

Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering First Grade Fall 2009

Picture books: Picture books and folktales are full of rich language, complex syntax, and important themes. They should be read aloud to your child and enjoyed as a daily routine. The following list represents some of our favorites.

Verna Aardema	<u>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears</u>
Karen Ackerman	<u>Song and Dance Man</u>
Henry Allard	<u>Miss Nelson is Missing</u>
Pamela Allen	<u>Who Sank the Boat?</u>
Debra Barracca	<u>Taxi Dog</u>
Judi Barrett	<u>Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing</u>
Karen Beaumont	<u>I Like Myself</u>
Martha Brenner	<u>Abe Lincoln's Hat</u>
Jan Brett	<u>The Mitten</u>
	<u>The Hat</u>
Marc Brown	Any "Arthur" books
Ruth Brown	<u>The World that Jack Built</u>
Janell Cannon	<u>Stellaluna</u>
Eric Carle	<u>Have You Seen My Cat?</u>
	<u>The Very Busy Spider</u>
	<u>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</u>
	<u>The Very Quiet Cricket</u>
Lynne Cherry	<u>The Great Kapok Tree</u>
Carmen Deedy	<u>The Library Dragon</u>
Tomie dePaola	Any books
Roger Duvoisin	<u>Petunia</u>
	<u>Veronica</u>
P. D. Eastman	<u>Big Dog – Little Dog</u>
	<u>Go, Dog. Go!</u>
Louise Fatio	<u>The Happy Lion</u>
Marjorie Flack	<u>The Story of Ping</u>
Mem Fox	<u>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge</u>
Wanda Gag	<u>Millions of Cats</u>
Kevin Henkes	<u>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</u>
Lillian Hoban	Any "Arthur" books
Russell Hoban	Any "Frances" books
Pat Hutchins	<u>The Doorbell Rang</u>
William Joyce	<u>The Leaf Man</u>
Ezra Jack Keats	<u>The Snowy Day</u>
Steven Kellogg	<u>Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale</u>
Eric Kimmel	Any "Anansi" books
Leo Lionni	<u>Little Blue and Little Yellow</u>
	<u>Swimmy</u>
	<u>Frederick</u>
	<u>Leo the Late Bloomer</u>
Arnold Lobel	Any book in the "Frog and Toad" series
Robert Lopshire	<u>Put Me in the Zoo</u>
Bill Martin	<u>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</u>
	<u>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</u>

Mercer Mayer
Robert McCloskey
Alexis O'Neill
Shirley Neitzel
Laura Numeroff

Barn Dance
There's an Alligator Under My Bed
Make Way for Ducklings
The Recess Queen
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Peggy Parish	Any “Amelia Bedelia ” books
Bill Peet	<u>Eli</u>
Marcus Pfister	<u>Rainbow Fish</u>
Patricia Polacco	<u>The Keeping Quilt</u>
	<u>Rechenka’s Eggs</u>
	<u>Thundercake</u>
Cynthia Rylant	<u>The Relatives Came</u>
Maurice Sendak	<u>Chicken Soup with Rice</u>
	<u>One Was Johnny</u>
	<u>Where the Wild Things Are</u>
Dr. Seuss	Any books
David Shannon	<u>A Bad Case of Stripes</u>
Shel Silverstein	<u>The Giving Tree</u>
Esphyr Slobodkina	<u>Caps for Sale</u>
Janet Stevens	<u>Tops and Bottoms</u>
Van Allsburg	<u>The Polar Express</u>
Judith Viorst	<u>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible , No Good, Very Bad Day</u>
Bernard Waber	<u>Ira Sleeps Over</u>
	<u>Ira Says Goodbye</u>
Ellen Stoll Walsh	<u>Mouse Count</u>
Rosemary Wells	<u>Noisy Nora</u>
Don and Audrey Wood	<u>Heckedy Peg</u>
	<u>The Napping House</u>
	<u>King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub</u>
Arthur Yorinks	<u>Company’s Coming</u>

Folktales and Fables: There are many versions of these classical folktales.

Aesop’s Fables
Cinderella
Gingerbread Man
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Rapunzel
Rumpelstiltskin
The Little Red Hen
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Three Little Pigs

Poetry

Douglas Florian	<u>Bing, Bang, Boing</u>
Prelutsky	<u>Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young</u>
Shel Silverstein	<u>Where the Sidewalk Ends</u>
	<u>A Light in the Attic</u>

Mother Goose Rhymes and Nursery Rhymes

Series Recommendations: For the beginning reader

An I Can Read Book
All Aboard Reading – Grosset & Dunlap
Hello Readers Level 1 – Scholastic

Step into Reading – Random House
Bob Books – Scholastic

Math

Mitsumasa Anno
Kathi Appelt
Pat Hutchins
Leo Lionni
Polly Powell
Greg Tang
Audrey Wood

Anno's Magic Seeds
Bats Around the Clock
The Doorbell Rang
Inch by Inch
Monster Math
Math Fables
Ten Little Fish

Science

Joanna Cole
Ruth Heller
Any non-fiction books on Plants, Trees, Bears, Birds, Insects, or Weather

any "Magic School Bus" book
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones