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Suggested Summer Reading List for 1st Grade

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.

- 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

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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 by Gail E. Haley

Enjoy!

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