



Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 1st Grade

Dear Parents,

Please use the following Suggested Reading List to guide your choice of reading materials appropriate for your child. The books on this list are intended for independent reading and reading with your child. For independent reading I suggest you and your child do the “5 Finger Rule.” The 5 Finger Rule is done by having your child read a page from the story they would like to try. Using their fingers, they keep track of how many words they are unable to read on a selected page. If your child counts five or more fingers (errors) while reading a selected page, the book selection is probably too difficult.

Many of these titles can be found at your local library. Libraries also have summer reading incentive programs that have fun activities to encourage your child to read throughout the summer. It is important to expose your child to a variety of genres to develop vocabulary and background knowledge that will be useful to him/her in the classroom.

I feel it is important to provide you with a Suggested Summer Reading List because children who do not read over the summer are more likely to forget strategies that were taught to them during the school year. Reading strategies are an essential component for children for future reading success. Please use this list as a guide, but feel free to read other books as well.

Along with this letter, you will find reading strategies that you can use with your child when they come to an unknown word. Helping your child understand and use these word attack strategies will allow them to develop their reading independence.

All students are expected to participate in this Summer Reading Program. Each child is to read at least 15 books by the start of the school year. Please fill in the book log recording sheet that you will find included with the list.

Additionally, each student is asked to choose one book he/she has read and complete the enclosed book report. Please take pride in yourself and do your very best work. Students must have turn in a book log and book report by the end of the first week of school.

Thank you for partnering with me to foster a love of reading in your child. I hope you enjoy the selections and perhaps find some new favorites. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Enjoy your reading adventures,

Mrs. Smith



Books For Child To Practice Reading

Big Shark, Little Shark by Anna Membrino

Pete The Cat: Pete At The Beach by James Dean

Pete The Cat: Play Ball by James Dean

Pete The Cat: Scuba Cat by James Dean

Biscuit Goes Camping by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Biscuit In The Garden by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Biscuit's First Beach Day by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Mouse's First Summer by Lauren Thompson

The Berenstain Bears: The Bears' Picnic by Stan and Jan Berenstain

The Berenstain Bears: The Bears' Vacation by Stan and Jan Berenstain

The Berenstain Bears: The Bike Lesson by Stan and Jan Berenstain

The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman

Sam and the Firefly by P.D. Eastman

Fred and Ted Go Camping by Peter Eastman

Olivia Goes Camping by Alex Harvey

Books for Adults to Read to Child

Summertime In The Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martain Jr. and John Archambault

The Rainbow Fish by March Pfister

Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Superworm by Julia Donaldson

S is for S'mores: A Camping Alphabet by Helen Foster James

The Berenstain Bears Go To Camp by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Reading Strategies

Look
for
chunks.

sit
mat
standing

Check the
Picture.



Get your
mouth
ready.



Does it make sense?
Does it look right?
Does it sound right?

Try again!



Does the work
look like another
word you know?

cook/look
play/stay

Name

Date

Title

Author

Write a sentence about your book.

Draw a picture of your favorite part in the book.

I like
this
book!

