

Summer Reading for Rising 1st Graders

It is important that your child read aloud daily this summer to keep reading skills growing. First graders are not required to keep a record of readings, but it might be a fun project.

Suggested Early Reader Books* for Rising First Graders:

Elephant & Piggie series, by Mo Willems
Henry and Mudge series, by Cynthia Rylant
Amelia Bedelia series, by Peggy Parrish
Frog and Toad series, by Arnold Lobel
Fly Guy series, by Ted Arnold
Young Amber Brown series, by Paula Danziger
Biscuit series, by Alyssa Capucilli
TOON Book series, by various authors
Bob Books, by Bobbie Maslen
Millie and Moo series, by Denys Caset
Iris and Walter series, by Elissa Guest
Penny stories, by Kevin Henkes
Pup and Hound series, by Susan Hood
Pinky and Rex series, by James Howe
Cat in the Hat (and others), by Dr. Seuss
Ling & Ting, by Grace Lin
A Bargain for Frances, by Russell Hoban
School Zone phonics readers, by various authors
Mercy Watson series, by Kate DiCamillo
Fancy Nancy "I Can Read" series, by Jane O'Connor

*A note of caution about early reader books-- please don't expect your child to be able to read all or even *any* of these books! Explore a series or two as read-alouds, and then encourage your young reader to take over on a word here or a page there, as he is able. Enjoy reading these books together!

Suggested Picture Books to Read Aloud

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, by Mo Willems
Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McCloskey
Harold and the Purple Crayon, by Crockett Johnson
Madeline, by Ludwig Bemelmans
Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale, by Mo Willems

The Story of Ferdinand, by Monroe Leaf
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, by John Scieszka
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, by Kevin Henkes
Owl Moon, by Jane Yolen
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, by Judith Viorst
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, by Judi and Ron Barrett
Miss Rumphius, by Barbara Cooney
George and Martha, by James Marshall
Bark, George, by Jules Feiffer
Swimmy, by Leo Lionni
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, by William Steig
Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type, by Doreen Cronin
Olivia, by Ian Falconer
Bunny Money, by Rosemary Wells
Eloise, by Kay Thompson
The Relatives Came, by Cynthia Rylant
Stellaluna, By Janell Cannon
Strega Nona, by Tomie de Paola
The Little Engine that Could, by Wally Piper
Scaredy Squirrel, by Melanie Watt
The Big Orange Splot, by Daniel Pinkwater
Mirette on the High Wire, by Emily McCully
Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman
Mud Puddle, by Robert Munsch
Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock, by Eric Kimmel