



First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List



Note: the following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books 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 & Stan Berenstain
- *Clifford series* by Norman Bridwell
- *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- *Curious George in the Big City* by Margaret Rey
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow
- *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
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura J. Numeroff
- *Junie B. Jones series* by Barbara Park
- *Little Critter series* by Mercer Mayer
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- *Nate the Great series* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *Snowy Day* by Ezra J. Keats
- *The Stray Dog* by Marc Simont
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

Learning to Read Series

- Dr. Seuss Series
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

Classics to Read to a First Grader

- *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Click, Clack, Moo* by Doreen Cronin
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* By Arnold Lobel
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- *When Will I Read?* By Miriam Cohen
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead
- *Alphabet City* by Stephan Johnson
- *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions* by Margaret Musgrove
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster & Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

Enjoy!!