* c2001 (stories in rhyme)
- **Hoffman:** *Amazing Grace* c1991 (diversity, fiction)
- **Mayer:** *Little Critter* stories (fantasy, animals)
- **McKissack:** *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* c2000 (character, ethnic diversity)
- **McNaughton:** *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day* c2004 (school story)
- **Numeroff:** *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and sequels c1985 (cumulative tales)
- **Orloff:** *I Wanna Iguana* (letters, fiction)
- **Pallotta:** *Dory Story* c2000 (sea story, fiction)
- **Peet:** *The Ant and the Elephant* c1972 (animals, fiction)
- **Polacco:** *Aunt Chip and the Triple Creek Dam Affair* c1996 (TV, reading, fiction)
- **Schachner:** *Skippyjon Jones* c2003 (humor)
- **Steig:** *Brave Irene* c1986 (fiction)
- **Stevens:** *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon* c2001 (nursery rhymes)
- **Woodson:** *The Other Side* c2001 (friendship, ethnic diversity)

**Independent Reading**

- **Crews:** *Below* c2006 (fiction)
- **Lionni:** *Little Blue and Little Yellow* (friendship, colors)
- **Lobel:** *Frog and Toad* stories (classics)
- **Rylant:** *Henry and Mudge* stories (family, dogs, humor)
- **Sharmat:** *Nate the Great* series (mystery)
- **Silverman:** *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* series (fiction)

Before Entering Third Grade

**Read Alouds**

- **Bridges:** *Ruby’s Wish* c2002 (historical fiction, ethnic diversity)
- **Curtis:** *The Bat Boy and His Violin* c1998 (sports, music, ethnic diversity)

**Independent Reading**

- **Adler:** *Bones* series (mystery)
- **Bourke:** *Christian the Lion: Based on the True Story of Anthony (Ace) Bourke, John Rendall and Christian the Lion* c2009 (nonfiction)
- **Bunting:** *One Green Apple* c2006 (historical fiction, ethnic diversity)
- **Cleary:** *Math is CATegorical* series (stories in rhyme, mathematics)
- **Cronin:** *Diary of a Fly* c2007 (animal fiction)
- **Dadey:** *Bailey School Kids* series (schools, fiction)
- **DiFelice:** *One Potato, Two Potato* c2006 (fairy tale)
- **DiCamillo:** *Mercy Watson* series (animals, fantasy, humor)
- **Foxworthy:** *Dirt on My Shirt* c2008 (poetry)
- **Holm:** *Babymouse* series (graphic novel, friendship, imagination)
- **Hopkinson:** *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: a Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)* c2008 (historical fiction)
- **Johnson:** *Just Like Josh Gibson* c2007 (sports fiction, historical fiction)
- **Kerrin:** *Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!* C2005 (fiction)
- **Pinkney:** *The Ugly Duckling* c1999 (fairy tale)
- **Sachar:** *Marvin Redpost* series (fiction)
- **Stilton:** *The Geronimo Stilton* series (mice, fantasy, mystery)
- **Tunnell:** *Mailing May* c1997 (historical fiction)
- **Warner:** *Only Emma* c2005 (fiction)
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<td><em>Two-Minute Drill</em> c2007 (dyslexia, football stories)</td>
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<td><em>Bone</em> c2004 (graphic novel)</td>
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Cushman: The Ballad of Lucy Whipple c1996 (historical fiction)
DiCamillo: The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spool of Thread c2003 (fantasy)
DuPrau: City of Ember  c2003 (science fiction)
Fleischman: Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini  c2006 (biography)
Friedman: Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott c2006 (narrative nonfiction)
Giff: Nory Ryan’s Song c2000 (historical fiction)
Golding: The Secret Within c2002 (realistic fiction)
Isaacs: Torn Thread c2000 (historical fiction)
Kehret: Abduction! c2004 (realistic fiction)
Levine: Hana’s Suitcase: A True Story c2002 (biography)
Lourie: The Manatee Scientist: Saving Vulnerable Species c2011 (nonfiction)
Potter: Slob c2009 (realistic fiction, mystery)
Rhodes: Ninth Ward c2010 (realistic fiction)
Ryan: Esperanza Rising c2000 (realistic fiction)
Sachar: Holes c1998 (realistic fiction)
Selznick: The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures c2007 (historical fiction) 2008 Caldecott Medal Winner
Smith: Peak c2005 (realistic fiction, adventure)
Spinelli: Stargirl c2000 (realistic fiction)
Vanderpool: Moon over Manifest c2010 (historical fiction)