

## Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. A suggested list of titles is listed below. Parents of elementary students may also want to consult one of the *Read-Aloud Handbooks* by Jim Trelease for additional selections. We also encourage you to visit your local public library. Be sure to fill out the elementary reading log and bring it to school when you return in September in order receive a summer reading certificate.

Title	Author	Synopsis	Genre
Mother Goose Rhymes and Nursery Rhymes	Many Versions	Nonsense rhymes to chant, illustrate, and laugh at.	Poetry
Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young	Prelutsky	Over 200 poems to suit every mood with illustrations by Marc Brown	Poetry
A Bad Case of Stripes	Shannon	Camilla wants to fit in with everyone, till she changes colors too often at people's demands.	Picture Book
Big Al	Clements	Ugly fish Al scares the other fish until he rescues them.	Picture Book
The Cat in the Hat	Suess	A cat plays tricks for two kids on a rainy day	Picture Book
Chato's Kitchen	Soto	Chato, a cool Hispanic cat, is fooled by the mice when he invites them "for dinner."	Picture Book
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Martin	Letters topple a coconut tree in this alphabet rap	Picture Book
Corduroy	Freeman	A toy bear on sale, seeks a button and a good home	Picture Book
Eating the Alphabet	Ehlert	An alphabetical feast of fruits and vegetables from apricots to zucchinis.	Picture Book
Funnybones	Ahlberg	The skeleton family can't find any humans to scare	Picture Book
I Went Walking	Williams	A boy spies many different farm animals on his walk.	Picture Book
Just a Mess	Mayer	A boy cleans up his room while trying to find his baseball mitt.	Picture Book
Mailing May	Tunnel	Stamping her coat, pa sends May to her grandma -- by the train's mail car!	Picture Book
Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey	A duck family sets up housekeeping on Boston common.	Picture Book
Martha Speaks	Meddaugh	The family dog talks non-stop after eating alphabet soup.	Picture Book
Mirette on the High Wire	McCully	Mirette dares to be a tightrope walker.	Picture Book
Rainbow Fish	Pfister	A fish learns that he needs friends more than shiny scales	Picture Book
Six-Dinner Sid	Moore	Sid the cat gets 6 dinners from 6 owners till he goes to the vet 6 times.	Picture Book
The Story of Ping	Flack	A naughty duck runs away from his houseboat home on the Yangtze River.	Picture Book
The Storytellers	Lewin	Abdul and his grandfather wander through Fez (Morocco), spread their storyteller's rug, and spin their tales.	Picture Book
Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter	A naughty bunny gets into trouble in Mr. McGregor's garden.	Picture Book
Taxi Dog	Barracca	Max & his master have adventures as they drive around the city.	Picture Book
The Little Red Hen	Many Versions	A hen won't share her cake with lazy friends who wouldn't share the work.	Folktales
Three Little Pigs	Many Versions	The third little pig outsmarts the Big Bad Wolf.	Folktales
Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock	Kimmel	Anansi the Spider tries to trick all the animals.	Folktales (Jamaica)

The Egyptian Cinderella	Climo	A Greek slave girl's foot fits the golden sandal and she becomes the Pharaoh's wife.	Folktales (Egypt)
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John Henry	Lester	This is the tale of the super strong railroad builder who out did the steam drill.	Folktales (African America)
Rumpelstiltskin	Zelinsky	The queen beats an elf when he takes her baby as pay for spinning straw into gold.	Folktales (Germany)
Three Billy Goats Gruff	Stevens	Three goats outwit a troll. Might be too scary for the youngest in the family.	Folktale (Scandinavia)
Tops and Bottoms	Stevens	Rabbit tricks lazy old Bear into working his own garden.	Folktale (Southern US)

**AUTHORS:** We suggest any book written by one of these authors:

David Adler  
Jan Brett  
Eric Carle  
Tomie DePaola  
Ruth Heller  
Laura Numeroff  
Peggy Rathman  
Maurice Sendak

**AWARD WINNERS:** We suggest any book that has one of these medals on the cover:

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award  
Caldecott Award  
Coretta Scott King