First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

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!

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.

Fun Books to Share

- A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bears by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- The Book with No Pictures by B. J. Novak
- Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- Dino-Baseball by Lisa Wheeler
- Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems
- Fluffy series by Kate McMullan
- Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- The Not So Quiet Library by Zachariah Ohora
- The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer
- Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt
- Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat
- Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein
- Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
- One Cool Friend by Tony Buzzeo
- A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Erin Stead and Philip Stead
- Sleep Like A Tiger by Mary Logue
- This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

Beginning Chapter Book Series

- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- Dinosaur Cove by Rex Stone
- Flat Stanley (multiple authors)
- Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew by Carolyn Keene
- Puppy Place / Kitty Corner by Ellen Miles
- Ready Freddy by Abby Klein

Non-Fiction

- Deadliest Animals by Melissa Stewart
- Dinosaur Babies by Lucille Penner
- Fabulous Frogs by Linda Glaser
- Pebble Plus: Exploring the Galaxy series
- Penguins, Penguins Everywhere by Bob Barner
- Robots by Melissa Stewart
- Snakes by Grace Hansen
- Swing, Sloth! Explore the Rain Forest by Susan Neuman
- Titanic, Lost and Found by Judy Donnelly