PRESCHOOL
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

BALONEY (HENRY P.)
by Jon Scieszka, Illustrated by Lane Smith
Henry P. Baloney is an alien caught in a tight spot and must give a good reason for being late to class. Words from other languages and detailed illustrations make this imaginative tale a family favorite.

BEASTY BATH
by Robert Neubecker
"Evening's come... it's time to catch my dinosaur.” So begins a fun, rhyming bath time story as a little beast takes a bath and, page by page, goes through transformations until it becomes a squeaky clean, cuddly little girl.

FROGGY PLAYS T-BALL
by Jonathan London
Excitement is in the air before the very first T-Ball game of the season. Families will enjoy reading about Froggy’s adventures of learning the game and discovering whether or not he can become a T-Ball star!

HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON
by Crockett Johnson
Harold uses his purple crayon to create amazing adventures that are only limited by his incredible imagination. This classic book is a great tale about where your imagination can take you even if you only have a purple crayon.

HARRY'S BOX
by Angela McAllister
As every child knows, nothing stirs the imagination quite like a big empty box! Join Harry as his box becomes everything from a castle to an underwater cave, taking him on many exciting adventures without ever leaving his own yard!

I WANT TO BE AN ASTRONAUT
by Byron Barton
The youngest space enthusiasts will experience the excitement and challenges of a Space Shuttle mission in this colorful trip into outer space!
IMOGENE’S ANTLERS
by David Small
Antlers on your head – now that WOULD be a problem!
Imogene doesn’t think so, but everyone tries to help her anyway.
Wait until you see some of their ideas for
living with a most unusual sized head!

IT LOOKED LIKE SPILT MILK
by Charles G. Shaw
Sometimes it looked like a rabbit and sometimes it looked like a tree. Sometimes it
looked like spilt milk, but it wasn’t spilt milk…. What was it?

JAZZ BABY
by Lisa Wheeler
Tap, snap and clap-clap-clap! Explore the sounds, rhythms and rhymes as Baby
and his family make some jazzy music.

JOEY AND JET IN SPACE
by James Yang
Blast off with Joey and his dog Jet as they go on a space adventure! During their
explorations they become separated but meet up at home base – Earth, just in time
for lunch. Young readers will be captivated by the funny imaginative story and
simple text.

LOLA AT THE LIBRARY
by Anna McQuinn
Lola and her mommy spend a special day together at the library, happily choosing
books, listening to stories, singing and making new friends.

MAN ON THE MOON
by Anastasia Suen
In July 1969, astronauts Mike Collins, Buzz Aldrin, and Neil Armstrong made
history. Share the exhilarating moon walk that truly was “one giant leap for
mankind.” Nonfiction
ME AND MY PLACE IN SPACE
by Joan Sweeney
Attention little astronauts: put on your space suits and get ready for a whirlwind tour of the planets, stars and outer space! Nonfiction

MEGGIE MOON
by Elizabeth Baguley
Digger and Tiger spend all their time playing in a junk yard. It’s a boys only world until Meggie appears and shows the boys that girls can come up with some great play ideas, too.

MICKEY MOONBEAM
by Mike Brownlow
Join Mickey for an exciting outer space adventure on his spaceship as he attempts to rescue his friend Quiggle who is stranded on Asteroid B 2672.

MOON PLANE
by Peter McCarty
What would an airplane ride to the moon be like? When you come along on this small boy’s imaginary journey, you’ll still be home in time for a good night hug!

NOT A BOX
by Antoinette Portis
Bunny’s box is not just a box; it’s a race car, a mountain, a rocket ship, and more! The delightfully simple illustrations celebrate imaginative play.

ONLY YOU: SÓLO TÚ
by Rosemary Wells
In English and Spanish, a very small bear tells his mother how important she is to every part of his life. The introduction and afterward offer parents words of wisdom about raising readers.

OUR STARS
by Anne F. Rockwell
This simple introduction to the stars and constellations will delight even the youngest of astronomers. Nonfiction
PEEK! A THAI HIDE-AND-SEEK
by Minfong Ho
Jut-ay! Peek-a-boo! Hiding from her father, all the animals around the house in Thailand join in the noisy game. Eechy-eechy agg, Jiak-jiak, Gok-gok. Can you find the little girl?

ROMEO AND LOU BLAST OFF
by Derek Anderson
Good friends, Romeo and Lou, build a rocket ship which launches them into a warm adventure to a weird new world. Hop aboard this imaginary tale of a penguin and a polar bear as they explore this world of strange, new things: grumpy animals, walruses, sharks and angry fish.

SONG OF THE FLOWERS
by Takayo Nada
Nature sings a lullaby as the flowers, insects, earth, and sky drift off to dreamland! This book with its colorful, vivid illustrations is a great bedtime story for families to share on a beautiful summer evening.

STARS! STARS! STARS!
by Bob Barner
Simple rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the stars and planets of our solar system. This title will appeal to even the youngest astronomer. Nonfiction

THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS
Collected/Written/Illustrated by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
The “Pillow Song” leads us to “The Summer Sun.” Then “Lady Moon” is followed by “Far-away-stars.” Imagine and explore as you share this sky full of playful poems. Nonfiction

YIKES!
by Robert Florczak
Take a journey of exploration through the wildest and most dangerous places on Earth. Join the shrieks of fear of a young child as you encounter vivid pictures of scary animals like the Komodo Dragon, Bengal tiger, or Thai cobra.
About Baloney (Henry P.) The twisted team that gave the world Squids Will Be Squids and The Stinky Cheese Man now delivers a whole lot of Baloney. Henry P. Baloney. Henry's tall tale of his lost zimulis-received from deep space by Jon Scieszka-is told in at least twenty different Earth languages and graphically recreated in Lane Smith’s out-of-this-world illustrations. The unbelievable trip into Henry’s wild universe may be the most original excuse ever for being late for szkola. Or it might just be Baloney. Henry P. Baloney. Baloney, Henry P. by Jon Scieszka. Henry P. Baloney’s out-of-this-world story about why he’s tardy for school will engage intermediate-level readers while also supporting effective practice in retelling and making inferences. Teach with Baloney, Henry P. by Jon Scieszka. This resource set includes everything you need to deliver meaningful reading instruction. Comprehension Strategy Lesson Plans.