



Summer Book List for Children Entering Grades 1 and 2

WHY: The goal of distributing a summer book list is to encourage our students to continue to practice and develop their reading skills. We hope that our students will choose books at their comfortable/independent reading level to enjoy! The attached list includes books at many levels for incoming Grade 1 and 2 students. The list also includes wonderful books that might be read aloud to children. However, the list is by no means all encompassing. There are many other terrific books to read and enjoy!

HOW: When selecting books to *read*, children should be sure that the book is "just right!" They might ask themselves...

- Is this book *new* to me?
- Do I know *most* of the words in the book?
- Am I able to read *smoothly and with understanding*?

In addition, children receive important benefits when someone reads aloud to them. They are able to profit from the wonderful modeling of adult readers and enjoy the comfortable sharing of books they may not be able to read independently.

INCENTIVE: Attached is a log for students to record their reading time throughout the summer. They should color in a flower for every 15 minutes they read independently or enjoy a book read aloud. Students with completed reading logs will receive a certificate if they complete the project.

Happy Reading!



Beginning Readers Series (These selections are series, not individual book titles):

- I Can Read Series
- A Rookie Reader
- Brand New Readers
- Sound Box Books
- I Can Read Books
- Compass Point Early Reader
- Wonder Books
- Green Light Readers
- My First Hello Readers
- Road to Reading
- Step into Reading
- DK Readers (Science and Social Studies)
- Ready to Read Series
- All Aboard Reading

Other Series Books:

- Judy Moody
- Ramona
- Little House
- Classic Starts Series
- Russell & Elisa Series
- Olivia Series
- George and Martha Series
- Amelia Bedelia
- Clifford
- Curious George
- Biscuit
- Frog and Toad
- Nate the Great

Great Children's Authors

- Marc Brown
- Laura Numeroff
- Jan Brett
- Tomie DePaola
- Steven DePaola
- Dr. Seuss
- Peggy Parish
- Bernard Waber
- Norman Bridwell
- Eric Carle
- Lois Ehlert
- Denise Fleming

Great Authors continued...

- Kevin Henkes
- Steven Kellogg
- Helen Lester
- Jonathan London
- Bill Martin
- David McPhail
- Susan Meddaugh
- Mo Willems

Great "Read Alouds":

- "Joseph Had a Little Overcoat"
by Simms Taback
- "Snowflake Bentley"
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type"
by Doreen Cronin
- "The Hello, Goodbye Window"
by Norton Juster
- "Ella Sarah Gets Dressed"
by Margaret Chodos-Irvine
- "My Friend Rabbit"
by Eric Rohmann
- "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble"
by William Steig
- "When We Were Very Young"
by A.A. Milne
- "The Mysterious Tadpole"
by Steven Kellogg
- "The Runaway Bunny"
by Margaret Wise Brown
- "Zen Shorts"
by Jon J. Muth
- "The Little House"
by Virginia Lee Burton
- "The Foot Book"
by Dr. Seuss
- "Silly Sally"
by Audrey Wood

Search these websites for more ideas!

American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org>

Carol Hurst Children's Literature

www.carolhurst.com