

Oh, the Places You Can Go When You Read

Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 1st Grade



Dear Parents,

Please use the following Suggested Reading List to guide your choice of reading materials appropriate for your child. The books on this list are intended for independent reading and reading with your child. For independent reading I suggest you and your child do the "5 Finger Rule." The 5 Finger Rule is done by having your child read a page from the story they would like to try. Using their fingers, they keep track of how many words they are unable to read on a selected page. If your child counts five or more fingers (errors) while reading a selected page, the book selection is probably too difficult.

Many of these titles can be found at your local library. Libraries also have summer reading incentive programs that have fun activities to encourage your child to read throughout the summer. It is important to expose your child to a variety of genres to develop vocabulary and background knowledge that will be useful to him/her in the classroom.

I feel it is important to provide you with a Suggested Summer Reading List because children who do not read over the summer are more likely to forget strategies that were taught to them during the school year. Reading strategies are an essential component for children for future reading success. Please use this list as a guide, but feel free to read other books as well.

On the back of this letter, you will find reading strategies that you can use with your child when they come to an unknown word. Helping your child understand and use these word attack strategies will allow them to develop their reading independence.

All students are expected to participate in this Summer Reading Program. Each child is to read at least 15 books by the start of the school year. Please fill in the book log recording sheet that you will find included with the list.

Additionally each student is asked to choose one book he/she has read and complete the enclosed book report. Please take pride in yourself, and do your very best work. Students must turn in a book log and book report, by the end of the first week of school.

Thank you for partnering with me to foster a love of reading in your child. I hope you enjoy the selections and perhaps find some new favorites. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Enjoy your reading adventures,

Ms. Kaeser

St. Stephen School
SUMMER READING
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GRADE 1

Guided Reading Strategies
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Check the picture.

Look for chunks.

sit
mat
standing

Does it make sense?
Does it look right?
Does it sound right?

Get your mouth ready.



Try again!



Does the word look like another word you know?

cook/look
play/stay

Books I might like to read...

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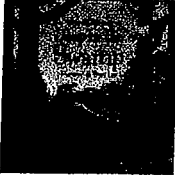


Grade One

New Favorites

Deep in the Swamp

by Donna M. Bateman



Biscuit Books

By Alyssa Satin Capucilli



Freckleface Strawberry

by Julianne
Moore

Pirates Don't Change Diapers

by Melinda Long
and David
Shannon



What Time Is It, Mr. Crocodile?

by Judy Sierra



Students entering
Grades 1 and 2 are
expected to read in a
"just right" book or be
read to, 20 minutes a
day and record the
completed books on the
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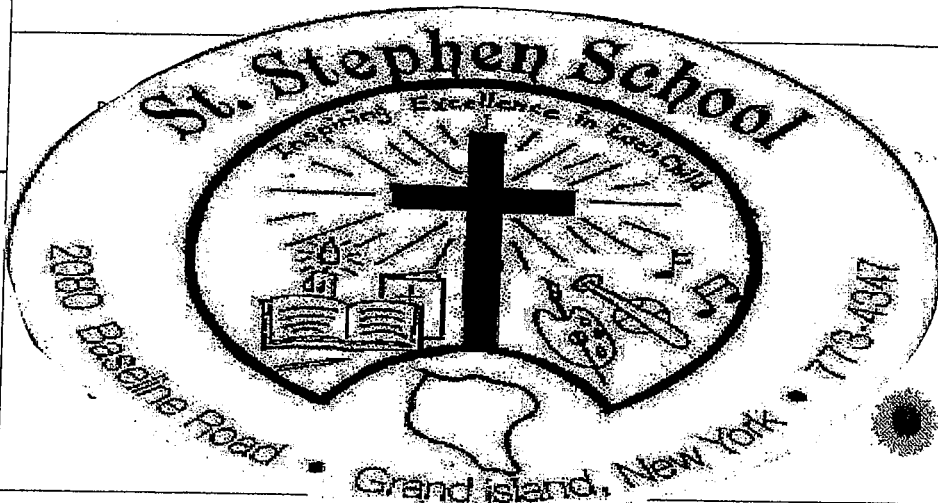
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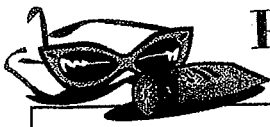
Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to **REST, RELAX, READ**, but above all **ENJOY!**

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read "just right" books, that is, books that are not too hard and not too easy, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone's encouragement, suggestions and praise, the better and more confident readers they will become.

Here are some tips to encourage reading:

- Set aside a regular family reading and /or read aloud time.
- Read to your children, even the older ones.
- Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
- Encourage and help your child succeed with reading but do not push or expect too much too soon.
- Participate in activities at the local library.
- Learn more about children's books, from your child's friends, from the local library or from the attached lists.





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

Enjoy!

Books About Grade 1

Hello First Grade

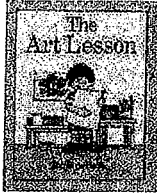
by Joanne Ryder

A pet rabbit helps a first grade class love school.

Emily's Art

by Peter Catalanotto

Emily is a first-grade girl who loves to paint.



The Art Lesson

by Tomie dePaola

Tommy starts school, and can't wait for the day when the art teacher comes, but the art teacher only lets the children have one piece of paper, on which to "copy" her drawings.

Recess Mess

by Grace MacCarone

This is a story of Sam, who needs to go to the boys' room, but since he cannot read or spell, he worries about choosing the right door.

Other books in this first grade series are: *The Lunch Box Surprise* and *The Classroom*.



Starring First Grade

by Miriam Cohen

Jim learns to overcome his disappointment in not getting the part he wanted in a play, but helps out a friend who has stage fright. Other books in this first grade series are: *First Grade Takes a Test*, *Lost in the Museum*, *See You Tomorrow*, *Charles*, *So What?: Welcome to First Grade*

The Night Before First Grade

by Natasha Wing

It's the night before the Big Day—first grade. Penny is excited to start the year with her best friend right beside her in the same classroom.

First Grade Stinks!

by Mary Ann Rodman

Haley desperately wants to go back to Ms. Lacy's kindergarten class where things are fun, that is, until she discovers the best thing about being in first grade.



Family Read-Alouds

Bark, George by Jules Feiffer

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!
by Mo Willems

Fall Is Not Easy by Marty Kelley

First Day Jitters by Julie Dannenberg

Kite Flying by Grace Lin

Knuffle Bunny series by Mo Willems

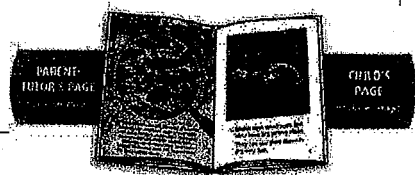
Max's Words by Kate Banks

Red Is a Dragon by Grace Lin

Strega Nona series by Tomie dePaola

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

We Both Read series- books (various authors) with alternating pages of higher and lower reading levels, designed for a beginning reader to take turns reading with an adult.



Family Read Alouds Spanish/English

Abuelo and The Three Bears/Abuelo y Los Tres Osos by Jerry Tello

Grandpa tells his own version of this favorite story.

Margaret y Margarita by Lynn Reiser

One little girl speaks English and the other speaks Spanish. Read to find out how they became best friends.



Mi Familia My Family by George Ancona

... "a Latino child's world"

Quinto's Neighborhood El Vecindario de Quinto

by Ina Cumpiano

Introduces children to modern role models that reflect the changing workplace.

Sparky's Bark/ El Ladrillo de Sparky

by Mimi Chapra

Latin American girl learns to speak English.

The Hare and The Tortoise/ La Liebre y La Tortuga by Eulalia Valeri

Familiar tale of the race between a tortoise and a hare.



Alphabet Books

A Long Trip to Z by Fulvio Testa
Alligators All Around by Maurice Sendak
Alphabeep by Debora Pearson
Alphabet Adventure by Audrey Wood
Alphabet Under Construction
 by Denise Fleming
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom
 by Bill Martin
Matthew ABC by Peter Catalanoto
On Market Street by Arnold Lobel
Superhero ABC
 by Bob McLeod
The Letters are Lost
 by Lisa Campbell Ernst
The Z is Zapped
 by Chris Van Allsburg

Wordless Books

Alphabet City
 by Stephen Johnson
Carl books by Alexandra Day

Flotsam by David Wiesner
Pancakes by Tomie dePaola
Red Book by Barabara Lehmann
Snowman by Raymond Briggs
Yellow Umbrella by Dong Sheen

Short List of Independent Reading

Bear, Bug and Boy series
 by David McPhail
Biscuit series by Alyssa Capucilli
Bob books
 by Bobby Lynn Maslen
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
Danny and the Dinosaur
 by Syd Hoff
Dragon series by Dav Pilkey
The Elephant and Piggie series
 by Mo Willems
Monkey See, Monkey Do
 by Marc Gave

Poetry**A Pocketful of Stars: Poems about the Night**

by Siegen Smith
Asana and the Animals: A Book of Pet poems
 by Grace Nichols
Dinosaur Dances -- Dinosaur poems
 by Jane Yolen

Making Friends with Frankenstein
 -- **Monster poems**
 by Colin McNaughton

Wish You Were Here by And I Wasn't-- Vacation poems
 by Colin McNaughton

Classic Books

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Cinderella stories by multiple authors
Clifford series
 by Norman Bridwell
Corduroy
 by Don Freeman
Curious George series
 by H. A. Rey
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmens
Where the Wild Things Are
 by Maurice Sendak
Peter Rabbit series
 by Beatrix Potter

Caldecott Award Winners

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad
 by Ellen Levine
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
 by Simms Taback
Kitten's First Full Moon
La primera luna llena de Gatita
 by Kevin Henkes
The Hello, Goodbye Window
 by Norton Juster
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

My Friend Rabbit

by Eric Rohmann
Tops and Bottoms
 by Janet Stevens
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This ?
 by Steve Jenkins

Theodore Seuss Geisel Award for Beginning Reader Books

Hil Fly Guy
 by Tedd Arnold
There is a Bird on your Head
 by Mo Willems

Favorite Authors/Illustrator

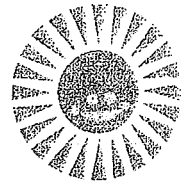
Jan Brett
 Marc Brown
 Eric Carle
 Lauren Child
 Miriam Cohen
 Donald Crews
 Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell
 Tomie dePaola
 Lois Ehlert
 Don Freeman

Paul Galdone
 Kevin Henkes
 Pat Hutchins
 Ezra Jack Keats
 Grace Lin
 Leo Lionni
 Jonathan London
 James Marshall
 Bill Martin
 Robert McCloskey

Jane O'Connor
 Peggy Parrish
 Dav Pilkey
 Richard Scarry
 Maurice Sendak
 Dr. Seuss
 David Shannon
 Rosemary Wells
 Mo Willems
 Audrey Wood

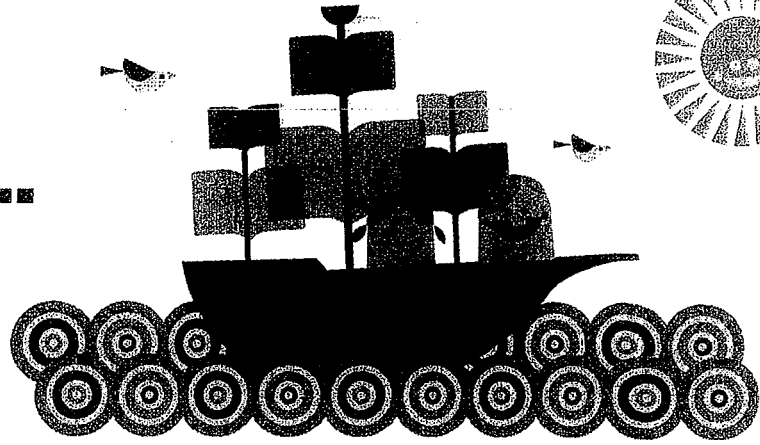


Reading Is Fundamental



Summer Fun...

The sun is out; it's time to play.
Make sure you read EVERY day!



<p align="center">A BUG'S LIFE</p> <p>List all the summer insects you can think of. Go on a nature walk and see how many you can find from your list. Pick your favorite and write a short story about a typical day from that bug's point of view.</p>	<p align="center">LIP SMACKING LIST!</p> <p>List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Once you have them all listed, put your list in alphabetical order. Which letters had the most flavors? Which letters had the least?</p>	<p align="center">CAMPING TRIP</p> <p>Plan a backyard camping trip with a friend. No backyard? Camp out in the den! List all the things you will need to "survive" on your trip. Be sure to include a good book as part of your supplies!</p>
<p align="center">ROUND AND ROUND...</p> <p>Start a round robin story. You write the beginning. Ask friends or family members to add to it until it has an ending. Bring everyone together and read the story.</p>	<p align="center">TREASURE HUNT</p> <p>Create a treasure hunt for a sibling or friend. For the treasure, pick something you want them to find. Leave picture or word clues to follow to reach the treasure. Your turn. Have them do the same for you.</p>	<p align="center">TRACK IT!</p> <p>Set a reading goal for the summer. Decide how many books you want to read. Make a chart to keep track of all the books you read. Did you reach your goal? Did you go beyond it?</p>
<p align="center">NEWS HOUND</p> <p>Look through the newspaper or online to find a news event from another city, state or country. Find as much information on the topic as possible. Share what you learned about the event with a friend or family member.</p>	<p align="center">STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT...</p> <p>What do you see when you look up at the stars on a clear summer night? Create your own images or become an amateur astronomer by downloading a free star guide at www.kidsastronomy.com.</p>	<p align="center">JOURNAL IT</p> <p>Keep a journal about what you have done each week during the summer. At the end of summer, go back and read what you did. Which week was the best week of the summer? Which activity did you enjoy the most?</p>

It's summer. It's time to relax, spend time outside, visit friends, and enjoy your time as a family. But don't stop reading! Make it part of your family's summer fun. Research shows children lose one to three months of learning every summer. They lose math and reading skills they worked hard to acquire during the school year. Then they have to work even harder to catch up in the fall. You can help prevent this summer learning loss. Visit our website to learn tips to keep your child reading this summer at RIF.org/summer.



8 Weeks of Fun



Reading every day, even if it's just a few minutes, and even if it's not a book, improves children's ability to read and learn year-round. Here are 8 weeks of literacy activities to share with your children. Do them in any order you choose. Just pick the ones that look interesting, or think of your own ideas for summertime reading fun.

- 1**
- * Write a list of things you want to do this summer. Don't forget to include reading!
 - * Make a chart to keep track of all the books you read this summer.
 - * Swap books with a friend. Keep sifting books throughout the summer.
 - * Read about the names of cars in the classified section of your newspaper. Design a new car and name it.

- 2**
- * Write a letter to your favorite author. A librarian can help you find a postal or e-mail address.
 - * The first U.S. postage stamps were designed in 1847. For a stamp artist and design your own stamp.
 - * Start a journal with a friend or relative. Take turns writing in it all summer long. You can even do this by mail or e-mail.
 - * Summer days are the longest days of the year. List the longest words you know.

- 3**
- * Work up an appetite by reading a story about food. Make and eat the food you read about.
 - * Cut out words from a newspaper. Paste them on paper and make a letter for a friend.
 - * List all the summer insects you can think of. Then see how many you can find.

- 4**
- * Find something small enough to put in your pocket. Write or tell a story about it.
 - * Plan a backyard camping trip with a friend. List all the things you will need to survive.
 - * List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Now put them in A-B-C order.
 - * Collect shells at the beach or rocks along a trail. Use a nature guide to identify them.

- 5**
- * Read a picture book without words. Use your own words to tell the story.
 - * Invent a tool to help you do chores more easily. Draw a picture of it or make it from some old junk.
 - * Draw a picture postcard of an imaginary place. On the back, write a message to a friend.
 - * An animal has escaped from the zoo! Make up a story about it. Tell it to a friend or family member—or write it down. Add pictures if you'd like.

- 6**
- * Make your own board game. Include game pieces, cards, and a spinner or dice.
 - * Start a round-robin story. Writethe beginning, and then ask friends to add to it until it has an ending.
 - * Make your own joke book. Collect jokes from your family and friends.
 - * Create a news story to story that uses pictures to represent words. Write a short story, and then substitute pictures (that you draw or cut out) for some of the words.

- 7**
- * Pretend you are going to visit another city or state. Write to a tourist bureau for more information.
 - * Find a list of baseball teams in the sports section of the newspaper. Put them in A-B-C order. Find their cities on a map.
 - * List all the ways you used reading today.
 - * Which constellations can you see on a clear summer night? Look at the sky using a star guide to help you find the constellations.

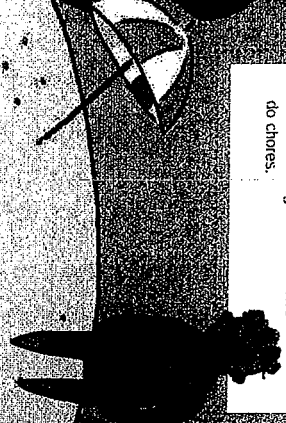
- 8**
- * Sit under a tree and read or write a poem.
 - * Take a walk with a friend. Write about or draw the things you see that show summer is coming to an end.
 - * Draw a reading poster about the books you read this summer. Hang it in your room.
 - * Play charades with your family. Take turns acting out book titles and characters.

Quick Tips!

- * Get caught reading, and set an example for your children. Let them see you with a newspaper in hand or curled up on the couch enjoying a book.
- * Make downtime reading time. As family members are preparing meals or cleaning up, have a read-aloud of a favorite classic or an exciting new novel. One person reads each night as the others do chores.

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- * Kids can write letters to family, send postcards to friends, or keep a travel journal. They'll be improving their writing skills as they document their summer adventures.



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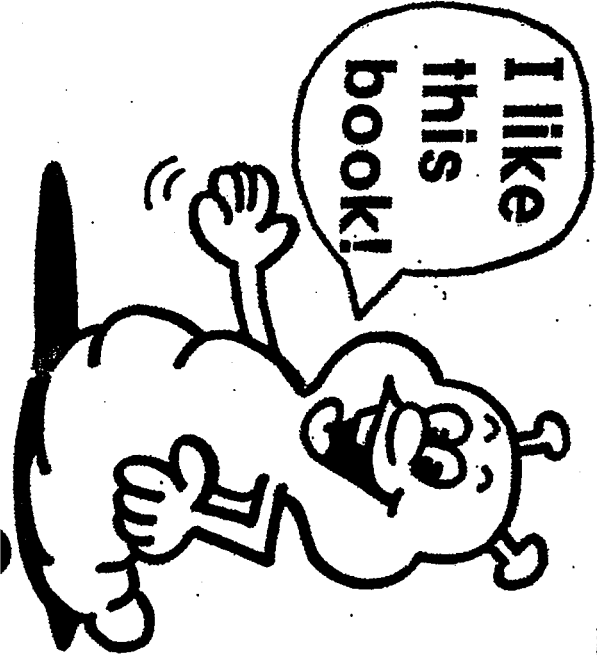
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