

# Summer Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

For the pleasure and for the academic benefits of literature, Nolan has an expectation for summer reading. Our hope is that children will find books they love and enjoy them deeply.

## Beliefs about Summer Reading

- Reading during the summer should be a pleasure.
- There should be lots of choices during summer-reading time.
- Developing a reading life has both personal and academic benefits.

Reading is more fun when it's a social experience. Therefore, we want you and your child to read together. When family members read some of the same books, it's more likely that meaningful discussion and a love of reading will emerge. We also want reading to become a part of each child's daily life because it benefits the students and our school when they read voraciously. We want students to read books of their choice that capture their attention. The books listed on the back of this sheet are only suggestions. The important thing is to read, read, read...and that you and your child enjoy it!

## *How to Tell if a Book is Just Right for Your Child*

When your child starts reading a book, he or she should ask the following questions:

- 1. Can I understand it?**
- 2. Can I talk about it?**
- 3. Does the topic interest me?**

If your child answers "yes" to all three questions, the book is a good choice!

*"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." — Groucho Marx*

*"Children are made readers in the laps of their parents." — Emilie Buchwald*

## Suggested Titles

### Narrative Texts

Fly Guy	(series)	Arnold
Dogerella		Boelts
One Green Apple		and books by
Bunting		
Biscuit	(series)	Capucilli
Mercy Watson	(series)	DiCamillo
The Gruffalo		Donaldson
Danny and the Dinosaur		Egan
My Lucky Day		Kasza
Frog and Toad		Lobel
How I Became a Pirate		Long
Tiny the Snow Dog	(series)	Meister
My Rows and Piles of Coins		
Mollee		
Fancy Nancy	(series)	and books by O'Connor
Officer Buckle and Gloria		Rathmann
Henry and Mudge		
Rylant		
Grandfather's Journey		and books by Say
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa	(series)	Silverman
Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy		Soman
The Cat in the Hat		and books by
Suess		
Amanda Pig	(series)	Van
Leeuwen		
Ira Sleeps Over		and books by Waber
The Three Pigs		and books by Weisner
Elephant and Piggie	(series)	and books by Willems
How do Dinosaurs Eat Cookies?		and books by Yolen

### Informational Texts

My Five Senses	Aliki
Dinosaurs: In Your Face! (3D)	Bakker
How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses	Cobb
I Fall Down	Cobb
Jack's Garden	Cole
The Wolves are Back	George
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons
How People Learned to Fly	Hodgkins
Unlikely Friendships	Holland
Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza?	Hort
Ocean Dive	Jewitt
Astronaut Handbook	McCarthy
If You Decide to go to the Moon	McNulty
Incredible Animals	Morgan
Guess What is Growing Inside this Egg?	Posada
One Bean	Rockwell
Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story...	Sayre
Big Tracks, Little Tracks	Selsam
Nothing but Trouble	Stauffacher
Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln	St. George
The Kids' Guide to Money Cents	Thomas
Frog Scientist	Turner
Zinnia's Flower Garden	Wellington
Mammoths on the Move	Wheeler
Everything Reptile	Winner