



## Summer Reading List

### Rising 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

2026-2027 School Year



Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Choose books from the following list or share some of your personal favorites. Children should read (or be read aloud to) for at least 15 minutes each day.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate independent reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than 5 words on the page, the book may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Don't let that be discouraging - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

- Your child should use the accompanying Reading Log to track their reading. *Turn in your Reading Log on the first day of school.*
- **Allow children to select books that are of interest to them.** It is important for children to associate reading with pleasure. Make reading fun!

#### **Suggested Titles:**

The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie dePaola (Any book by this author is a great choice!)

Kenna Ford (Any book in this series) by Melissa Thomson

Junie B. Jones (Any books in this series) by Barbara Park

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña

Olivia (Any books in this series) by Ian Falconer

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (Some wonderful poetry collections are also available by this author, such as Where the Sidewalk Ends)

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems (ANY title by this author is sure to make you laugh out loud. Check out the Elephant and Piggie Series, too.)

Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood by Tony Hillery

If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff (Any title by this author, too)

Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes (Any title by this author)

Princess Hair by Sharee Miller

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Mallard

Drawn Together by Minh Le

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Stone Soup by Ann McGovern

The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

Eyes that Speak to the Stars by Joanna Ho

Doctor De Soto by William Steig (Any title by this author)

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon (Any title by this author)

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena (Any title by this author)

Dear Primo by Duncan Tonatiuh

Sharks by Gail Gibbons (Many excellent non-fiction titles are available from this author.)

The Day the Dog Said "Cock-a-Doodle-Do" by David McPhail

Magic Treehouse (Any books in this series) by Mary Pope Osborne

Any of the I Can Read! books

Dr. Seuss books

BOB books

Scholastic Leveled Readers

National Geographic Leveled Readers

Who Would Win? books

Froggy books by Jonathan London

The Notebook of Doom books by Troy Cummings

Fly Guy books by Tedd Arnold

Narwhal books by Ben Clanton

Mercy Watson books by Kate DiCamillo