

First Grade Summer Reading List

Summer vacation is here and it is a time to play, rest, relax and READ! It is the perfect opportunity for all children to read for pleasure and explore topics that interest them. The more they read aloud, read independently or are read to, the better and more confident readers they become. Listed below are some titles to get your reading adventure started.

Best wishes for a fun, safe and reading filled summer!!

Read Alouds: These are books for you to read to your child. Enjoy the pictures, talk about the story, and have fun!

Phonics Books: These are books for your child to practice reading out loud to you. Don't worry if they stumble—praise their effort!

Read Aloud Favorites

Paletero Man by Lucky Diaz

Looking for a Jumbie by Tracey Baptiste

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak

The Rice in the Pot Goes Round and Round by Wendy Wan-Long Shang

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

The Bear's Song by Benjamin Chaud

It's So Quiet: A Not-Quite-Going-to-Bed Book by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Atticus Caticus by Sarah Maizes

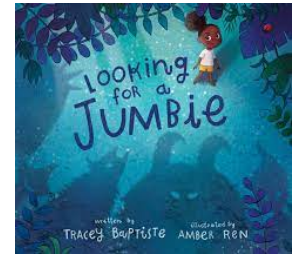
100 Dogs: Playful Pups to Count by Michael Whaite

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

Group Hug by Jean Reidy

Everybody in the Red Brick Building by Anne Wynter

Mina by Matthew Forsythe



Funny Picture Books

The Little Butterfly That Could by Ross Burach

Unicorns Are the Worst by Alex Willan

The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming

Here Comes the Big Mean Dust Bunny by Jan Thomas

This Is a Moose by Richard T. Morris, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

The Bear Who Wasn't There by LeUyen Pham

I Am Not a Penguin: A Pangolin's Lament by Liz Wong

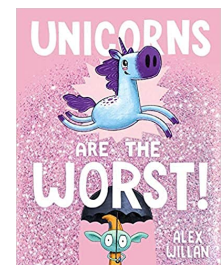
Pizza with Everything on It by Kyle Scheele

I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt

Not Now Cow by Tammi Sauer

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas

Those Darn Squirrels by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

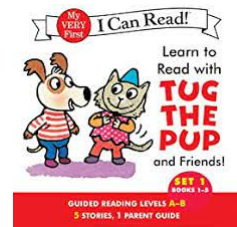


Picture Books with Lessons

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho
Lulu the One and Only by Lynnette Mawhinney
The Tale of the Valiant Ninja Frog by Alastair Chisholm
When Charley Met Emma by Amy Webb
Kaia and the Bees by Maribeth Boelts
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes
Chopsticks by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
One of These Is Not Like the Others by Barney Saltzberg
Pigeon Math by Asia Citro, illustrated by Richard Watson
The Donkey Egg by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel
Your Name Is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
How to Apologize by David LaRochelle
Nell Plants a Tree by Anne Wynter
What does it Mean to be Kind? By Rana DiOrio

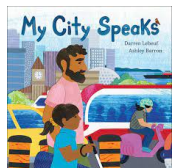
PHONICS BOOKS

Pig Wig: Flip a Word Books
Learn to Read with TUG THE PUP and Friends Box Set 1, Set 2, Set 3
Bob Books Set 1 - Beginning Readers
Bob Books Set 2 - Advancing Beginners
Bob Books Set 3 - Word Families
Bob Books Set 4 - Complex Words
Bob Books Set 5 - Long Vowels
Curious George Math and Science Readers
In, Over and On the Farm by Ethan Long
See Pip Point by David Milgrim
Flubby Is Not a Good Pet by J.E. Morris
Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series (like The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat)



Books that received awards

My City Speaks by Darren Lebeuf (winner of the Schneider Family Book Award) - Epic
The Me I Choose to Be by Natasha Tarpley (Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award)
Fox at Night by Corey Tabor (Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book)
Boogie Boogie, Y'All (Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children)
Hot Dog by Doug Salati (A 2023 Caldecott Winner)
There Was a Party for Langston by Jason Reynolds (Caldecott Honor)
Big by Vashti Harrison (Caldecott Winner)



Fiction:

1. *The World Belonged to Us* by Jacqueline Woodson; This fun picture book follows a group of children in Brooklyn one summer day as they play around their neighborhood until they're called for dinner.
2. *Blue Sky White Stars* by Sarvinder Naberhaus; This touching, patriotic book depicts images of America from the past and present across the country.
3. *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri; This silly story follows a taco-loving dragon and what happens when it accidentally eats spicy salsa.
4. *Priya Dreams of Marigolds & Masala* by Meenal Patel; This heartwarming book follows Priya, an Indian-American girl who learns about her heritage through her grandmother's stories of India.
5. *Little Cliff's First Day of School* by Clifton L Taulbert and E. B Lewis; This touching book focuses on Cliff, a young African American boy in the 1950s, who is nervous about his first day of school.
6. *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers; This silly story follows a boy named Duncan who has to convince his box of crayons to color again.
7. *Gibberish* by Young Vo; This heartwarming picture book follows Dat on his first day of school in a new country where he can't understand those around him until a new friend shows him there are other ways to communicate besides just talking.
8. *Eyes that Speak to the Stars* by Joanna Ho and Dung Ho; In this story a young boy comes to recognize his own power and ability to change the future. When a friend at school creates a hurtful drawing, the boy turns to his family for comfort.
9. *What Do You Do With an Idea?* By Kobi Yamada; This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world.
10. *The Best Eid Ever* by Asma Mobin-Uddin; In this book young readers can learn about Eid, a religious holiday celebrated by Muslim families every year, as well as the Hajj pilgrimage, when Muslims travel back to Mecca for the Eid, in this picture book about Muslim culture and traditions written by Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin.

Non-fiction:

11. *I Am Ruby Bridges* by Ruby Bridges; A poetic reflection brimming with hope where Ruby Bridges tells her own story of that pivotal day in Civil Rights history.
12. *Fly Guy Presents: Weather* by Tedd Arnold; Fly Guy and Buzz are going to a weather station to learn all about weather. With straightforward text, humorous asides, and kid-friendly full-bleed photographs throughout, young readers will love learning about tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, and much more!
13. *Jovita Wore Pants* by Aida Salazar; This remarkable true story about a little-known Mexican heroine is brought vividly to life by her great-niece and Américas Award winner Aida Salazar.
14. *The Girl with a Mind for Math: the Story of Raye Montague* by Julia Finley Mosca; An illustrated rhyming biography of the African American woman and first Naval engineer to design a ship using a computer.
15. *The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto* by Donald Cook; Celebrate a winter miracle with the true, inspirational story of Balto, the dog who carried medicine to sick children miles away in Nome, Alaska.

