



Grade 1 Summer Reading

Summer Reading Philosophy

The philosophy of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District's summer reading program is to continue to empower our learners to thrive in the summer months. We believe that reading is not just a school-based activity, but a lifelong activity and our mission is to foster life-long learners and readers. Therefore, we believe establishing a high quality summer reading program provides our learners an avenue to explore their interests, pursue their passions, and grow as individuals.

Summer Reading Goals

- To foster student engagement and enjoyment in reading through choice
- To extend curriculum opportunities beyond the academic school year
- To communicate with students and families high quality literature options

Expectations

Students entering Grade 1 are expected to read "just right" books or be read to. The school year will begin with activities and discussions related to summer reading books. To keep track of your reading progress, post the reading log chart on your refrigerator. List the titles and authors of the books you have read or that someone reads to you. Star (*) the ones you would recommend to a friend! Bring this list to your teacher during the first week of September. We are eager to hear about your favorite summer reading!

To aid in your selection, we are providing a list of recommended books, authors, and topics that will appeal to a broad range of students of different ages, interests, and reading abilities. They are only suggestions and students are not expected to read every book on this list. Exploring other titles and topics is encouraged. Summer reading books should be selected according to interest and independent reading ability. If a student struggles with a book, please try another text that more comfortably fits interest and independent reading level. We encourage you to read additional materials of your choice throughout the summer.

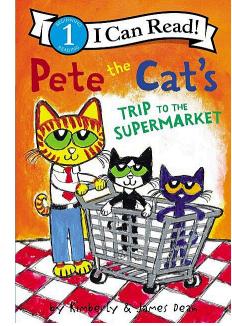
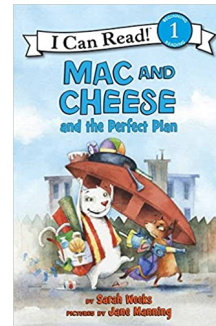
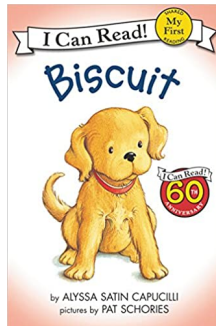
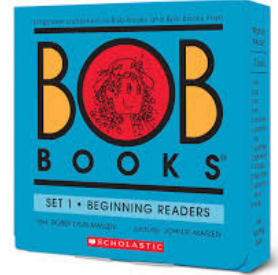
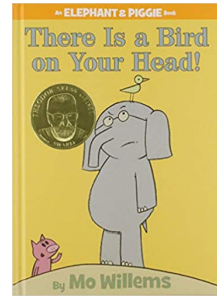
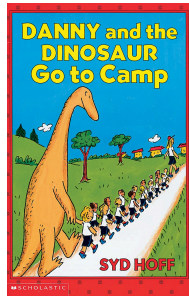
Access

Please take advantage of the numerous formats to access books. For example, many of these books can be found through your local libraries, through e-books such as Kindle, at bookstores, and through audiobooks such as using the Audible app. Please choose which method of access works best for you to read, explore, and grow.

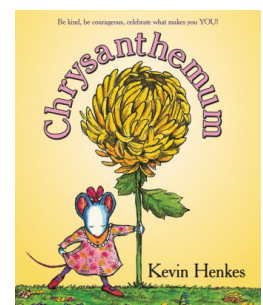
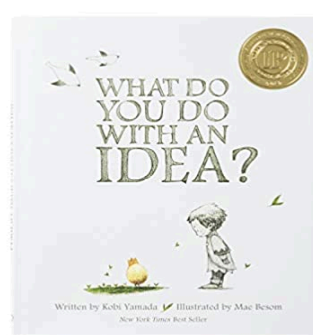
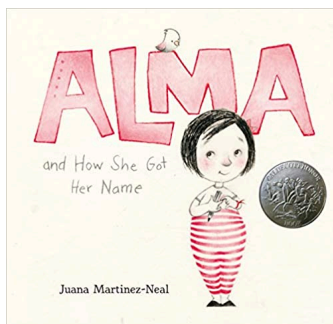
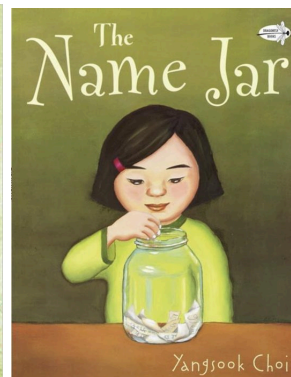
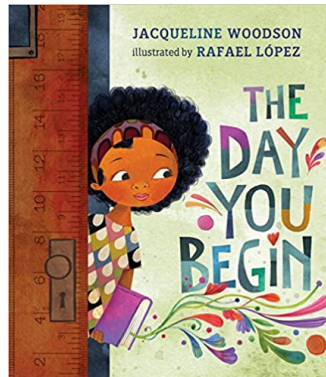
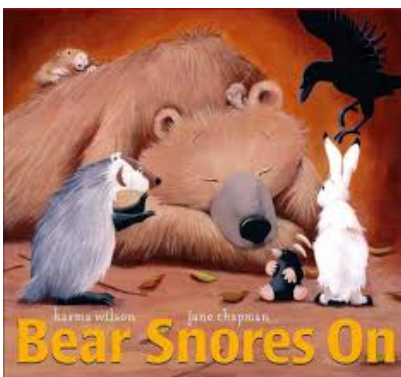
**Both Mendon and Upton libraries offer curbside pickup of items. You also have the option of signing up for an ecard through [Boston Public Library](#). [Epic](#) is also offering free online access for families for 30 days.*

Grade 1 Independent Reading Series

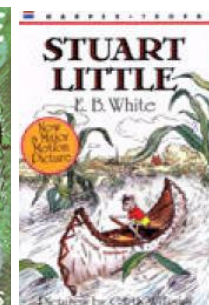
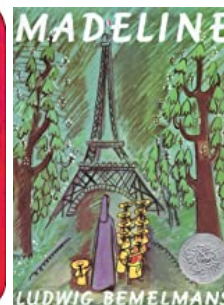
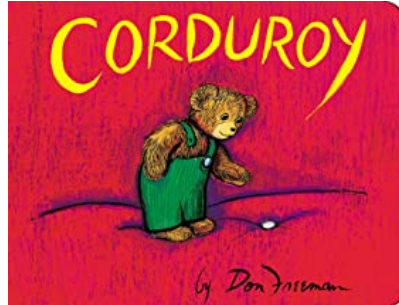
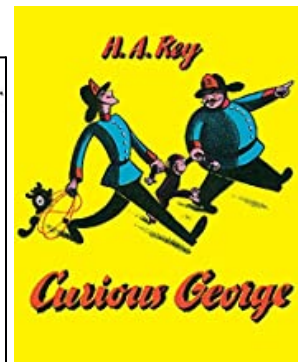
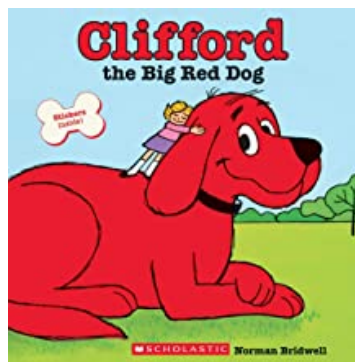
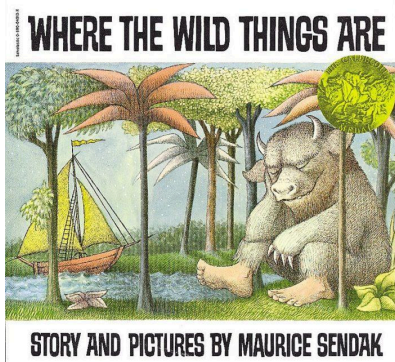
- **Biscuit** series by Alyssa Capucilli
- **Bob** books by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- **Danny and the Dinosaur** by Syd Hoff
- **Mac and Cheese** series by Sarah Weeks
- **The Elephant and Piggie** by Mo Willems
- **Pete the Cat** by James Dean



Grade 1 Family Read Alouds



Grade 1 Classics



Grade 1 Favorite Authors

David Adler	Kate DiCamillo	Steve Krensky	Dav Pilkey
Jan Brett	Lois Ehlert	Grace Lin	Richard Scarry
Marc Brown	Don Freeman	Leo Lionni	Maurice Sendak
Eric Carle	Paul Galdone	Jonathan London	Dr. Seuss
Lauren Child	Gail Gibbons	James Marshall	David Shannon
Miriam Cohen	Kevin Henkes	Bill Martin	Rosemary Wells
Donald Crews	Syd Hoff	Robert McCloskey	Mo Willems
Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell	Pat Hutchins	Laura Numeroff	Audrey Wood
Doreen Cronin	Ezra Jack Keats	Jane O'Connor	
Tomie de Paolo	Eric Kimmel	Peggy Parrish	

Grade 1 Favorite Series

Amelia Bedelia	Frog and Toad	Junie B. Jones	Poppleton
Bad Kitty	Henry and Mudge	The Littles	Rainbow Magic
Chet Gecko Mysteries	Horrible Harry	Mr. Putter and Tabby	Skippyjon Jones
Elephant & Piggie	Jake Drake	Nate the Great	
Fly Guy	Jigsaw Jones Mystery	Olivia Sharp	

Grade 1 Building Background Knowledge

<i>Science</i>		<i>Social Studies</i>	
Seasons	Use of body parts and senses	Map Skills	Calendar Skills
Earth, sun, moon movement	Comparisons between animals/plants	National Holidays	Occupations
Animals/plants	Sound and Light Waves	Presidents, Historical Figures	Goods/Services

Grade 1 Spanish Immersion

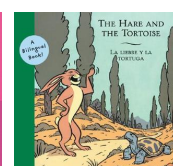
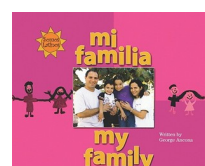
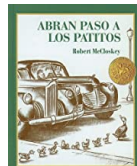


Staff Recommendations

Students can read any books in Spanish that they would like or can look at the suggested Grade 1 books and see which ones are available in Spanish. Below are some of the staff recommendations for Grade 1 Spanish Immersion choices:

- **Abuelo y Los Tres Osos** by Jerry Tello
- **Clifford el Gran Perro Colorado** by Norman Bridwell
- **Un Bolsillo para Corduroy** by Don Freeman

- **Margaret y Margarita** by Lynn Reiser
- **Abran Paso a Los Patitos** by Robert McCloskey
- **Mi Familia** by George Ancona
- **Si Le Das Un Panecillo a un Alce** by Laura Numeroff
- **La Libre y La Tortuga** by Eulalia Valer



Tip: Don't forget to have a Spanish language (Spanish words with Spanish definitions) dictionary handy! A good online one can be found at <http://lema.rae.es/drae/>

Resources for Family Support of Summer Reading

Tips to Encourage Reading:

1. Set aside a regular family reading and/or read aloud time.
2. Read to your children, even the older ones.
3. Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
4. Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
5. Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
6. Participate in activities at the local library.

Finding a Book That's Right For You

While reading this summer, don't forget to choose a book that's right for you! Read the back of the book or inside the front cover to find out what the book is about. Turn to a page in the book and use the Five Finger Rule.



Five Finger Rule

Open the book to any page and start reading. Every time you read a word that you don't know, hold up one finger. After reading a whole page, use the guidelines below to find out if the book is too easy, too hard or just right for you.

# of Fingers	The Book is
0-1	Too Easy
2-3	Just Right!
4-5	Too Hard

Lexile Scores

Students should also begin to be aware of their reading level, Lexile scores of books and grade level range. These are usually listed on the back of books or can be looked up online.

Resources: RazKids Students should be able to continue reading in RazKids in the same account throughout the summer. www.raz-kids.com



Mendon-Upton Regional School District
Summer Reading Log
For students entering grades K-2

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Title	Author

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____