



## Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming First Graders 2017-2018

*Note:* The following books are only suggestions. Please free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader.

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 on their own, please have him or her read a page of the book aloud 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.

### Suggested Authors and Titles

- Aliki - *My Visit to the Dinosaurs, Digging Up Dinosaurs, We Are Best Friends, My Visit to the Aquarium* (and others)
- Arnosky, Jim - *Every Autumn Comes the Bear, Deer at the Brook* (and others)
- Barrett, Judi- *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*
- Bate, Lucy - *Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth*
- Berenstain, Stan & Jan - "Berenstain Bear" Books
- Brett, Jan - *The Mitten, Hedgie's Surprise*
- Bruchac, Joseph -*How Chipmunk Got His Stripes, Turtle's Race with Beaver, The Great Ball Game* (and others)
- Carle, Eric- *Do You Want To Be My Friend?, The Very Busy Spider, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Quiet Cricket* (and others)
- Cole, Joanna – *The Magic School Bus series*
- Dr. Seuss- *Green Eggs and Ham, Great Day for Up, I Can Read with My Eyes Shut* (and others)
- dePaola, Tomie- "*Strega Nona*" Books, *The Baby Sister, The Popcorn Book, Meet the Barkers* (and many others)
- Hamanaka, Shiela – *All the Colors of the Earth, "Horace, Morris, and Dolores" Books, There's a Monster Under My Bed, Creepy Crawly Birthday* (and others)
- Keats, Ezra Jack - *Peter's Chair*
- Martin, Bill Jr. - *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?*
- McPhail, David - *Emma in Charge*
- Parish, Peggy- *Amelia Bedelia* Books (Enrichment)
- Pfister, Marcus - *The Rainbow Fish*

### **Beginning Chapter Books**

Beeler, Selby – *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof*  
Howe, James – *Houndsley and Catina series, Pinky and Rex (Series)*  
Lobel, Arnold – *Frog and Toad (Series)*  
Marshall, Edward – *Fox and His Friends*  
Minarik, Elsa – *Little Bear (Series)*  
Rylant, Cynthia - *Henry and Mudge (Series)*  
Van Leeuwen, Jean – *Amanda Pig (Series)*

### **More Challenging Books**

Adler, David A. – *Cam Jansen series*  
Osborne, Mary Pope – *Magic Tree House series*  
Park, Barbara – *Junie B. Jones series*

### **Additional Authors Your Child May Enjoy**

Polacco, Patricia  
Silverstein, Shel  
Teague, Mark  
Wood, Audrey  
Willems, Mo

### **Summer Reading for PARENTS!**

Davis, C. and Yang, A. – *Parents and Teachers Working Together*  
Feiler, Bruce – *The Secrets of Happy Families*  
Ginsburg, Kenneth – *Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Kids Roots and Wings*  
Levine, Madeline – *Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success*  
Yang, A. and Davis, C. – *Parents and Teachers Working Together*