

 "Igniting purpose and voice in a fully engaged learning community."  
**Greenspring** Montessori School  
Elementary Summer Reading Recommendations 2025

**Ages 6-9**

*The Bad Seed*, Jory John

*The Day the Crayons Made Friends*, Drew Daywalt

*The truth About My Unbelievable Summe*, Benjamin Chaud

*Growing Home*, Beth Ferry

*Julia on the Go: Swimming into Trouble*, Angela Ahn

*Dragons in a Bag*, Zetta Elliott

*The Apartment House on Poppy Hill*, Nina LaCour

*The Wild Robot on the Island*, Peter Brown

*The Road Not Taken*, Robert Frost

*Friendship or Fame: Mia Finds Her Voice*, Paul Breau

*Katie and the Catsitter: A Graphic Novel*, Colleen AF Venable

*Painting Wonder: How Pauline Baynes Illustrated the Worlds of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien*, Katie Wray Schoon

*A Field Guide to summer: Play and Learn in Nature*, Gabby Dawnay

*Nature School: Lessons and Activities to Inspire Children's Love for Everything Wild*, Lauren Giordano

*Do Something for Someone Else: Meet 12 Real-life Children Spreading kindness with Simple Acts of Everyday Activism*, Michael Platt

*An Anthology of Shells: A Collection of Fascinating Shells from Around the World*, Simon Aiken

*Working Boats: An Inside Look at Ten Amazing Watercraft*, Tom Creestodina

*The Deep! Wild Life at the Ocean's Darkest Depths*, Lindsey Leigh

## Ages 9-12

*Return to Sender*, Vera Brosgol

*Wild Summer*, James DuBern

*A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation*, Pablo Cartaya

*Answers in the Pages*, David Levithan

*The Eyes & the Impossible*, Dave Eggers

*City of Stolen Magic*, Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

*Manatee Summer*, Evan Griffith

*You Only Live Once*, David Bravo, Mark Oshiro

*The Deepest Breath*, Meg Grehan

*No Time to Waste*, Carolyn Armstrong

*The Circuit*, Francisco Jimenez

*The Firefly Summer*, Morgan Matson

*The Cartoonist Club*, Raina Telgemeier

*One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel*, Rita William-Garcia

*Rachel Carson's Wonder-Filled World: How the Scientist, Writer, and Nature Lover Changed the Environmental Movement*, Kate Hannigan

*Octopus Ocean: Geniuses of the Deep*, Mark Leiren Young

*Drawing Is...Your Guide to Scribbled Adventures*, Elizabeth Haidle

*The Outdoor Scientist: The Wonder of Observing the World*, Temple Grandin