



2026 Summer Reading Challenge

For Rising 1st Graders

Read Every Day!

Try to read for 15–20 minutes a day, five days a week.

Reading can include:

- Books read aloud by a parent or sibling
- Books your child reads independently
- Audiobooks or read-alongs
- Rereading favorite stories (it builds confidence!)

Recommended Reading

Here are some great types of books to explore:

Picture Books

- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! – Mo Willems
- Amelia Bedelia – Peggy Parish
- Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Peña
- The Snowy Day – Ezra Jack Keats
- A House for Hermit Crab – Eric Carle

Early Readers / Easy Readers

- Elephant & Piggie series – Mo Willems
- Biscuit series – Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Pete the Cat series – James Dean
- Henry and Mudge – Cynthia Rylant
- Fly Guy series – Tedd Arnold

Read-Aloud Chapter Books (with a grown-up)

- Mercy Watson series – Kate DiCamillo
- Junie B. Jones – Barbara Park
- Nate the Great – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- Frog and Toad – Arnold Lobel

Creative Project (Choose One!)

Pick a fun way to show what you read this summer:

- Draw a Favorite Character and write their name.
- Create a Book Cover for your favorite story.
- Make a Puppet or Mask of a character.

Bring to School in August

When school starts:

- Bring your reading log
- Share your creative project
- Tell your class about one favorite book you read!

We'll celebrate your
reading success
together!



Reading Log

Keep track of your reading! You can draw or write the book title and one thing you liked about it. Here's a simple example:

Book Title

Pete the Cat

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

I Liked...

His cool shoes!

When he turns into a butterfly

Draw a Favorite Scene

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