

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Summer Reading



Reading is very important over the summer. Students need to stay engaged with reading and learning, so they do not suffer the “Summer Slide”, (the loss of skills). Reading during July and August will help your child practice skills and grow as a learner. Not only will they experience faraway places, learn a fun fact about an animal or help solve a mystery, they will also learn new vocabulary, reinforce their grammar and writing skills.

Students in Kindergarten and First Grade are to read as many books as possible. They may read independently or with you. Challenge your child to read as many books in a series as possible, read all the books by an author, or try to read a book from each genre. Please make extra copies of the reading log if needed. Let us see who can read the most!

Return your summer reading log to your teacher the first week of school.

Included are the Dolch word lists. These words are the most frequent words used at each grade level. Please practice over the summer.

Happy Reading

Suggested Reading for Kindergarten & First Grade

Classics:

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats *Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats*

Wake up with Peter to a snow-covered day where adventure awaits. No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than *The Snowy Day*. Ages 5, 6 & 7 DRA – 16

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats *Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats*

Peter is well aware that there is a new baby in the house. His mother shushes him when he makes his tower of blocks fall. And he's well aware that the new baby's a girl. For everything that used to be, Peter's has been painted pink! Ages 3-8

Frog and Toad Are Friends by: **Arnold Lobel** This classic features the escapades of Frog and Toad, an adorable amphibious duo who are the best of friends. Grades K-2 DRA 18

Fiction:

When Sophie Gets Angry Series: by **Molly Bang** *Illustrated by Molly Bang*

In this Caldecott Honor-winning, head-on exploration of the causes of and solutions to anger, Sophie gets angry and runs out into the woods, where she climbs a tree to calm down, and is soon ready to come home to her loving family. Ages 4-6 DRA 18

The Stray Dog by **Marc Simont** *Illustrated by Marc Simont*

When a little dog appears at a family picnic, the girl and boy play with him all afternoon, and they name him Willy. At day's end, they say good-bye. But the dog has won their hearts and stays on their minds. Ages 5-7

Prudence Wants a Pet by **Cathleen Daly** Prudence wants a pet. Desperately.

Will she ever find the perfect pet?

If You Give a Dog A Donut by **Laura Numeroff** If you give a dog a donut, he'll ask for

some apple juice to go with it. When you give him the juice, he'll drink it all up. Then, before you can say "Woof" . . . Dog is off on a backyard adventure! Ages 4-8

The Story of Peppa Pig by **Scholastic** Introducing Peppa Pig! Peppa is a lovable (but

slight bossy) little piggy who lives with Mummy pig, Daddy Pig, and her little brother, George. Ages 3-5

The Midnight Library by **Kazuno Kohana** When we are fast asleep in bed, the

Midnight Library opens its doors to all the night-time animals Ages 3-5

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by **Grace Lin** Ling and Ting are two adorable identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings, getting their hair cut, or practicing magic tricks. However, looks are deceiving--people can be very different, even if they look the same. Ages 5-6

The Bad Seed by **Jory John** The story of a bad sunflower seed who decides it is time for a change. Pk-2

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by **Dan Santat** Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result. Ages 4-8

Freedom in the Congo Square by: **Carole Boston** Enslaved people are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday when they can gather in New Orleans Congo Square to dance. Ages 4-8

Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug by: **Evan Kuhlman** Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors. Ages 3-7

What Do You Do with a Problem by: **Kobi Yamada** A child's struggle with an unexpected problem until he realizes it really isn't a problem...it's an opportunity. Grade K-3

Me on the Map by **Joan Sweeney** In this playful introduction to maps and geography, step by simple step, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house... DRA 16

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? by **Jane Yolan** The dinosaurs are going to school. More fun dinosaur antics await. These prehistoric pupils are in a class of their own! DRA 16-18

Alphabet Adventures by **Audrey Woods** All the little letters from Charley's Alphabet have learned their proper order, from a to z. They're ready to go to school, but suddenly something is wrong! Little i has lost her dot, and none of the letters can find it. Can you? DRA 16

Non- Fiction/STEAM

Flower Garden by **Eve Bunting** *Illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt*
Bring nature into your classroom with this glorious, picture-book celebration of flowers, growth, and possibility — a fiction offering that makes an innovative and yet seamless connection. Ages 6-7 DRA 16

The Snow Leopard by: **Jackie Morris** This mountain story tells of a boy who dreams and hears a leopard, once human, that “sang the stars to life.” When intruders invade their hidden valley, the leopard passes on both his protective song and his animal form to the boy.

The Book of Mistakes by **Corinna Luyken** As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art. Ages 4-8 Pk-3

Ladybugs by **Gail Gibbons** Ladybugs are a type of beetle. They live on six of the seven continents. There are believed to be about 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs around the world. Ages 4-8 Grades K-3

Counting in the Garden by **Kim Parker** From talented textile designer Kim Parker comes a gorgeous counting book in which readers can count from one to ten while they search among the colorful flowers for various creatures hidden among lush garden scenes. Ages 3-5

Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by **Carol Buckley** Best friends come in all shapes and sizes! After retiring from the circus, Tarra became the first resident of the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. When other elephants moved in and developed close friendships, only Tarra remained independent until the day she met a stray mixed-breed dog named Bella. Ages 3-5

The Big Snow by **Berta Hader, Elmer Hader** When the geese begin to fly south, the leaves flutter down from the trees and the cold winds begin to blow from the north, the animals of the woods and meadows, big and small, prepare for the long, cold winter ahead when the countryside is hidden under a deep blanket of snow. Ages 6-9

My First Coding Book by **Kiki Prottzman** Teach kids as young as 5 years old the basic programming skills necessary to code, including sequencing and loops, without a computer. Grade K-2

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by **Jennifer Berne** Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Grades K-3

Bee Dance by **Rick Chrustowski** A honeybee searches for nectar, then returns to the hive to tell the other bees. She does a waggle dance, moving in a special figure-eight pattern to share the location of the food source with her hive mates. DRA 14

Bi-lingual:

Margaret and Margarita: Margarita y Margaret by: **Lynn Reiser** Your child will love this bilingual (Spanish and English) book about a budding friendship between an English-speaking girl and a Spanish-speaking girl who meet in a park. For our Spanish readers: A su nino le encantaraeste libro bilingue sobre una amistad que crece

entre una nina que habla ingles y una nina que habla espanol que se conocen en el parque.

The New Girl ... and Me by: *Jacqui Robbins* Shakeeta is the new girl and like all new kids since schools were first invented she feels out of place. Told in the first person by Mia, wise in the ways of school politics, this gentle story of adjustment and budding friendships carefully sticks to a child-eyed perspective to make its point: it's not so much what you say that makes a difference, it's that you say it at all. Ages 4-7

History/Biographies:

Buffalo Bill by *Ingri d'Aulaire*, Presents Buffalo Bill s time in American history, from buffalo stampedes and Indian attacks to the Pony Express and Wild West shows.

Betsy Ross by: *Becky White* “Betsy ripped. Rip, rip. / Seven rich, crimson strips.” Delightful rhymes, rhythms, and repetition describe the creation of the first American flag by Betsy Ross and her friend, George Washington. Grades K-5 DRA I

My Dream of Martin Luther King by: *Faith Ringgold* Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life — from dealing with segregation in childhood to the Montgomery bus boycott, the March on Washington, his epic “I Have a Dream” speech, and his tragic assassination. Grades K-5 DRA M

Let's Read About: Cesar Chavez by *Jerry Tello* A profile of César Chávez, the Mexican American union leader who fought to get migrant farm workers better wages. DRA 14

Chapter Book/Series:

King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code (series) by *Dori Hillestad Butler*, Kayla and Mason both got mysterious letters, written in code. What does Kayla know? The same person left both letters. It's someone she and Mason both know. The two letters are the same, except for the second word. What does King know? Jillian left the letters. What do the letters say? DRA 18

Pedro, First-Grade Hero by *Fran Manushkin*, Spend some time with Pedro, Katie Woo's fun-loving friend. From a buggy disaster to a run for class president, Pedro has what it takes to be the hero of first-grade. No matter what he's doing, Pedro is always good for some laughs and adventure. Age 5-7

The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate (*The Princess in Black series*) by *Shannon & Dean Hale* Noseholes and elephants! A pet-eating monster interrupts a perfect playdate with Princess Sneezewort . . . but who is that new masked avenger? Princess Magnolia and Princess Sneezewort have plans . . . mysterious plans, like a

princess playdate! They dress-up slam! They karaoke jam! They playhouse romp and snack-time stomp! But then a shout from outside Princess Sneezewort.” Ages 5-7 DRA 24

Star Jumper Series by: **Frank Asch** This is the journal of a cardboard genius, Alex, who has a little brother who annoys him to the point that he decides to build a star ship (out of cardboard, it really works) so he can move to a different planet. Grades K-5

Pete The Cat Series by: **Eric Litwin & James Dean** The adventures of Pete the Cat. Grades K-3 DRA 16

Graphic Novels

Benjamin Bear in Brain Storms! by **Philippe Coudray** (Illustrator), **Françoise Mouly** (Translator) Benjamin Bear can always surprise his friends, whether it's by walking on his hands during a snowstorm or by using a tree as a parachute. This unassuming bear may at first seem down-to-earth, but his ideas are always out of this world. Ages 4-8

Tippy and the Night Parade by **Lilli Carre** (Illustrator) When Tippy wakes up, there's a peacock in her bedroom, a bird in her hair, and mice dancing on the headboard. . . . Yet all Tippy remembers is falling asleep. Ages 4-8

The Shark King by **R. Kikuo Johnson** (Illustrator) From Hawaii comes the electrifying tale of Nanaue, who has to balance his yearning for Dad's guidance with his desire for Mom's nurturing. Ages 4-8

A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse by **Frank Viva** (Illustrator) There's so much to see at the bottom of the world! Young readers won't stop grinning as they're swept away by this strange and magical story. Ages 4-8

Written and Drawn By Henrietta by **Liniers** (Illustrator) Reading books is fun . . . but what about making them? Armed with new colored pencils, Henrietta's ready to try. Peek over her shoulder as she draws the story of a brave young girl, a three-headed monster, and an impossibly wide world of adventure. Ages 5-6

Flop to the Top! by **Eleanor Davis** (Illustrator), **Drew Weing** (Illustrator) In this modern-day fable, Wanda calls her brother and sister "fans," keeps up with celebrity news, and never misses a chance to share a selfie. She's ready to show the world how Wanda-ful she really is, but all people are interested in is . . . her dog! Ages 5-6

Poetry

Blue Sky, White Stars by **Sarvinder Naberhaus** This poetic, patriotic tribute will help readers appreciate America's splendor. Grades K-1 DRA 16

A Bad Case of The Giggles by: **Stephen Carpenter** Poetry to make children laugh out loud. Grades 1-5 DRA Q

Something Big Has Been Here by **Jack Prelutsky** A poetry collection to tickle your funny bone Ages 5-10

A Poke in the I by: **Paul B. Janeczko** A collection of concrete/visual poetry. Grades 1-4

Dolch Sight Words

Kindergarten

all	out
am	please
are	pretty
at	ran
ate	ride
be	saw
black	say
brown	she
but	so
came	soon
did	that
do	there
eat	they
four	this
get	too
good	under
have	want
he	was
into	well
like	went
must	what
new	white
no	who
now	will
on	with
our	yes

Dolch Sight Words
First Grade

after	let
again	live
an	may
any	of
as	old
by	open
could	over
every	put
fly	around
from	some
going	take
had	thank
has	them
her	then
him	think
his	walk
how	were
just	when
know	