

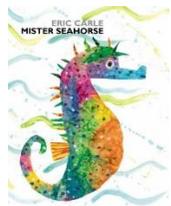
First Grade Summer Reading

Required Reading:

Summer reading should be fun! Please do not feel that you have to purchase these books. We have a fabulous public library and both of these books are in their catalog. An integral part of first grade is learning to read and developing children's love of the written word. I realize that each child is in a different place on their journey to fluency and I do not want reading to be treated as punishment. That being said, please either have your child read these books to you, read the books to your child, or read these books together. I have planned some fun activities to go with these stories and will reread them in our class. I look forward to teaching, learning, and getting to know each of your precious children this coming school year. Happy Reading!

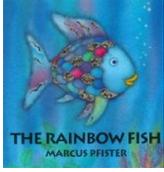
Mrs. Sarah Nolan

Required Reading



Mister Seahorse **by Eric Carle**

A warm and charming story about Mr. Seahorse who looks after Mrs. Seahorse's eggs until they are ready to hatch and then gives birth to them!



The Rainbow Fish

by Marcus Pfister

The Rainbow Fish is an award-winning book about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share.

Suggested Reading:



Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
by Judith Viorst, Ray Cruz (illus.)

From the moment Alexander wakes up and finds gum in his hair, everything goes wrong! His brothers both get prizes in their cereal boxes, his best friend demotes him to third-best friend, there are lima beans for dinner, and there is kissing on TV. All kids experience this kind of day and will be glad to find they are not alone!

The Bears' Picnic

by Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain



The Berenstain Bears endure countless trials before finding a suitable picnic spot.



Bedtime for Frances

by Russell Hoban, Garth Williams (illus.)

It may be bedtime for Frances, but that doesn't mean Frances is ready to go to bed -- not by a long shot. First she must have a glass of milk and make certain Mother and Father have each kissed her good night (twice). Then she is ready to imagine there is a tiger in her room, and a giant, and ... each time Frances thinks up something new, off she goes to tell her ever-patient, if increasingly weary, parents. The familiar delaying tactics of Frances the song-singing badger have delighted fans young and old for more than three decades. Combining sympathetic understanding with gentle humor, Russell Hoban created in Frances a character at once immediately recognizable and eminently likable. In this new edition, the warmth of full color enriches Garth Williams's original artwork, bringing a fresh look to an enduring favorite.



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

by Bill Martin, Eric Carle (illus.)

Eric Carle's double-page tissue collages and Bill Martin's friendly chant unite to create this vibrant introduction to colors. The first line of the book is the title, to which a big brown bear responds, "I see a redbird looking at me." The redbird responds with another animal and so on, until a mother (or a teacher, depending on the edition) asks a group of children what they see. A wonderful read-aloud for either a group or individuals, this book is a favorite of teachers.

Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business



by Esphyr Slobodkina

A cap peddler wakes from a nap to find all his caps are gone -- a bunch of naughty monkeys have taken them up a tree. Angrily shaking his finger at the monkeys, the peddler demands his caps back, but the monkeys only shake their fingers and say "Tsz, tsz, tsz." No matter what the peddler does, the monkeys only imitate him. Finally, the peddler is so enraged he throws his cap on the ground -- and all the monkeys follow suit!



Franklin Rides a Bike

by Paulette Bourgeois, Brenda Clark (illus.)

At the beginning of spring, Franklin and all his friends have training wheels on their bikes. But soon Franklin is the only one who can't ride without them. Every time he tries he falls down, and he's beginning to get discouraged. His mom finally convinces him to keep with it, and Franklin finally rides on his own.



Freckle Juice

by Judy Blume, Sonia O. Lisker (illus.)

Nicky has freckles -- they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Once, sitting behind him in class, Andrew counted 86 of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty. One day after school, Andrew works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got his freckles. And, as luck would have it, who should overhear him but giggling, teasing Sharon. She offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe -- for 50 cents. That's a lot of money, but Andrew is

desperate. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens. ...



If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

by Laura Joffe Numeroff, Felicia Bond (illus.)

What happens if you give a mouse a cookie? Why, he'll need a glass of milk to go with it! He'll also need a straw, a napkin, a mirror -- each item prompts the need for another. When the mouse is hanging a picture from a refrigerator (how did he get there?), he's reminded that he's thirsty and needs a glass of milk (uh-oh). With this milk, it's absolutely necessary to have a cookie, of course! Bond's wonderful illustrations enliven this modern-day classic.



The Kissing Hand

by Audrey Penn, Ruth E. Harper, Nancy M. Leak

In this contemporary classic Chester Raccoon seeks love and reassurance from his mother as he ventures out into the world to attend his very first day of school.



The Listening Walk

by Paul Showers

We're going on a Listening Walk. Shhhhh. Do not talk. Do not hurry. Get ready to fill your ears with a world of wonderful, surprising sounds. In this colorfully illustrated book a little girl and her father take a quiet walk and identify the sounds around them. This beautiful lesson in appreciating the extraordinary qualities found in the rhythm of everyday life entices readers to pay more attention to the world surrounding them.

The Little Engine That Could

by Watty Piper, George Hauman (illus.), Doris Hauman (illus.)



When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of toys and good food over the mountain. This classic never loses its appeal or fails to teach its lesson.



Make Way for Ducklings

by Robert McCloskey

This Caldecott Award-winning classic about Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their brood of ducklings has been a favorite since 1941. When Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings are stuck at a busy street in downtown Boston, their

policeman friend Michael rushes in to stop traffic and make way for them. McCloskey's sepia illustrations are priceless, and a statue of Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings can be found in the Boston Common today.

Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia
by Peggy Parish, Wallace Tripp (illus.)



Amelia Bedelia, who knows very little about baseball, stands in for a sick player during a game. The result, as usual with literal-minded Amelia Bedelia, is hilarious.



Quick as a Cricket
by Audrey Wood, Don Wood (illus.)

A joyful celebration of a child's growing self-awareness. This classic children's book is a teacher's favorite, with outstanding illustrations by Don Wood.



Ten Apples Up on Top!
by Theodore LeSieg (Dr. Seuss), Roy McKie (illus.)

A lion, a dog, and a tiger are having a contest -- can they get ten apples piled up on top of their heads? You better believe it! This first counting book works as a teaching tool as well as a funny story.

There's an Alligator Under My Bed
by Mercer Mayer

This sequel to *There's a Nightmare in My Closet* brings back that story's imaginative young hero for an even funnier nighttime adventure. All kids will identify with the realistic alligator who just happens to live you know where.



The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
by Jon Scieszka, Lane Smith (illus.)

In this highly acclaimed version, Alexander T. Wolf tells his never-before-heard version of the story. Is he the bad guy history has portrayed him as, or was the big, bad wolf framed? This outrageously funny version of a familiar nursery tale will leave readers grinning all the way to their chinny chin chin.



The Very Lonely Firefly

by [Eric Carle](#)

In this classic and heartwarming story, a very lonely firefly finally finds the friends he is seeking at the end of a tireless search for belonging.

Also suggested:

Elephant & Piggie Books by Mo Willems

Fly Guy books by Ted Arnold

Biscuit books by Allyson Capucilli

Puppy Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant

Katy Duck books by Allyson Capucilli

Froggy books by Jonathan London

Second Grade Summer Reading List:

To develop strength as a reader, children need lots of time to read lots of books. During the summer it is important that your child reads as much as he/she can so reading skills are not forgotten.

Below are the two books required this summer for the children entering second grade next school year. But it is suggested that your child read as much as possible during the summer months.

1. Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
2. Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea by Cynthia Rylant

When we return next year we will do some activities the first few days of school using these books. At this time each child will also take an AR TEST for each book for a Reading grade.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Have a great summer and I am looking forward to seeing you next year!

Third Grade summer reading list

Third graders must read two books - one from the required list and one from the suggested list. They will take AR tests on both books the first week of school. Books may be read independently, listened to (if available), or read with a parent.

For the book from the suggested list, they should design a book cover for the book (please do not copy the existing cover) and write a short summary. You may use any medium to create the book cover, but it must be colored. This is due by August 9th.

For the book from the required list, they will work with others who selected their book at school on a book report. All work will be completed at school.

Required List (pick one):

Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli AR BL 2.9

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate AR BL 3.6

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume AR BL 3.1

The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl AR BL 3.1

Suggested List (pick one):

When a series is listed, you may choose any book from the series.

Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline AR BL 2.8+

Magic Treehouse books by Mary Pope Osborne AR BL 2.6+

Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park AR BL 2.3+

A is for Amber books by Paula Danziger AR BL 2.8+

Stink books by Megan McDonald AR BL 3.0+

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo AR BL 3.9

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner AR BL 4.0

Ivy & Bean books by Annie Barrows AR BL 3.2+

Clementine books by Sara Pennypacker AR BL 3.9+

The Case of the School Ghost by Dori Hillestad Butler AR BL 3.1

Becoming Babe Ruth by Matt Tavares AR BL 4.1

Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

Fourth graders are required to read two books. They will take AR tests, as well as complete activities, on both books upon returning to school. Books may be read independently or listened to (if available).

Required Reading:

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

AND

Choose 1 of the following:

Who Was Harriet Tubman?

Who Was Ben Franklin?

Who Was Bill Gates?

Who Was Mother Theresa?

Who Was Annie Oakley?

Who Was Julia Child?

Who Was Elvis Presley?

Who Was Muhammad Ali?

Who Was Derek Jeter?

Who Was Babe Ruth?

Who Was Amelia Earhart?

Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?

Who Was Jesus?

Who Was Louis Armstrong?

Who Was Dolly Parton?

Who Were the Wright Brothers?

Who Was Ronald Reagan?

Who Was Robert E. Lee?

Who Was Neil Armstrong?

Who Was Henry Ford?

Who Was Jacqueline Kennedy?

Who Was Helen Keller?

Who Was Dr. Seuss?

Who Was Jackie Robinson?

Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Fifth graders are required to read two books. They will take AR tests, as well as complete activities, on both books upon returning to school. Books may be read independently or listened to (if available).

Required Reading:

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

AND

Choose 1 of the following:

Who Was Harriet Tubman?

Who Was Ben Franklin?

Who Was Bill Gates?

Who Was Mother Theresa?

Who Was Annie Oakley?

Who Was Julia Child?

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Rising 6th grade Summer Reading Assignment

Holes by Louis Sachar is the fiction book assigned for summer reading. After reading the book, give a brief report that follows these guidelines:

Give the author, title, and genre of the book. Briefly describe the main character(s), setting, plot, conflict and resolution. Rate each book you read on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest/best rating. Finally, give a recommendation for each book. Would you suggest that others read this book? Why or why not?

Students will also read a nonfiction biography or autobiography of their choice. It must be grade-level.

For biography/autobiography, what contributions to society did this person make? How did they influence others? Finally, give a recommendation just like for the fiction books.

Turn your summer reading assignment in to Ms. Crosby by **August 18th**. Make certain that you have your name on it. You will receive a grade in reading class for the entire assignment.

Have a great summer! Remember, "Readers are Leaders!"

-Ms. Crosby