

Dear Future First Grade Parents,
Welcome to first grade!

Reading is a developmental skill that children master at different ages. There are many different levels of readers among beginning first graders ranging from non-readers to fluent readers. Each child is developing at their own pace. The more they read/listen to stories, the more their reading skills improve. Reading to your child is important as well. Your child will hear a fluent reader and it opens up an opportunity to talk about the story. Any book your child is interested in will help nurture excitement about books and a love of reading.

Here are some discussion suggestions:

Before and During Reading

- What story clues are in the title and in the pictures?
- Is this selection fiction or nonfiction? How do you know?
- What do you think will happen next? Pause in a place where a prediction can be made.
- Would you do things differently if you were the main character?

After Reading- After enjoying a book with your child,
continue the experience by asking:

- How did the story make you feel?
- What did you like or dislike about the story?
- Does the story remind you of any other story?
- What was your favorite part?
- Were there any parts that surprised you?
- What was the problem in the story? How was it solved?
- Can your child retell the story or parts of the story?



Here is a list of early readers, read alouds, authors and series.

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| <u>Hello Readers- multiple authors</u> | <u>Biscuit- Alyssa Satin Capucilli</u> |
| <u>Step into Reading- multiple readers</u> | <u>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie-Laura Numeroff</u> |
| <u>Clifford- Norman Bridwell</u> | <u>Pigsty- Mark Teague</u> |
| <u>Frog and Toad- Arnold Lobel</u> | <u>Fly Guy books- Ted Arnold</u> |
| <u>Henry and Mudge- Cynthia Rylant</u> | <u>Mercy Watson series- Kate DiCamillo</u> |
| <u>No, David! David Shannon</u> | <u>Pigeon books- Mo Williams</u> |
| <u>Go, Dog, Go- PD Eastman</u> | <u>Biscuit- Alyssa Satin Capucilli</u> |
| <u>I Like Me! Nancy Carlson</u> | <u>Pete the Cat- Eric Litwin</u> |
| <u>Bears on Wheels- Stan and Jan Berenstain</u> | |

Happy Summer Reading!
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