



Dear Parents,

Sharing books with your first grader helps him or her become a good reader. Please set time aside this summer to read to your child each day. Even ten minutes can make a big difference.

Attached is a list of suggested books for summer reading. They are not requirements. The list covers a wide variety of reading levels and interest areas.

Reading Suggestions

- Let your child choose the books they would like to read or have read to them.
- Don't worry if they want to hear some favorites again and again. Children learn from repetition.
- Encourage your child to read aloud to you some of the time. For example, take turns reading a sentence, paragraph, or page.
- Take your child to the library. Ask your librarian to help you find books they might enjoy.

Thank you for making reading a natural part of family life! Have you enjoyed a good book today?

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Reading List for Rising First Grade

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Picture Books

Birdsall, Jeanne *Flora's Very Windy Day*
Fucile, Tony *Let's Do Nothing!*
Martin, Bill *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?*
Scanlon, Elizabeth *All the World*
Seeger, Laura Vaccaro *One Boy*
Sidman, Joyce *Red Sings from Treetops: a year in colors*
Willems, Mo *Knuffle Bunny* books

Beginning Reader Series (Choose any title.)

Beginner Books	Beginner Books
Dial	Easy-to-Read
Harper	I Can Read
Random House	Step into Reading, Levels I-II
Scholastic	Hello Reader, Levels I-II

Beginning Readers and Favorite Series

Adler, David *Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game* (series)
Arnold, Tedd *Hi! Fly Guy* (series)
Beecroft, Simon *Luke Skywalker's Amazing Story*
Capucilli, Alyssa *Biscuit* (series)
DiCamillo, Kate *Bink & Gollie; Mercy Watson to the Rescue* (series)
Lobel, Arnold *Frog and Toad* (series)
Parish, Peggy *Amelia Bedelia* (series)
Preller, James *The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster* (Jigsaw Jones Mysteries)
Rylant, Cynthia *Annie and Snowball; Henry and Mudge; Mr. Putter & Tabby; Poppleton*
Willems, Mo *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (Pigeon series); *My Friend is Sad* (Elephant and Piggie books)

Caldecott Medal and Honor Books

DePaola, Tomie *Strega Nona*
Frazee, Marla *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
Juster, Norton *The Hello Goodbye Window*
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs *Snowflake Bentley*
Rathmann, Peggy *Officer Buckle and Gloria*
Pinkney, Jerry *The Lion & the Mouse; The Ugly Duckling*

Stead, Philip *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*

Graphic Novels

Hayes, Geoffrey *Benny and Penny in Just Pretend* (series)

Wight, Eric *Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom* (series)

Non-Fiction

Beecroft, Simon *LEGO Star Wars, the Visual Dictionary*

Bishop, Nic *Butterflies; Spiders*

Hatkoff, Isabella *Owen and Mzee: best friends*

Mack, Lorrie *Big Babies, Little Babies*

Family Read-alouds

Brown, Jeff *Flat Stanley*

Cleary, Beverly *Beezus and Ramona* (series)

Dahl, Roald *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Gannett, Ruth Stiles *Three Tales of My Father's Dragon*

Long, Melinda *How I Became a Pirate*

Osborne, Mary Pope *Dinosaurs Before Dark* (series)

Silverstein, Shel *Where the Sidewalk Ends*

White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*

Parent Suggestions

Miller, Donalyn *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child*

Mogel, Wendy *The Blessing of a B Minus; The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*