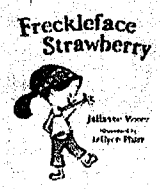
# Summer Reading List
# Students entering Grade 1

**Grade One** **June 2**

## 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:

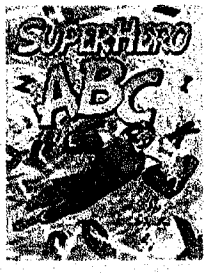
- Set aside a regular family reading and /or read aloud time.
- Read to your children, even the older ones.
- Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- Don't forget to pack a book wherever 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.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Sminkey

## Alphabet Books

**A Long Trip to Z** by Fulvio Testa
**Alligators All Around** by Maurice Sendak
**Alphabeep** 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

## 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

**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

## 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 Beatrice 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 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

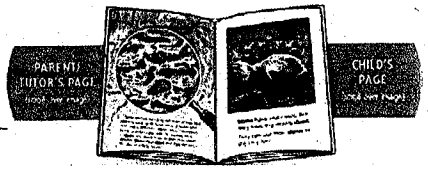
**Kite Flying** by Grace Lin

**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.