

Summer Reading List

Students entering Grade 1



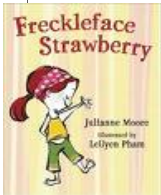
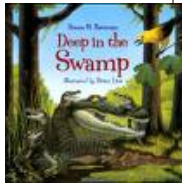
Grade One

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New Favorites

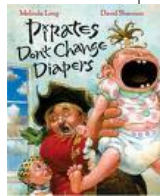
Deep in the Swamp

by Donna M. Bateman



Freckleface Strawberry

by Julianne Moore



Pirates Don't Change Diapers

by Melinda Long and David Shannon



What Time Is It, Mr. Crocodile?

by Judy Sierra

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to **REST, RELAX, READ,** but above all **ENJOY!**

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books, that is, books that are not too hard and not too easy, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, suggestions and praise (just like in a sport), the better and more confident readers they will become.

Here are some tips to encourage reading:

- Set aside a regular family reading and /or read aloud time.
- Read to your children, even the older ones.
- Recognize that your child’s own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
- Encourage and help your child succeed with reading but do not push or expect too much too soon.
- Participate in activities at the local library.
- Learn more about children’s books, from your child’s friends, from the local library or from the attached lists.

Best wishes for a safe, happy, reading fun-filled summer from the elementary reading staff and elementary library teachers of the Waltham Public Schools.

Fitzgerald	Wendy Darcy	Meryl Kaye	Amy Giroux	Kathleen Finnerty
MacArthur	Sharon Davis	Lori Vanaria		Ellen Brandt
Northeast	Jennifer Gershon	Judith Araujo		Carol Klatt
Plympton	Kristen Amarante	Wendy Darcy		Judith Paradis
Stanley	Robin Fopiano	Heather Cummings		Laura Larsson
Whittemore	Amy Giroux	Sabina Steede		Mary Kenslea

Nancy Coppolino – Director, Reading/Language Arts Department
Sandra Roby – Director of Library/Instructional Technology



Students entering Grades 1 and 2 are expected to read in a “just right” book or be read to, 20 minutes a day and record the completed books on the reading log.

Books About Grade 1

Hello First Grade

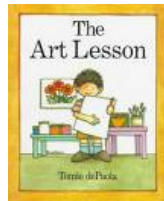
by Joanne Ryder

A pet rabbit helps a first grade class love school.

Emily's Art

by Peter Catalanotto

Emily is a first-grade girl who loves to paint.



The Art Lesson

by Tomie dePaola

Tommy starts school, and can't wait for the day when the art teacher comes, but the art teacher only lets the children have one piece of paper, on which to "copy" her drawings.

Recess Mess

by Grace MacCarone

This is a story of Sam, who needs to go to the boys' room, but since he cannot read or spell, he worries about choosing the right door.

Other books in this first grade series are: **The Lunch Box Surprise** and **The Classroom**.



Starring First Grade

by Miriam Cohen

Jim learns to overcome his disappointment in not getting the part he wanted in a play, but helps out a friend who has stage fright.

Other books in this first grade series are: **First Grade Takes a Test**, **Lost in the Museum**, **See You Tomorrow**, **Charles**, **So What?: Welcome to First Grade**

The Night Before First Grade

by Natasha Wing

It's the night before the Big Day—first grade. Penny is excited to start the year with her best friend right beside her in the same classroom.

First Grade Stinks!

by Mary Ann Rodman

Haley desperately wants to go back to Ms. Lacy's kindergarten class where things are fun, that is, until she discovers the best thing about being in first grade.



Family Read-Alouds

Bark, George by Jules Feiffer

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

by Mo Willems

Fall Is Not Easy by Marty Kelley

First Day Jitters by Julie Dannenberg

Kite Flying by Grace Lin

Knuffle Bunny series by Mo Willems

Max's Words by Kate Banks

Red Is a Dragon by Grace Lin

Strega Nona series by Tomie dePaola

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

We Both Read series- books (various authors) with alternating pages of higher and lower reading levels, designed for a beginning reader to take turns reading with an adult.



Family Read Alouds Spanish/English

Abuelo and The Three Bears/Abuelo y Los Tres Osos by Jerry Tello
Grandpa tells his own version of this favorite story.

Margaret y Margarita by Lynn Reiser
One little girl speaks English and the other speaks Spanish. Read to find out how they became best friends.



Mi Familia My Family by George Ancona

... "a Latino child's world"

Quinto's Neighborhood El Vecindario de Quinto

by Ina Cumpiano

Introduces children to modern role models that reflect the changing workplace.

Sparky's Bark/ El Ladrido de Sparky

by Mimi Chapra

Latin American girl learns to speak English.

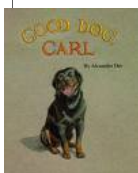
The Hare and The Tortoise/ La Liebre y La Tortuga by Eulalia Valeri

Familiar tale of the race between a tortoise and a hare.



Alphabet Books

A Long Trip to Z by Fulvio Testa
Alligators All Around by Maurice Sendak
AlphaBeeep by Debora Pearson
Alphabet Adventure by Audrey Wood
Alphabet Under Construction
 by Denise Fleming
Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom
 by Bill Martin
Matthew ABC by Peter Catalanoto
On Market Street by Arnold Lobel
Superhero ABC
 by Bob McLeod
The Letters are Lost
 by Lisa Campbell Ernst
The Z is Zapped
 by Chris Van Allsburg

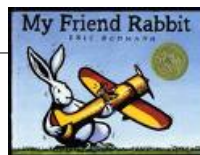
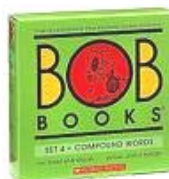
**Wordless Books**

Alphabet City
 by Stephen Johnson
Carl books by Alexandra Day

Flotsam by David Wiesner
Pancakes by Tomie dePaola
Red Book by Barabara Lehmann
Snowman by Raymond Briggs
Yellow Umbrella by Dong Sheen

Short List of Independent Reading

Bear, Bug and Boy series
 by David McPhail
Biscuit series by Alyssa Capucilli
Bob books
 by Bobby Lynn Maslen
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward
Danny and the Dinosaur
 by Syd Hoff
Dragon series by Dav Pilkey
The Elephant and Piggie series
 by Mo Willems
Monkey See, Monkey Do
 by Marc Gave

**My Friend Rabbit**

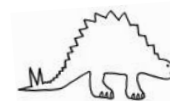
by Eric Rohmann
Tops and Bottoms
 by Janet Stevens
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This ?
 by Steve Jenkins

Theodore Seuss Geisel Award for Beginning Reader Books

Hi! Fly Guy
 by Tedd Arnold
There is a Bird on your Head
 by Mo Willems

**Poetry****A Pocketful of Stars: Poems about the Night**

by Siegen Smith
Asana and the Animals: A Book of Pet poems
 by Grace Nichols
Dinosaur Dances -- Dinosaur poems
 by Jane Yolen



Making Friends with Frankenstein -- Monster poems
 by Colin McNaughton

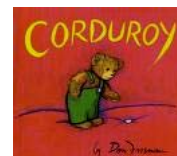
Wish You Were Here by And I Wasn't-- Vacation poems
 by Colin McNaughton

**Caldecott Award Winners**

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad
 by Ellen Levine
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
 by Simms Taback
Kitten's First Full Moon
La primera luna llena de Gatita
 by Kevin Henkes
The Hello, Goodbye Window
 by Norton Juster
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

Classic Books

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Cinderella stories by multiple authors
Clifford series
 by Norman Bridwell
Corduroy
 by Don Freeman
Curious George series
 by H. A. Rey
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmens
Where the Wild Things Are
 by Maurice Sendak
Peter Rabbit series
 by Beatrix Potter

**Favorite Authors/Illustrator**

Jan Brett
 Marc Brown
 Eric Carle
 Lauren Child
 Miriam Cohen
 Donald Crews
 Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell
 Tomie dePaola
 Lois Ehlert
 Don Freeman

Paul Galdone
 Kevin Henkes
 Pat Hutchins
 Ezra Jack Keats
 Grace Lin
 Leo Lionni
 Jonathan London
 James Marshall
 Bill Martin
 Robert McCloskey

Jane O'Connor
 Peggy Parrish
 Dav Pilkey
 Richard Scarry
 Maurice Sendak
 Dr. Seuss
 David Shannon
 Rosemary Wells
 Mo Willems
 Audrey Wood

Books I might like to read...



So many books! So little time to read them all!

During the summer it is easier to make time to read some of the many wonderful books that have been written for children. When choosing a just right book, you can use the suggestions on our lists or go to one of the following websites, which have organized their suggestions in a user-friendly format.

Waltham Public Library <http://www.waltham.lib.ma.us/children/index.php>

Center for Teaching and Learning http://www.c-t-l.org/kids_recommend.html

Children's Choices Booklist <http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists/ChildrensChoices.aspx>

Horn Book Summer Reading <http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/summer.asp>

Planet Esme <http://www.planetesme.com/fun.html>

Summer Reading List from other communities

Houston Area Independent Schools Network <http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>

Multomah County, Oregon <http://www.multolib.org/kids/booklists/>

New York Public Library <http://kids.nypl.org/reading/index.cfm> <http://www.summerreading.org/>

Newport News Virginia <http://www.sbo.nn.k12.va.us/academic/summer/elem-read.html>



Waltham's Library And Reading Teachers' wiki—see the lists and join the discussion!

<https://wps-summerreading.wikispaces.com/Entering+Grade+1>