First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Note: The following books are only suggested. 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 Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
Clifford series b y 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
Hi! 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

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 Baese
The Icky Bug Alphaet Book by Jerry Pallotta
Z was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg

Math in Picture Books

How Much Is a Million? by David M. Schwartz
One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints by Diana Pomeroy
Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness – and Worse) by William Wise
When Sleep 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 Duckings 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

Enjoy!