

For students entering First Grade in September 2025

We hope you are enjoying your summer. Below is a suggested list of books for your child's summer assignment. If you cannot find any of the books from the library or for purchase, feel free to use a similar book in its place. The assignment is to choose two books from this list to read (assignment is below) but of course, extra reading is always beneficial and fun!

Students are required to do six hours of Iready in reading and six hours of Iready in math from July 1st through August 14th. Iready will close out on August 14th and teachers will be able to check the work completed.

**\* Best Books for First Graders \***

**Great Read Alouds:**

It is important for students growing as readers to *hear* a fluent reader reading to them. Here are some fun read aloud recommendations!

- *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- *My Best Friend* by Pat Hutchins
- *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems
- *Emily's First 100 Days of School* by Rosemary Wells
- *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
- *Henry and Mudge* by Cythinia Rylant
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *Tacky the Penguin* (series) by Helen Lester & Lynn Musinger
- *Strega Nona* by Tomie de Paola
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann
- *Skippyjon Jones* by Judy Schachner
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon

## **Independent Reading Recommendations:**

- ★ **Students aim to end Kindergarten at a Level C and end First Grade on a Level I.** Below are some books at each level that students can select from.
- ★ A general rule of thumb when picking books for independent reading is that **if a child struggles to read 5 or more words on one page, try a book a level down.**

### **Level C**

- *All Kinds of Kids* by Christina Mia Gardeski
- *The Berenstain Bears, Big Bear, Small Bear* by Stan Berenstain
- *Biscuit Visits the Big City* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- *Fall Leaves* by Don L. Curry
- *One Windy Wednesday* by Phyllis Root

### **Level D**

- *Bright Eyes, Brown Skin* by Cheryl Willis Hudson
- *Chick and the Duckling* by Mirra Ginsburg
- *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle
- *Hide and Snake* by Keith Baker
- *One Happy Classroom* by Charnan Simon

### **Level E**

- *Clifford's Puppy Days* by Norman Bridwell
- *Hats, Hats, Hats* by A. Morris
- *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill
- *A Tree Can Be* by Judy Nayer
- *Foot Book* by Dr. Seuss

### **Level F**

- *Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox* by Grace Maccarone
- *Soccer Game* by Grace Maccarone
- *Harry Takes a Bath* by Harriet Ziefert
- *Bubble Trouble* by Mary Packard
- *The Lady with the Alligator Purse* by Nadine Westcott

### **Level G**

- *David Gets in Trouble* by David Shannon
- *I Love Trains!* by Philemon Sturges
- *Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now!* by Dr. Seuss
- *Barnyard Banter* by Denise Fleming
- *Chicks and Salsa* by Aaron Reynolds

### **Level H**

- *Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp* by Syd Hoff
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Sammy the Seal* by Harriet Ziefert
- *The Teeny-Tiny Woman* by Harriet Ziefert
- *A Kiss for Little Bear* by Else H. Minarik

### **Level I**

- *Froggy Goes to School* by Jonathan London
- *The Gingerbread Man* by Rita Rose
- *New Shoes, Red Shoes* by Susan Rollings
- *Alligators All Around* by Maurice Sendak
- *Stanley* by Syd Hoff

## **Summer Reading Assignment For Students Entering First Grade in the Fall of 2025**

Students are to choose TWO of the FOUR assignments listed below. Please write the name of the book you read on the assignment page. The paper is provided on the following page. Assignments cannot be about the same book. Completed assignments are to be handed in to the first grade teacher in September.

1. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story and write about it. You must write at least two sentences to go with your picture.
2. Draw and write a new ending to the story. A minimum of two sentences is expected.
3. If you could have dinner with one of the characters in the book who would it be and why? You must write at least two sentences and illustrate.
4. Does the story remind you of another book you have read? Why? You must write at least two sentences and illustrate.

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