



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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PICTURE BOOKS

Barnett, Mac *Guess Again!*

Birdsall, Jeanne *Flora's Very Windy Day*

Fucile, Tony *Let's Do Nothing!*

Hills, Tad *Duck & Goose* (series); *How Rocket Learned to Read, Rocket Writes a Story*

Klassen, Jon *I Want My Hat Back*

Noll, Amanda *I Need My Monster*

Scanlon, Elizabeth *All the World*

Sidman, Joyce *Red Sings from Treetops: a year in colors*

Willems, Mo *City Dog, Country Frog; This is Not a Good Idea*

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*

Watt, Melanie *Scaredy Squirrel* (series)

Willems, Mo *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (Pigeon series); *Today I Will Fly* (Elephant and Piggie books)

CALDECOTT MEDAL AND HONOR BOOKS

Barnett, Mac *Extra Yarn*

Becker, Aaron *Journey*

Fraee, Marla *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*

Klassen, Jon *This is Not My Hat*

Litwin, Eric *Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes*

McDonnell, Patrick *Me ... Jane*

Pinkney, Jerry *The Lion & the Mouse; The Ugly Duckling*

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro *Green*

Stead, Philip *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*

Stein, David Ezra *Interrupting Chicken*

Willems, Mo *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*

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 and Moths; Frogs; Lizards; Marsupials; Snakes; Spiders*

Hatkoff, Isabella *Owen and Mzee: best friends*

Jenkins, Steve *Bones: skeletons and how they work*

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* (Magic Tree House series)

Prelutsky, Jack *A Pizza the Size of the Sun*

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; Reading in the Wild*

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