

# BEST BOOKS!

## Summer

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We list books here with general age guidelines, but most books are fine for other age groups, too. Let your child's interests be your guide! In October, go to [www.familylearningjournal.com](http://www.familylearningjournal.com) to get a new list of book suggestions.



### Toddler

- *The Going to Bed Book* - by Sandra Boynton
- *My Very First Book of Colors* - by Eric Carle
- *Word Signs: A First Book of Sign Language* – by Debbie Slier
- *Farm Animals* - by Phoebe Dunn
- *The Foot Book: Dr. Seuss's Wacky Book of Opposites* - by Dr. Seuss
- *Baby Animal Kisses* - by Barney Saltzberg

### Pre-School

- *Go, Dog. Go!* - by P. D. Eastman
- *Clifford the Big Red Dog* - by Norman Bridwell
- *No, David!* - by David Shannon
- *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* - by Mo Willems
- *ABC: A Miss Spider Concept Book* - by David Kirk
- *The Cat in the Hat* - by Dr. Seuss

### Kindergarten - First Grade

- *Zen Shorts* - by Jon J. Muth
- *Blueberries for Sal* - by Robert McCloskey
- *How I Became a Pirate* - by Melinda Long and David Shannon
- *Olivia* - by Ian Falconer
- *Arthur Goes to School* - by Marc Brown
- *Koala Lou* - by Mem Fox and Pamela Lofts
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon* - by Crockett Johnson

### Second - Third Grade

- *The Patchwork Quilt* - by Valerie Flournoy
- *Falling Up* - by Shel Silverstein
- *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day* - by Dr. Seuss, Jack Prelutsky, and Lane Smith
- *John Henry* - by Julius Lester
- *A to Z Mysteries: The White Wolf* - by Ron Roy
- *E. B. Boy Detective* - by Donald J. Sobol
- *Nate the Great* – by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat