

**CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- APPROVED READING LIST (revised 2003)**

**GRADE 1**

*The following titles are eligible for use in class instruction at this grade level. Please note that, in order to promote differentiated instruction in the classroom, there are titles included both below grade level and above grade level. If you find that some of your students have not yet read a book listed at a lower grade level and you would like to use it with them in class, you may pull from the lower grade level lists. Please **DO NOT** utilize any of these titles for instruction at a higher grade level.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	<b>POTENTIAL PROBLEMS</b>	<b>READING LEVEL</b>	<b>INTEREST LEVEL</b>	<b>FICTION NONFICTION</b>
A is For America	Devin Scillian	A rhyming verses about sites and symbols of America. (Geography)		2.0	K-3	Nonfiction
The Adventure of Taxi Dog		The adventures of an adopted stray dog's rides in a taxicab. (Rhyming patterns, urban life.)		2.1	K-3	Fiction
Autumn Leaves	Gail Saunders	Various types and colors of leaves in the Northern Hemisphere. (Life Science)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Bargain For Frances	Russell Hoban	Frances foils her friends plot to trick her out of her china set. (Decision making)		2.8	1-3	Fiction.
Benny's Pennies	Pat Brissom	Benny is determined to spend his money on his family. (Money)		2.0	P-2	Fiction.
Bugs are Insects	Ann Rockwell	Backyard insects and their characteristics. (Life Science)		3.4 R. A.	P-1	Nonfiction
Changes, Changes	Pat Hutchins	Two dolls rearrange block to form different things. (Science & Technology, writing)		WL	P-2	Fiction
Cool Drink of Water	Jessica Spanyol	Shows people around the world collecting, chilling and drinking water. (Geography)		2.0	K-3	Nonfiction
A Day's Work	Eve Bunting	A young Mexican boy tries to help his grandfather get a job. (Comprehension, text to self)		2.0	K-3	Fiction
Do Like Kyla	Angela Johnson	Young girl imitates her big sister until she turns the tables. (Readability)		1.0	P-2	Fiction
Eating Fractions	Bruce MacMillian	Food is cut to show the relationship between part and whole. (Fractions)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Families	Tana Hoban	How families are alike and different. (Cultures.)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Flower Garden	Eve Bunting	Young child goes shopping to buy a gift for her mother's birthday. (Readability)		2.2	K-3	Fiction

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Freight Train	Donald Crews	The journey of a train. (Colors, position words,)		1.0	P-2	Fiction
Froggy Goes to School	Jonathon London	A frog worries about his first day of school. (Family life, fear)		2.4	P-2	Fiction
From Grass to Milk	P. & S. Sloan	Explains how milk is made. (Earth & Space Science)		1.2	K-2	Nonfiction
From Head to toe	Eric Carle	Information on healthy exercise for various parts of the body. (Life Science, parts of the body)		2.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Hats, Hats, Hats	Ann Morris	Exploration of what various people around the world wear on their heads. (Cultures)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Here Are My Hands	Bill Martin Jr.	Tells the parts of the body and what that part does. (Life Science, parts of the body)		2.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Here is the Coral Reef (and other books in the series)	Madeline Dunphy	Balance between the plants and animals of the Great Barrier Reef. (Earth & Space Science)		3.0 (2.0-3.0)	K-3	Nonfiction
Home At Last	Susan Elya	Describes how animals find their way back to their home. (Life Science, migration)		2.0	K-3	Nonfiction
House On Maple Street	Bonnie Pryor	Two young girls find items in their yard and imagine what their neighborhood was once like. (Historical changes)		3.8 R. A.	K-3	Fiction
I Am (Series)	Jean Marzollo	Children learn about growing apples and other interesting facts. (Science, readability)		1.8	P-1	Nonfiction
I Need a Lunchbox	Jeannette Caines	A young boy yearns for a lunch box. (Family life, writing)		2.0	P-2	Fiction
I Read Signs	Tana Hoban	Thirty familiar signs. (Street signs)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Laura Numeroff	What happens when a moose get a muffin and wants more. (Cause/effect circle story)		2.1	K-3	Fiction
Jamaica and Brianna	Juanita Havill	Two friends have a conflict about teasing. (Friendship)		2.3	K-3	Fiction
Knoxville, Tennessee	Nikki Giovanni	Young girl visits her family in Tennessee. (Poem)		2.0	P-3	Fiction
Last One In Is a Rotten Egg	Leonard Kessler	Young boy learns to swim after being pushed in the deep end of the pool by some bullies. (Self concept)		2.0	1-3	Fiction

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Making a Cake	Peter and Sheryl Sloan	Tells how to make a cake. (Physical Science)		1.2	K-2	Nonfiction
Marvin One Too Many	Katherine Paterson	Marvin does not want to go to school because he cannot read. (Family life,)		2.0	1-3	Fiction
Me and My Family Tree	Joan Sweeney	Young child explains the relationship between the members of her family and her. (Social Studies, family life)		1.8	P-2	Nonfiction
Me and the Measure of Things	Joan Sweeney	Young girl tells of the various units of measure she uses. (Measurement)		1.8	P-2	Nonfiction
Me On the Map	Joan Sweeney	Young child shows how maps can show where we are in the world. (Social Studies, mapping)		1.8	P-2	Nonfiction
One Bean	Anne Rockwell	Shares the life cycle of a bean. (Plant life cycle)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
One Hundred Hungry Ants	Elinor Pinczes	Marching ants divide and subdivide on their way to a picnic. (Counting, dividing)		2.6	K-3	Fiction
The Paperboy	Dav Pilkey	A boy and his dog enjoy the quiet as they deliver the paper. (Citizenship rights and responsibility)		2.9	P-3	Fiction
The Quilt	Ann Jonas	Family life, a patchwork quilt recalls memories and inspires adventures		1.0	K-3	Fiction
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	Rozanne Williams	Why we should recycle. (Earth & Space Science)		1.0	P-2	Nonfiction
Secret Birthday Message	Eric Carle	The adventure of a boy finding his birthday gift. (Following directions, map skills, geometric shapes)		2.0	K-3	Fiction
Shortcut	Donald Crews	Children disobey when told not to go near the railroad tracks. (Social Studies, rules)		1.4	P-2	Fiction
Solid, Liquid or Gas	Fay Robinson	Discusses the three forms of matter. (Physical Science)		2.8	K-3	Nonfiction
Suddenly!	Colin McNaughton	Pig unknowingly outsmarts a wolf that wants to eat him. (Predicting)		2.2	K-3	Fiction
Sunday	Synthia Saint James	Family spends Sunday going to church and visiting relatives. (Family life, heritage)		1.0	P-3	Fiction

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10th Good Thing About Barney	Judith Viorst	A boy tries to think of 10 good things about his cat that has died. (Comprehension, inferring)	Death of an animal	2.8	K-4	Fiction
Tom	Tomie DePaola	Early experiences of the well-known author. (Autobiographical story)		3.3	K-3	Fiction
Tuesday	David Wiesner	Frogs floating on lily pads explore a sleeping town. (Comprehension, predicting, writing)		WL	K-3	Fiction
Welcome Books: Hard Work Series	Various Authors	Tells the work of different workers in the community. (Community helpers)		1.4-1.7	P-2	Nonfiction
What Will Mommy Do When I'm At School	Dolores Johnson	A young child's first day at school. (Family life, fear)		2.7	P-1	Fiction
Whistle for Willie	Ezra Jack Keats	A boy wishes he could whistle. (Determination)		2.2	K-3	Fiction