First Grade
Summer Reading List

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
By Eric Carle

The Napping House
By Audrey Wood

The Bear's Picnic
By Jan Berenstain

Caps For Sale
By Esphyr Slobodkina

Franklin Rides a Bike
By Paulette Bourgeois

The Listening Walk
By Paul Showers

The Little Engine That Could
By Watty Piper

Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia
By Peggy Parish

Quick as a Cricket
By Audrey Wood

There's an Alligator Under My Bed
By Mercer Mayer

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
By Jon Scieszka

Young Cam Jansen and the Double Beach Mystery
By David Adler

Frog and Toad Are Friends
By Arnold Lobel

Chicken Soup With Rice
By Maurice Sendak

La luna, el sol, y las estrellas
Por John Lewellen

El muchacho que gritó ¡El lobo!
Por Eugenia De Hoogh

Try these fun activities:
- create a bookmark about a character, write and illustrate beginning, middle and end of story, create 5 or more questions you would ask the author, make a puppet and act out the story, choose 10 nouns from the story and make a picture book.
First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children’s area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

**Fun Books to Share**
- *And I Mean It*, Stanley by Crosby Bonsall
- *Arthur* series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- *Berenstain Bear* series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- *Clifford* series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- *Franklin* series by Paulette Bourgeois
- *Froggy* series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hil Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- *Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park
- *Little Critter* series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- *Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

**Math in Picture Books**
- *How Much Is a Million?* by David M. Schwartz
- *One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints* by Diana Pomeroy
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep* by Satoshi Kitamura

**Classics to Read to a First Grader**
- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *When Will I Read?* by Miriam Cohen

**Caldecott Awards and Honor Books**
- *Alphabet City* by Stephen Johnson
- *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions* by Margaret Musgrove
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

**Learning to Read Series**
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4

**Alphabet Books**
- *Animalia* by Graeme Base
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg

Enjoy!