

**Springfield Public Schools
Recommended Reading Literature List
2026-2027
Grade 1**



**Edward V. Walton Elementary School
James Caldwell Elementary School
Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School
Springfield, New Jersey**

Edward V. Walton First Grade Reading List

Books About Me

- *I Like Me!* By Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

Predictable Books-Rhyme or Rhythm

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik
- *Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* by Trinka Hakes Noble
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

Friends

- *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- *George and Martha: The Complete Stories of Two Best Friends* by James Marshall
- *We are Best Friends* by Alike
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* By Sid Hoff

Informational Text

- *A Tree is a Plant* by Clyde Robert Bulla
- *A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver* by Alike
- *All the Water in the World* by George Ella Lyon by Joanna Cole
- *Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean* by Arthur Dorros
- *From Seed to Pumpkin* by Wendy Pfeffer
- *Magic School Bus On The Ocean Floor*
- *My Five Senses* by Alike
- *Starfish* by Edith Thacher Hurd
- *Weather Words and What They Mean* by Gail Gibbons

Beginning Readers

- *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- *My Best Friend* by Pat Hutchins
- *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems

Poetry

- *A Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech
- *Moon, Have You Met My Mother?* by Karla Kuskin
- *Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* by Jack Prelutsky
- *Shoe Magic* by Nikki Grimes
- *The Missing Piece* by Shel Silverstein
- *Touch the Poem* by Arnold Adoff
- *When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein