



Summer Reading List: Students Entering First Grade

As always, summer reading nurtures our love of story, and we know that stories build background knowledge. Books lead us into places both familiar and new allowing us to explore new territory and engage with new ideas.

The following is a list of books that you can read with your child in the summer and throughout the coming school year. The books that are listed reflect a variety of the topics pursued in the first grade.

Please read AT LEAST one book (or a chapter/section of a longer book) each day to your child this summer. Even if you take some nights off, that will be more than 50 books. Choose from the list below or from the books you have already at home. You do not need to keep track of titles or report back at the end of the summer. Just please read a lot.

(Please note that an * indicates that the author has written numerous books, most of which would make for equally suitable reading.)

Maps & Journeys

Ahmed, Roda
Aldrin, Buzz
Hesselberth, Joyce
Hodgkinson, Leigh
Lindbergh, Reeve
McAnulty, Stacy
Ryan, Pam Muñoz
*Sweeney, Joan
Weatherford, C. B.

Mae Among the Stars
Reaching for the Moon
Mapping Sam
Martha Maps it Out
Nobody Owns the Sky
Our Planet: There's No Place Like Earth
Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride
Me on the Map
I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer

Land Transportation

*Crews, Donald
de la Peña, Matt
Isabella, Jude
*Peet, Bill
Pumphrey, Jarrett and Jerome
*Siebert, Diane
*Van Allsburg, Chris

Freight Train, Short Cut, Big Mama's
The Last Stop on Market Street
The Red Bicycle
The Caboose Who Got Loose
The Old Truck
Truck Song, Train Song
The Polar Express

Explorers of Freedom

Coles, Robert	<i>The Story of Ruby Bridges</i>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i>
Hubbard, Rita Lorraine	<i>The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read</i>
*Levine, Ellen	<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i>
Levinson, Cynthia	<i>The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks</i>
Rappaport, Doreen	<i>Martin's Big Words</i>
*Ringgold, Faith	<i>Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky</i>
*Sanchez Vegara, Maria Isabel	<i>Little People, Big Dreams (Series)</i>

ABC Books

Chen, Eva	<i>A is for Awesome: 23 Iconic Women Who Changed the World</i>
*Crews, Donald	<i>We Read: A to Z</i>
Ehlert, Lois	<i>Eating the Alphabet</i>
Seghal, Kabir	<i>P is for Poppadoms</i>
*Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>The Z Was Zapped</i>
Willard, Christopher and Rechstafen, Daniel	<i>Alphabreaths</i>
*Wood, Audrey	<i>Alphabet Mystery</i>

Thinking with Numbers

*Anno, Mitsumasa	<i>Anno's Counting Book</i>
*Crews, Donald	<i>Ten Black Dots</i>
Hong, Lily Toy	<i>Two of Everything</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>How Much is a Million?</i>
Merriam, Eve	<i>12 Ways to Get to 11</i>
Montague, Raye	<i>The Girl with a Mind for Math</i>
Tang, Greg	<i>Math For All Seasons</i>

A Few Story Collections/ Chapter Books to Read Aloud

Adler, Naomi	<i>The Dial Book of Animal Tales</i>
Ahn, Angela	<i>Swimming Into Trouble (Julia on the Go)</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>The Paddington Treasury</i>
Brown, Peter	<i>The Wild Robot</i>
Castillo, Lauren	<i>Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us</i>
Coe, Victoria	<i>Make Way for Fenway series</i>
Cowell, Cressida	<i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>
George, Kallie	<i>Heartwood Hotel: Home Again</i>
*Lobel, Arnold	<i>Owl at Home; Frog and Toad series</i>
Murray, Jill	<i>The Worst Witch series</i>
Potter, Beatrix	<i>Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales</i>
Various Authors	<i>Who Was ... ? series</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Once There Was a Story</i>