



**POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Recommended Summer Reading List  
First Grade**

**Works Arranged by Author**

**Allen, Debbie. Dancing in the Wings**

Sassy tries out for a summer dance festival in Washington, D.C., despite the other girls' taunts that she is much too tall.

**Asch, Frank. Bear's Bargain**

Bear and Little Bird try to help each other achieve impossible ambitions.

**Brett, Jan. The Mitten**

Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.

**Bridwell Norman. Clifford the Big Red Dog**

A pet dog bigger than a two-story house brings many adventures to his young owner, Emily Elizabeth.

**Bridwell, Norman. Clifford, We Love You**

The big red dog is feeling blue until Emily writes a happy song for him. The song, "It's Clifford", is included with the text and a complete musical notation follows the story.

**Brown, Peter. Mr. Tiger Goes Wild**

Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.

**Cannon, Janelle. Verdi**

A young python does not want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes he sees in the tropical jungle where he lives.

**Crews, Donald. School Bus**

Follows the progress of school buses as they take children to school and bring them home again.

**Cronin, Doreen. Diary of a Worm**

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

**Drummond, Ree. Charlie the Ranch Dog**

While Charlie, a sleepy basset hound, tells about the busy life of a ranch dog, his best friend Suzie, a Jack Russell terrier, is getting the work done.

**Flack, Marjorie and k. Wiese. Story About Ping**

Ping, a duck who lives on a houseboat, almost ends up in the cooking pot when he tries to avoid a spanking.

**Freeman, Don. Dandelion**

Dandelion overdressed for a come-as-you-are party and isn't recognized.

**Galdone, Paul. Henny Penny**

Henny Penny and her friends set out to tell the king the sky is falling.

**Galdone, Paul. Gingerbread Boy**

The Gingerbread Boy eludes the hungry grasp of everyone he meets until he happens upon a clever fox.

**Grambling, Lois G. Can I Have a Stegosaurus, Mom? Can I? Please?**

A child describes all the possible advantages of having a Stegosaurus for a pet.

**McPhail, David. Drawing Lessons from a Bear**

Bear explains how he became an artist, first experimenting with simple drawings, then continuing to draw both things around him and things in his imagination. Includes tips for drawing.

**Henkes, Kevin. Chrysanthemum**

Chrysanthemum loved her name until she goes to school and finds kids making fun of it. Then they meet their music teacher, Mrs. Delphinium Twinkle.

**Henkes, Kevin. Owen**

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

**Hoff Sydney. Danny and the Dinosaur**

Danny goes for a walk with a dinosaur.

**Hoffman, Mary. Amazing Grace.**

Grace proves she can be the best Peter Pan in spite of classmates telling her she can't because she's female and black.

**Isadora, Rachel. At the Crossroads**

The children of a South African village eagerly gather at the crossroads to welcome their fathers, who have been away for months working in the mines.

**Johnson and De Paola. Quilt Story**

A pioneer mother stitches a quilt for her daughter, and many years later, another mother mends and patches it for her little girl.

**Klassen, Jon. I Want My Hat Back**

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

**Klassen, Jon. This is not my Hat**

A tiny fish wearing a blue hat hopes not to wake up the trouble that might be following close behind.

**Keats, Ezra Jack. Snowy Day.**

In childlike terms and charming bright-colored pictures, the author-artist relates the experiences of a small boy in a deep snow.

**Kellogg, Steven. Jack and the Beanstalk**

Kellogg brings this irresistible story to life with all the zest and energy that are his trademarks.

**Kovalski, Maryann. Wheels on the Bus**

While a grandmother and grandchildren wait for the bus, they sing the title song with such gusto they miss their bus.

**Le Sieg, Theodore. Wacky Wednesday**

Drawings and verse point out the many things that are wrong one wacky Wednesday.

**Lester, Helen. A Porcupine Named Fluffy**

A porcupine named Fluffy is happier with his name after he meets a similarly misnamed rhinoceros.

**Lobel, Arnold. Ming Lo Moves the Mountains**

Ming Lo and his wife love their house, but not the mountain that overshadows it, so Ming Lo undertakes to move the mountain.

**Martin, Jr., Bill. Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?**

Through a parade of gorgeously painted zoo animals, preschoolers learn precisely the sounds those animals make.

**McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal**

Relates the adventures of a little girl and a baby bear while hunting for blueberries with their mothers one bright summer day.

**McPhail, David. First Flight**

This is a charming re-creation of the young narrator's first airplane ride.

**McPhail, David. Fix-it**

The television is broken, so Emma's parents entertain her with a book. By the time Dad realizes the TV is unplugged, the little bear is too enthralled with reading to watch.

**McPhail, David. Sisters**

The two sisters are different in many ways, they are alike too—most importantly, in their love for each other.

**Munsch, Robert. The Paper Bag Princess**

A beautiful princess, Elizabeth, lived in a castle, had expensive clothes and was going to marry a prince. Unfortunately, a dragon changes her plans.

**Numeroff, Laura. If You Give A Moose a Muffin**

Chaos can ensure if you give a moose a muffin and start him on a cycle of urgent requests.

**Peet, Bill. Caboose Who Got Loose**

Katy, a caboose on a train, dislikes always being last.

**Pfister, Marcus. The Rainbow Fish**

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

**Piper, Watty. Little Engine That Could**

The tale of the little engine who wasn't afraid to try in a an adaptation of an easy-to-read edition.

**Prelutsky, Jack. Randon House Book of Poetry for children**

More than 550 poems by American, English, and anonymous authors.

**Purdy, Carol. Mrs. Merrriwether's Musical Cat**

Mrs. Merrriwether takes in a stray cat that proves to have an amazing effect on her piano students .

**Rathman, Peggy. Officer Buckle and Gloria**

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

**Rockwell, Anne. First Comes Spring**

Bear Child notices that the clothes he wears, the things everyone does at work and play, and other parts of his world all change with the seasons.

**Rylant, Cynthia. When I Was Young in the Mountains**

The author reminiscences of the pleasures of life in the mountains as a child.

**Scillian, Devin. Memoirs of a Goldfish**

A goldfish gives his personal account as his bowl becomes crowded with fish and accessories, only to realize when he is relocated for cleaning that he misses them.

**Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are**

Max is sent to his room because he has jumped around in his wolf suit. But Max wants to go where the wild things are and become king.

**Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale**

Monkeys steal a peddler's caps while he is sleeping, and he tries to get them back.

**Small, David. Imogene's Antlers**

Imogene wakes up with a pair of antlers rowing out of her head and causes a sensation wherever she goes.

**Seuss, Dr. Happy Birthday to You**

Describes a birthday celebration in Katroo presided over by the Birthday Bird

**Seuss, Dr. The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cuggbins**

Each time Bartholomew Cuggbins attempts to obey the king's order to take off his hat, he find there is another one on his head.

**Teague, Mark. Firehouse!**

Edward and his cousin Judy come for a visit to the firehouse and learn how everything works with some unexpected results.

**Van Allsburg, Chris. Widow's Broom**

This tale of witches and brooms in pure entertainment form a masterful artist and storyteller.

**Waber, Bernard. Ira Sleeps Over**

A boy is invited to sleep at a friend's house for the first time and he must decide whether or not to take his teddy bear.

**Wells, Rosemary. Hazel's Amazing Mother**

When Hazel and her beloved doll Eleanor are set upon by bullies, Hazel's mother comes to the rescue in a surprising way.

**Wood, Audrey. Napping House**

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion with just one bite.

**Yolen, Jane. Owl Moon**

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

**Zion, Gene. No Roses For Harry**

Harry the dog finds a graceful way to dispose of his new sweater with roses on it.

**Recommended Authors for First Grade Reading:**

**Tedd Arnold** – Fly Guy books

**Alyssa Capucilli**– Biscuit books

**Doreen Cronin** – books such as Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type

**Cynthia Lord** – Hot Rod Hamster books

**Jane O'Connor** – Fancy Nancy books

**Dave Pilkey** – dragon books

**Cynthia Rylant** – such as When the Relatives Came and Henry and Mudge series

**Rob Scotton** – Splat the cat books