

# Summer Reading List for Students Entering 1st Grade



**\*THESE ARE JUST SUGGESTIONS.  
STUDENTS MAY READ BOOKS OF THEIR CHOICE.\***

Choose an appropriate book  
from the following fiction authors:

David Adler  
Jan Brett  
Norman Bridwell  
Eric Carle  
Kevin Henkes  
Arnold Lobel  
Dr. Seuss  
Marjorie Sharmat  
Mo Willems

Choose an appropriate book  
from the following nonfiction  
authors & series:

Nic Bishop  
Lois Ehlert  
Gail Gibbons  
Steve Jenkins  
Stuart Murphy  
Jerry Pallotta  
Seymour Simon  
DK Readers  
National Geographic Readers

Or choose a book from the list below:



**Title:** *Sid and Sam*

**Author:** Nola Buck

**F&P Level:** D

**Summary:** Sid and Sam start to sing, but Sid doesn't stop. What can Sam do when Sid's song is too long? *We also recommend other books in My First I Can Read Series.*

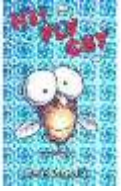


**Title:** *Digby and Kate*

**Author:** Barbara Baker

**F&P Level:** J

**Summary:** Digby and Kate are as different as can be. After all, Digby is a dog, and Kate is a cat. They are the best of friends who enjoy doing things together even when they disagree. There is never a dull moment with this dog-and-cat duo! *We also recommend other Puffin Easy-To-Read books.*



**Title:** *Fly Guy*

**Author:** Ted Arnold

**F&P Level:** I

**Summary:** The boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship or rather so begins a very funny friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Ted Arnold creates an easy reader that is full of fun.



**Title:** *Bullies Never Win*

**Author:** Margery Cuyler

**Summary:** Jessica is a worrier. She worries about everything from her socks matching to doing well in school. She has her biggest worry in Mr. Martin's class: Brenda Bailey. Brenda is a bully, and she won't leave Jessica alone. Brenda teases Jessica about her homework and her skinny legs. It worries Jessica so much, she can't even sleep! Can Jessica stop worrying and stand up to Brenda? *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *Growing Vegetable Soup*

**Author:** Lois Ehlert

**F&P Level:** B

**Summary:** A father and child plant a garden of vegetables and care for them. Follow them as they dig holes for the seeds, harvest the crops, and cook vegetable soup. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



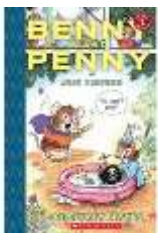
**Title:** *Olivia*

**Author:** Ian Falconer

**F&P Level:** J

\*Caldecott Honor Book

**Summary:** Olivia is a spunky little pig with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm. Her daily activities; singing the loudest of songs, creating art on walls, and building skyscrapers, do not tire her in the least. Rather, when it is time for bed, she asks for a plethora of books to be read! Olivia's mom, on the other hand, is drained. Parents and kids alike will marvel at Olivia's abounding energy - and her mom's abounding patience and love. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *Benny and Penny in Just Pretend*

**Author:** Geoffrey Hayes

**F&P Level:** K

**Summary:** How can Benny pretend to be a brave pirate when his pesky little sister, Penny, wants to tag along and is always asking for a hug? He tries to lose her, but when he does he starts to feel a little lost himself. Penny proves her bravery and saves Benny from a bug. They hug as Benny explains he was only pretending she bugged him. Veteran

children's book author and illustrator Geoffrey Hayes returns to his childhood love of comics, bringing unforgettable characters to life.



**Title:** *Breakout at the Bug Lab*

**Author:** Ruth Horowitz

**F&P Level:** K

**Summary:** Max, a Madagascar cockroach, is as big as a bite-sized candy bar and hisses like a snake when he is mad. Leo and his brother are fascinated. Out of all of the bugs in their mother's bug lab, Max is definitely the best. But now Max is on the loose in the lab! To make matters worse, there's a party there today. Leo and his brother have to find Max before he makes people scream-or worse. *We also recommend other Puffin Easy-To-Read books.*



**Title:** *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

**Author:** Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

**F&P Level:** J

**\*Caldecott Honor Book**

**Summary:** Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *Baghead*

**Author:** Jarrett J. Krosoczka

**F&P Level:** K

**Summary:** One day Josh had a big, brown bag idea to wear a paper bag over his head. He thought it was a good idea. His mother did not. Neither did his bus driver, his teacher, nor his soccer coach. What could Josh possibly be hiding?

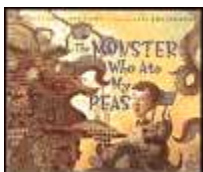


**Title:** *How I Became a Pirate*

**Author:** Melinda Long

**F&P Level:** L

**Summary:** When Jeremy Jacob goes to the beach with his family, he doesn't expect to be invited by pirates to help bury their treasure chest. So with an "Aye! Treasure!" and a look of adventure in their eyes, the band of swashbucklers -- led by peg-legged Braid Beard -- whisk the boy off to their ship. At first, Jeremy is thrilled by the pirates' rowdy lifestyle, such as their bad "pirate manners" and their lawless bedtime ways, but he thinks twice after realizing that "Pirates don't tuck" anyone in and when a storm hits the boat, "Nobody had time to sit close and tell me it would be over soon." Thankfully, the treasure gets buried, and the pirates drop Jeremy off until the next time.



**Title:** *The Monster Who Ate My Peas*

**F&P Level:** L

**Author:** Danny Schnitzlein

**Summary:** A young boy agrees to give a disgusting monster his soccer ball and his bike in return for eating the boy's peas, but when the monster asks for his puppy, the boy makes a surprising discovery.



**Title:** *Come Along, Daisy*

**Author:** Jane Simmons

**F&P Level:** H

**Summary:** "Come along, Daisy," says Mama Duck. But Daisy is too busy watching fish and bouncing on lily pads. Then when she looks around Mama isn't there anymore. Jane Simmons' winsome illustrations perfectly capture a little one's thrill of exploration in

this gentle cautionary tale. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *Tops and Bottoms*

**Author:** Janet Stevens

**F&P Level:** L

\*Caldecott Honor Book

**Summary:** Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear in this funny, energetic version of an old slave story. With roots in American slave tales, *Tops & Bottoms* celebrates the trickster tradition of using one's wits to overcome hardship. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*

**Author:** Mo Willems

**F&P Level:** J

\*Caldecott Honor Book

**Summary:** A pigeon who longs to drive a bus finally gets his chance when the bus driver gets off the bus to take a short break. *We also recommend other books by this author.*



**Title:** *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?*

**Author:** Jane Yolen

**F&P Level:** I

**Summary:** In a few simple lines of verse on each spread, fathers and mothers are ready to put their youngsters to bed. But in this book, the youngsters are a wide variety of dinosaurs. How do dinosaurs say good night? These books are filled with wonderful detail and humor. Children and their parents will love the expressions and antics of the eleven different dinosaur children depicted here, and each species is spelled out somewhere in the young dinosaur's bedroom. In the end, young dinosaurs behave a lot like people do. They give a big kiss, turn out the light, tuck in their tails, and whisper "good night." *We also recommend other books by this author.*

## "Just-Right" Books Five Finger Test

If you are struggling to pick out a book that is appropriate for your reading level, try this:

Choose the book that you would like to read.

Look at a random page in the middle.

Put up five fingers.

Put one finger down for each word you cannot read or do not understand.

If you end up with five fingers down, the book may be too hard.

