



First Grade Summer Reading

10 Books

Fortunately, books for young children are often still wholesome and uncomplicated. Since most children of this age cannot read everything to themselves, the books listed will most often be read to them. Even when students are able to read, some books should be read to them. Having the child sit close enough to see the pictures, and some may want to track with the words as you read to them. They should begin to recognize many of the words as you do this. This intimate experience of reading together is an important component of reading readiness, and a particular joy to parent and child. It should be the best time of your day! In any case, children enjoy looking at books whether or not they can read every word. It is important to give them dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in and enjoyment of the written word. You may choose to read one-on-one to your child, or the parent may read to the assembled family. Please keep in mind that a child's Listening Vocabulary is much higher than her Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read a book to her that is far above her own reading level, and she will be able to understand it. Some of the books on the enclosed reading list may be able to be read by your child, most will not. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Don't make it into a chore, or the child may come to not enjoy it.

Don't worry if you cannot procure the exact edition listed here. These are just our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of books you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



Summer Reading List for Rising 1st Grade Students

Ackerman, Karen	Moveable Mouse
Aesop	Aesop's Fables
Aldis, Dorothy	Nothing is Impossible
Aliki	The Listening Walk, Manners and other titles
Anderson, Charles	Blaze and the Forest Fire
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Emperor's New Clothes
Barkelern, Jill	Bramble Hedge Books
Barker, Cecily Mary	The Flower Fairy
Barrett	Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing
Baynes, Pauline	Let There Be Light
Beskov, Else	Pelle's New Suit
Brighton , Catherine	Mozart: Scenes from the Childhood of the Great
Burgess, Thorton	Old Mother West Wind and others
Burton, Virginia Lee	The Little House, Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Katy and the Big Snow
Cassandre	Life When Jesus Was a Boy
Cazet	Frosted Glass
Clements/Beirer	Brave Norman
Davidson, Margaret	Helen Keller
Dorros, Arthur	Ant Cities, Me and My Shadow and other non-fiction titles
Fatio, Louise	The Happy Lion
Field, Rachel	Prayer for a Child
Flack, Marjorie	The Story About Ping, Angus and the Ducks
Fox, Mem	Time for Bed Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, Whoever You Are
Frost, Robert	You Come Too: Favorite Poems...
Gag, Wanda	Millions of Cats
Galdone, Paul	The Three Billy Goats Gruff & others
Gelsert, Arthur	Oink
Gurley, Nan	Twice Yours, A Parable of God's Gifts

Hall, Donald	The Oxcart man
Handforth, Thomas	Mei Li
Hayward, Carolyn	B is for Betsy and others
Hirschi, Ron	Winter, If You Grew Up Series and other titles
Hoff, Syd	Danny and the Dinosaur
Hutchins, Pat	Don't Forget the Bacon, Rosie's Walk
Keats, Jack Ezra	Jennifer's Hat, Snowy Day & other titles
Kellogg, Steven	Johnny Appleseed, Pinkerton and Friends and other titles
Kipling, Rudyard	How the Camel Got His Hump, The Elephant's Child
Kurelek, William	Prairie Boy's Summer & other titles
Lasker, David	The Boy Who Loved Music (Haydn)
Lear, Edward	The Owl and the Pussycat
Lester, Alison	Imagine
Lindbergh, Reeve	Benjamin's Bam, The Day the Goose Got Loose
Lionni, Leo	Frederick
Lobel, Arold	Frog and Toad Are Friends and other titles
Longfellow, Henry	The Children's Own Longfellow
Lucado, Max	You are Special, Just the Way You Are , All Titles
Minarik, Else	Little Bear's Friend and other titles
Newberry, Clare	Marshmallow, April's Kitten
Novak, M.	Newt
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	If You Give a Mouse A Cookie And other titles
Oakley, Graham	The Church Mouse
Ormerod, Jan	Be Brave Billy
Pienkowski, Jan	Weather
Potter, Beatrix	All Titles
Prelutsky/Lobel	The Random House Book of Poetry
Preston	Squawk to the Moon
Purdy, Carol	Least of All and other titles
Quackenbush, Robert	Here a Plant, There a Plant
Salten, Felix	Bambi

Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale
Steig	Amos and Boris
Stein	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Stevens, Janet	The Princess and the Pea
Travers, Pamela	Mary Poppins
Tresselt, Alvia	A Thousand Lights and Fireflies, Mitten and other titles
Viorst, Judith	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Watty, Piper	The Little Engine That Could
Wiese, Marjorie and Kurt	The Story about Ping
Williams, Vera	A Chair for My Mother