

Recommended Summer Reading List

Upcoming 1st Graders

There are many things that you can do with your child to prepare him or her for first grade. One of the most important of these tasks is to read to them and with them. Although there are some books listed below that your child may be able to read, there are many books that you may need to read to them. Please use your child's reading level, listed on the Record of Progress, to guide you in reading these books to or with your child.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Social Studies This book tells the story of John Chapman, whose devotion to planting apple trees made him a legendary figure in American history. Reading Level - J	Johnny Appleseed	Aiki
Fiction A young boy and a fly meet and begin a beautiful friendship. Reading Level - I	Parts	Arnold, Tedd
Series A young boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns that new teeth grow and that hair and teeth replace themselves. Reading Level - I	Hi! Fly Guy	Arnold, Tedd
Fiction Rabbit lives alone. He cooks for himself, cleans up for himself, and at the end of the day, reads himself a story. It's a simple life, and he likes it. But one evening, Froggie shows up at his door. Reading Level - N	Too Many Frogs!	Asher, Sandy
Fiction An out-of-work princess applied to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but must first pass several tests including a cooking contest. Reading Level - N	Princess and the Pizza	Auch, Mary Jane
Fiction In the town of Chewandswallow, no one ever has to go food shopping because their meatballs materialize from the sky. Reading Level - M	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett, Judi
Social Studies With his stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece.	America the Beautiful	Bates, Katherine Lee
Fiction High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out. Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters. Reading Level - G	I Like Myself	Beaumont, Karen
Fiction Children see tracks left in the snow and then follow the footprints into the homes of different forest animals. Reading Level - D	Footprints in the Snow	Benjamin, Cynthia
Fiction Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. Reading Level - I	Bad Kitty	Buel, Nick
Fiction When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to modern steam shovels, they find a place that needs their help. Reading Level - M	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Burton, Virginia
Fiction	Read All About It	Bush, Laura

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Tyrone loves math, lives for science, and is king of the playground. But books—well, he doesn't really care for them. When his teacher, Miss Libro, reads aloud, Tyrone usually finds something better to do, like making paper airplanes. Then, during one of the story sessions something happens: Tyrone starts listening.		
Fiction	The Principal's New Clothes	Calmenson, Stephanie
In this updated version of the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, a school principal is tricked into wearing just his underwear to school. A twist on the traditional ending complements this modern-day story.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	Readers	Caple, Kathy
Four stories with a funny twist at the end of each one.		
Reading Level - B/C		
Series	Princess and the Pizza	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Beginning Reader stories of a dog named Biscuit.		
Reading Level - F-H		
Fiction	The Grouchy Ladybug	Carle, Eric
A tale about an impolite ladybug who becomes happier when she is better behaved.		
Reading Level - J		
Series	Minnie and Moo Books	Cazet, Denys
Two cows share a multitude of very funny adventures.		
Reading Level - L		
Fiction	Who Am I?	Christensen, Nancy
Rhyming text with clues about the nature of the animal who is speaking.		
Reading Level - E		
Social Studies	My Dad's Truck	Costain, Meredith
A child describes the big rig driven by her father.		
Reading Level - E		
Fiction	A Fine, Fine School	Creech, Sharon
When the principal loves his school so much he wants children to attend classes every day of the year, his students show him how to enjoy free time.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	Diary of a Worm	Cronin, Doreen
A young worm discovers day by day, that there are some good and not-so-good things about being a worm.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	Click, Clack Moo, Cows That Type	Cronin, Doreen
Farmer Brown thinks it odd when he hears typing sounds coming from the barn...but that is only the beginning of his trouble.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	Llama Llama books	Dewdney, Anna
Rhyming read aloud books about Llama and his family.		
Series	"Gilbert Books"	deGroat, Diane
Lighthearted books about the adventures of Gilbert and his friends.		
Reading Level - G		
Fiction	Waiting For Wings	Ehlert, Lois
Every spring, butterflies emerge and dazzle the world with their vibrant beauty. But where do butterflies come from? How are they born? What do they eat--and how?		
Reading Level - H		
Fiction	Goldilocks Returns	Ernst, Lisa Campbell
Fifty years after she first entered the home of the three bears, Goldilocks returns to right the wrongs she did to them in her youth.		
Reading Level - N		
Fiction	I Lost My Bear	Feiffer, Jules

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	When she cannot find her stuffed bear, a girl asks her mother, father and older sister for help.	
	Reading Level - L	
Fiction	In a Small, Small Pond	Fleming, Denise
	An energetic frog takes us on a tour of the small, small pond, mischievously interrupting the other animals at work and play. As the seasons pass, slowly and gradually, dragonflies hover, herons plunge, whirligigs twirl, swallows scoop, and turtles doze in the summer sun.	
Favorite Authors	Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild	Fox, Mem
	Harriet and her mother learn that even when they do things they wish they hadn't, they still love each other very much!	
	Reading Level - G	
Favorite Authors	Koala Lou	Fox, Mem
	When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time	
	Reading Level - K	
Favorite Authors	Shoes From Grandpa	Fox, Mem
	I'll buy you a skirt that won't show the dirt, to go with the socks from the local shops, to go with the shoes from Grandpa. In a cumulative rhyme, family members describe the clothes they intend to give a little girl to go with her shoes from Grandpa.	
	Reading Level - I	
Favorite Authors	Tough Boris	Fox, Mem
	Boris von der Borch is a mean, greedy old pirate — tough as nails, through and through, like all pirates. Or is he? When a young boy sneaks into Boris' ship, he discovers that Boris and his mates aren't quite what he expected!	
	Reading Level - J	
Fiction	Earl The Squirrel	Freeman, Don
	It's time for Earl the Squirrel to learn how to gather nuts. Earl doesn't know where to begin, but he is determined to make his mother proud. An all-night search leads Earl to a cranky owl and a raging bull, but will he ever find an acorn?	
	Reading Level - K	
Fiction	Little Red Hen	Galdone, Paul
	Galdone's dynamic, amusing pictures add much humor to the familiar tale of the industrious hen and lazy cat, dog, and mouse.	
	Reading Level - K	
Fiction	Is Your Mama a Llama?	Guarino, Deborah
	"Is your mama a llama?" Lloyd, the baby llama, asks his creature friends, including Dave, the bat; Fred, the duckling; Jane, the calf; and Clyde, the seal, among others.	
	Reading Level - L	
Favorite Authors	Chrysanthemum	Henkes, Kevin
	Chrysanthemum loves her name — until she starts kindergarten, which is an unfamiliar world full of short names like Sue, Bill, Max, Sam, and Joe. But it's Victoria who really makes Chrysanthemum wilt, offering that <i>she</i> was named after her grandmother, which is much more important than being named after a flower.	
	Reading Level - P	
Fiction	Giant Hug	Horning, Sandra
	Owen wants to send a giant hug to his grandmother for her birthday. But will the hug get lost in the postal service?	
	Reading Level - J	
Fiction	Aunt Flossie's Hats	Howard, Elizabeth
	The story of Sarah and Susan's Sunday afternoon with their great-great-aunt Flossie--and her many hats and stories--has become a favorite book for sharing and for initiating conversations about family history.	
	Reading Level - M	
Social Studies	The Doorbell Rang	Hutchins, Pat

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		<p>Ma makes a batch of a dozen chocolate chip cookies for her children Victoria and Sam — each child has six cookies. But when the doorbell rings and friends drop by, the cookies must be shared. The doorbell rings again, and again, and again . . . until there is only one cookie for each child.</p> <p>Reading Level - J</p>
Fiction	Pigs Rock	Jones, Melanie
		<p>Ready to meet the best, yet strangest rock band in town? Find out how these pigs dazzle their fans onstage and prepare for each performance at home.</p> <p>Reading Level - I</p>
Favorite Authors	The Dog Who Cried Wolf	Kasza, Keiko
		<p>A pet dog runs away from home to seek adventure, but soon discovers the dangers of the big-wild-world.</p> <p>Reading Level - I</p>
Favorite Authors	Don't Laugh Joe	Kasza, Keiko
		<p>Mother possum is trying to teach her child to play dead, but Joe can't stop giggling.</p> <p>Reading Level - J</p>
Fiction	The Three Little Pigs	Kellogg, Stephen
		<p>Three little pigs are happily working away in their delicious family business -- making the best-tasting waffles in the world. Business is so good, in fact, that the three siblings can live comfortably in their very own homes.</p> <p>GRL-F</p>
Fiction	Leo the Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert
		<p>Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time — all of his friends can read, write, draw, eat neatly, and speak clearly; and Leo can't do any of those things very well. Worried and sad, Leo wonders if he'll ever catch up to his friends.</p> <p>Reading Level - I</p>
Fiction	Me First	Lester, Helen
		<p>Being first isn't always best, as Pinkerton Pig finds out after an encounter with a mean Sand Witch. As always, Helen Lester's wonderfully offbeat humor and Lynn Munsinger's whimsical illustrations result in a hilarious lesson about piggishness.</p> <p>Reading Level - K</p>
Series	Froggy Books	London, Jonathan
		<p>Rambunctious Froggy hops out into many very funny adventures.</p> <p>Reading Level - J</p>
Fiction	How I Became a Pirate	Long, Melinda
		<p>When Braid Beard's pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate talk--who wouldn't go along? Soon Jeremy Jacob knows all about being a pirate.</p> <p>Reading Level - L</p>
Fiction	Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon	Lovell, Patty
		<p>Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy and has buckteeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. But armed with the encouraging words of her grandmother, Molly Lou confidently confronts the class bully at her new school.</p> <p>Reading Level - L</p>
Fiction	Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox	Maccarone, Grace
		<p>A rhyming story about coping with chicken pox.</p> <p>Reading Level - F</p>
Fiction	George & Martha Books	Marshall, James
		<p>Here are five stories about two of the greatest friends ever to grace a picture book. George and Martha, Jim Marshall's dearly beloved, wise, and wickedly funny hippos teach each other the importance of honesty, companionship, discretion, humility, and consolation in this classic.</p> <p>Reading Level - L</p>
Fiction	Piggy and Dad	Martin, David

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Four stories about Piggy and Dad playing together. Reading Level - B/C		
Fiction	Will's Mammoth	Martin, Rafe
Though his parents explain that there have been no mammoths for a long time, Will goes out in the snow, certain he will discover some. Reading Level - G		
Fiction	There's an Alligator Under My Bed	Mayer, Mercer
This sequel to "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" brings back the story's even funnier nighttime adventure. Reading Level - J		
Read Together	Guess How Much I Love You	McBratney, Sam
Little Nutbrown Hare wants to show Big Nutbrown Hare how very much he loves him - but love as big as his is very hard to measure! Reading Level - J		
Read Together	Make Way For Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert
This is a Caldecott award winning classic about Mr. & Mrs. Mallard and their brood of ducklings in downtown Boston. Reading Level - L		
Fiction	Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth	McGhee, Alison
Sure, first-grade teacher Mrs. Watson may "look "human, but it is a known and proven fact that she is actually a three-hundred-year-old alien who steals baby teeth from her students. Reading Level -K		
Fiction	Tiny's Bath	Meister, Cari
Story of Tiny, the not-so-tiny dog who gets dirty. He needs a bath but everything is too small. Reading Level - F		
Fiction	Tiny Goes to the Library	Meister, Cari
Tiny likes to go places with this best friend. But when they go to the library, Tiny has to wait outside. Reading Level - E		
Fiction	Tiny the Snow Dog	Meister, Cari
Story of Tiny and his best friend playing in the snow. Reading Level - D		
Fiction	When Tiny was Tiny	Meister, Cari
Sweet, funny story about a very big dog who was once a puppy. Reading Level - E		
Fiction	Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert
The Princess Elizabeth is slated to marry Prince Ronald when a dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps Ronald. In resourceful and humorous fashion, Elizabeth finds the dragon, outsmarts him, and rescues Ronald — who is less than pleased at her un-princess-like appearance. Reading Level - K		
Fiction	If You Give A Pig a Pancake	Numeroff, Laura
If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want syrup to go with it. If you give her some of your favorite maple syrup, she'll probably get all sticky and will want to take a bath... Reading Level - G		
Fiction	Fancy Nancy	O'Connor, Jane
Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy. Reading Level - L		
Fiction	Recess Queen	O'Neill, Laura
In this sassy playground romp, the irrepressible new kid dethrones the reigning recess bully, Mean Jean the Recess Queen, by doing the unthinkable — she invites her to be her friend! Reading Level - L		

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Fiction	Sweet Tooth	Palaatini, Margie
Stewart's life is ruled by his sweet tooth. The Tooth, as he calls it, makes its desires for cake and candy known to everyone at the worst times! It makes demands of Stewart at the movies, at weddings, and even during class at school.		
Reading Level - M		
Fiction	The Firekeeper's Son	Park, Linda Sue
In Korea in the early 1800s, news from the countryside reached the king by means of signal fires. On one mountaintop after another, a fire was lit when all was well. If the king did not see a fire, that meant trouble, and he would send out his army.		
Reading Level - L		
Math	One Duck, Another Duck	Pomerantz, Charlotte
When Danny goes to the pond with his grandmother, he shows her that he can count.		
Reading Level - I		
Fiction	Ruby the Copycat	Rathman, Peggy
It's the first day of school, and Ruby is new. When her classmate Angela wears a red bow in her hair, Ruby comes back from lunch wearing a red bow, too. When Angela wears a flowered dress, suddenly Ruby's wearing one, too. Fortunately, Ruby's teacher knows a better way to help Ruby fit in — by showing how much fun it is to be herself.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	First Grade Stinks	Rodman, Mary Ann
On her first day of first grade, Haley discovers that the routines are much different and decidedly less fun than kindergarten. She gets only one recess, no sharing time, a room without the familiar decorations, a teacher who is less demonstrative than her beloved Ms. Lacy, and, worst of all, a read-aloud that isn't even finished.		
Reading Level - N		
Series	Puppy Mudge Books	Rylant, Cynthia
Easy seires books about the adventures of a dog named Mudge.		
Reading Level - D/E		
Series	Henry & Mudge Books	Rylant, Cynthia
Easy chapter books about the friendship between a boy named Henry and his dog named Mudge.		
Reading Level - J		
Fiction	The Great Gracie Chase	Rylant, Cynthia
Gracie Rose has always been a good, quiet puppy, but when she barks at some noisy painters she's put outside. Your child will follow Gracie as she takes a walk around the neighborhood, which turns into a hilarious chase.		
Reading Level - K		
Math	How Much is a Million?	Schwartz, David M
Author Schwartz, along with illustrator Steven Kellogg, bends over backward to help young readers conceptualize — and more importantly visualize — how much a million actually is.		
Reading Level - K		
Fiction	'he True Story of the Three Little Pig	Scieszka, Jon
The wolf tells his never-before-heard version of the familiar tale. Is he the bad guy or was he framed? This story will keep you laughing!		
Reading Level - Q		
Fiction	A Bad Case of Stripes	Shannon, David
Camilla Cream loves lima beans — but she won't admit it to anyone. The other kids don't like them, and Camilla wants to fit in. "Camilla was always worried about what other people thought of her." But as she tries on her forty-second potential outfit for the first day of school, the unthinkable happens: Camilla breaks out in stripes.		
Reading Level - P		
Series	Nate the Great Books	Sharmat, Marjorie

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	Nate is a nine-year-old pancake eating detective who solves neighborhood mysteries with the help of his dog Sludge.	
	Reading Level - K	
Fiction	3ila Monsters Meet You at the Airpor	Sharmat, Marjorie
	A little boy imaginatively explains why he would rather not move from New York City to "out West".	
	Reading Level - J	
Fiction	The Missing Piece	Silverstein, Shel
	"It was missing a piece. And it was not happy, so it set off in search of it's missing piece. And as it rolled it sang this song....Hi-dee-ho, here I go...."	
	Reading Level - K	
Fiction	Caps For Sale	Slobodkina, Esphyr
	This clever, original folk tale told by internationally renowned artist Esphyr Slobodkina has entertained children for generations. Full of drama, humor, and repetition and illustrated with warmth and wit, <i>Caps for Sale</i> begs to be read aloud — and shared again and again.	
	Reading Level - K	
Fiction	Me	Stephens, Vicki
	Sam is always messy, but the mess is to blame, not him. He cleans himself in a bath because he loves his mother.	
	Reading Level - D	
Fiction	Tops and Bottoms	Stevens, Janet
	Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear in this funny, energetic version of an old slave story. With roots in American slave tales, "Tops & Bottoms" celebrates the trickster tradition of using one's wits to overcome hardship.	
	Reading Level - L	
Fiction	Great Fuzz Frenzy	Stevens, Janet
	Deep, deep down in their underground town, the prairie dogs live in harmony--until a mysterious, fluorescent, very fuzzy "thing" (otherwise known as a tennis ball) rolls down their hole. When the prairie dogs discover that they can pluck and pull the fuzz into fabulous fashions, their fear quickly turns to curiosity, then delight, then pure greed.	
	Reading Level - K	
Series	Black Lagoon Books	Thaler, Mike
	All outrageously funny tales of how rumors can make a student create a monster of any teacher!	
	Reading Level - L	
Fiction	I'm Hungry	Tuer, Judy
	The hungry members of the monkey family each prepare something and then decide to have a party.	
	Reading Level - L	
Fiction	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst, Judith
	From the moment Alexander gets up and finds gum in his hair, everything goes wrong!	
	Reading Level - L	
Fiction	Ira Sleeps Over	Waber, Bernard
	Ira is thrilled to spend the night at Reggie's, until his sister raises the question of whether he should take his teddy bear.	
	Reading Level - L	
Math	Mouse Count	Walsh, Ellen Stoll
	A hungry snake counts ten little mice into a jar as he anticipates his dinner. But the clever mice outwit the snake as they count down from ten until they've all gotten away. "	
	Reading Level - F	
Fiction	Scaredy Squirrel	Watt, Melanie
	Scaredy Squirrel has a wonderful, safe life in his tree away from poison ivy, Martians, and spiders. When his emergency kit falls out of the tree, Scaredy Squirrel tries to catch the kit and discovers that the unknown below is not so scary after all.	
	Reading Level - L	

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Favorite Author In wonderfully expressive pictures and text, the pigeon begs to do all kinds of things that he shouldn't do . Very, very fun to read together. Reading Level - J	Pigeon Books	Willems, Mo
Favorite Author Great books to read together about the special relationship between friends elephant and piggy. Reading Level - G/H	Elephant and Piggie Books	Willems, Mo
Series Early series books about a Moose named Morris and his friends. Reading Level - E	Morris the Moose	Wiseman, B.