

First Grade

Suggested Summer Reading List

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

Fun Books to Share

- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

Learning to Read Series

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4

Alphabet Books

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg

Math in Picture Books

- *How Much Is a Million?* by David M. Schwartz
- *One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints* by Diana Pomeroy
- *Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!)* by William Wise
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep* by Satoshi Kitamura

Classics to Read to a First Grader

- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *When Will I Read?* by Miriam Cohen

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *Alphabet City* by Stephen Johnson
- *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions* by Margaret Musgrove
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

