



Summer Reading Suggestions

Grades K-2



***Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey**

It's not easy for duck parents to find a safe place to raise their ducklings, but during a rest stop in Boston's Public Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard think they just might have found the perfect spot. When Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings are stuck at a busy street in downtown Boston, their policeman friend Michael rushes in to stop traffic and make way for them.



***Lon Po Po* by Ed Young**

This is the Chinese version of the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood. Three sisters, Shang, Tao, and Paozte, must defend themselves against a frightening wolf while their mother is away visiting their grandmother for her birthday.

***Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard**

The students in Miss Nelson's class have difficulty following the rules and being respectful. One day Miss Nelson concocts an ingenious plan and disappears, making it necessary for substitute "Viola Swamp" to take over. Soon the children are inundated with homework and have their story time taken away. Eventually, Miss Nelson comes back to a much-improved class that appreciates her.

***The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* by Chris Van Allsburg**

A Caldecott Honor winner, *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* charms readers with its engaging story-line and brilliant pencil drawings. The adventure begins when Alan loses Fritz, the dog he is sitting for. Fritz wanders into a garden owned by a former magician. Alan hopelessly looks for Fritz and to his dismay thinks that the dog has been turned into a duck by the old magician.

***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff**

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie is a wonderful tale of a boy who tries to meet the demands of a very needy mouse. Young readers will come away smiling at the mischief in this delightful picture book.

***The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper**

The Little Engine That Could is a classic tale of a determined railroad engine that, despite its small size, triumphantly pulls a train full of toys to the waiting children on the other side of a mountain.

***So You Want to Be President?* by Judith St. George**

So you want to be president! Why not? From the embarrassment of John Quincy Adams to the mischievous adventure of Theodore Roosevelt's pony, Judith St. George shares the backroom facts, the spitfire comments, and the comical anecdotes that have been part and parcel of America's White House. Hilariously

illustrated by Caldecott Honor-winning artist David Small, this celebration shows us the foibles, quirks, and the humanity of men who have risen to one of the most powerful positions in the world.



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