

# St. John's Summer Reading Suggestions: Entering First Grade

Over the summer, we ask that families of incoming first graders continue or create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together. To help support this routine, our librarian Ms. Powers has compiled the following list of suggested books, many of which can be found at your local public library.

## PICTURE BOOKS

Picture books are great for any age. Some favorites for entering first graders include:

Beaty, Andrea	<i><b>Sofia Valdez, Future Prez</b></i>
Doerrfeld, Cori	<i><b>The Rabbit Listened</b></i>
Higgins, Ryan T.	<i><b>We Will Rock Our Classmates</b></i>
Hills, Tad	<i><b>How Rocket Learned to Read</b></i>
John, Jory	<i><b>Goodnight Already!</b></i>
Kang, Anna	<i><b>We Are (Not) Friends</b></i>
Lang, Suzanne	<i><b>Grumpy Monkey</b></i>
Mora, Oge	<i><b>Saturday</b></i>
Pizzoli, Greg	<i><b>The Book Hog</b></i>
Tullet, Herve	<i><b>Mix it Up!</b></i>
Van Dusen, Chris	<i><b>If I Built a School</b></i>
Willems, Mo	<i><b>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</b></i>

## EARLY READERS

Early readers are ideal for many first graders. They are basically beginning chapter books and usually give the reader a lot of practice with high-frequency words. Many of the books have humorous plots and characters. Some are easier to read than others, but numbers on some of the books can direct the reader to the appropriate level.

Adler, David A.	<i><b>Mo Jackson (series)</b></i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i><b>Fly Guy (series)</b></i>
Barnett, Mac	<i><b>Jack books (series)</b></i>
Butler, Dori Hillestad	<i><b>King &amp; Kayla (series)</b></i>
Hays, Geoffrey	<i><b>Benny and Penny</b></i>
Hills, Tad	<i><b>Drop it, Rocket!</b></i>
Lin, Grace	<i><b>Ling &amp; Ting (series)</b></i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i><b>Frog and Toad</b></i>
Milgrim, David	<i><b>Otto The Robot (series)</b></i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i><b>Henry and Mudge (series)</b></i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i><b>Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)</b></i>
Schneider, Josh	<i><b>Tales for Very Picky Eaters</b></i>
Weeks, Sarah	<i><b>Mac and Cheese (series)</b></i>
Willems, Mo	<i><b>Elephant &amp; Piggie (series)</b></i>

Various authors  
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***Lego City readers***  
***Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!***

## **CHAPTER BOOKS**

Some students entering first grade will be ready for chapter books this summer. The books listed below are not too long, but should usually satisfy a reader who wants a bit of a challenge.

Clark, Jane	<b><i>Dr. Kitty Cat (series)</i></b>
Elliott, Rebecca	<b><i>Unicorn Diaries and Owl Diaries (series)</i></b>
DiCamillo, Kate	<b><i>Mercy Watson (series)</i></b>
Flintham, Thomas	<b><i>Press Start! (series)</i></b>
Hale, Shannon	<b><i>The Princess in Black (series)</i></b>
May, Kyla	<b><i>Diary of a Pug (series)</i></b>
McKay, Hilary	<b><i>Lulu and the Duck in the Park</i></b>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<b><i>The Magic Tree House series</i></b>
Pilkey, Dav	<b><i>A Friend for Dragon (series)</i></b>
Various authors	<b><i>Victory School Superstars</i></b>

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Many great graphic novels are published for beginning readers. Students of all ages love these.

Annable, Graham	<b><i>Peter &amp; Ernesto (series)</i></b>
Arnold, Tedd	<b><i>Noodleheads (series)</i></b>
Eaton, Maxwell	<b><i>Okay, Andy!</i></b>
Pilkey, Dav	<b><i>Dogman (series)</i></b>
Ruzzier, Sergio	<b><i>Fox &amp; Chick (series)</i></b>
Sullivan, Mary	<b><i>Frankie</i></b>
Tetri, Emily	<b><i>Tiger vs. Nightmare</i></b>

## **NONFICTION**

"True" books to entertain and inform.

Eggers, Dave	<b><i>Her Right Foot</i></b>
Finley Mosca, Julia	<b><i>The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin (Amazing Scientists)</i></b>
	<b><i>This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World</i></b>
Lamothe, Matt	<b><i>Spot the Plot</i></b>
Lewis, J. Patrick	<b><i>My Little Book of Rocks, Minerals, and Gems</i></b>
Martin, Claudia	<b><i>Komodo Dragons (Pebble Plus series)</i></b>
Mattern, Joanne	<b><i>Ordinary People Change the World (biography series)</i></b>
Meltzer, Brad	<b><i>Magic Tree House Research Guides</i></b>
Osborne, Will	<b><i>From Tadpoles to Frog (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science)</i></b>
Pfeffer, Wendy	<b><i>Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant</i></b>
Sayre, April Pulley	