**Incoming 1st Grade Suggested Summer Reading List**

Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. A suggested list of titles is listed below. Parents of elementary students may also want to consult one of the *Read-Aloud Handbooks* by Jim Trelease for additional selections. We also encourage you to visit your local public library. Be sure to fill out the elementary reading log and bring it to school when you return in September in order receive a summer reading certificate.

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| Title | Author | Synopsis | Genre |
| Mother Goose Rhymes and Nursery Rhymes | Many Versions | Nonsense rhymes to chant, illustrate, and laugh at. | Poetry |
| Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young | Prelutsky | Over 200 poems to suit every mood with illustrations by Marc Brown | Poetry |
| A Bad Case of Stripes | Shannon | Camilla wants to fit in with everyone, till she changes colors too often at people’s demands. | Picture Book |
| Big Al | Clements | Ugly fish Al scares the other fish until he rescues them. | Picture Book |
| The Cat in the Hat | Suess | A cat plays tricks for two kids on a rainy day | Picture Book |
| Chato’s Kitchen | Soto | Chato, a cool Hispanic cat, is fooled by the mice when he invites them “for dinner.” | Picture Book |
| Chicka Chicka Boom Boom | Martin | Letters topple a coconut tree in this alphabet rap | Picture Book |
| Corduroy | Freeman | A toy bear on sale, seeks a button and a good home | Picture Book |
| Eating the Alphabet | Ehlert | An alphabetical feast of fruits and vegetables from apricots to zucchinis. | Picture Book |
| Funnybones | Ahlberg | The skeleton family can’t find any humans to scare | Picture Book |
| I Went Walking | Williams | A boy spies many different farm animals on his walk. | Picture Book |
| Just a Mess | Mayer | A boy cleans up his room while trying to find his baseball mitt. | Picture Book |
| Mailing May | Tunnel | Stamping her coat, pa sends May to her grandma -- by the train’s mail car! | Picture Book |
| Make Way for Ducklings | McCloskey | A duck family sets up housekeeping on Boston common. | Picture Book |
| Martha Speaks | Meddaugh | The family dog talks non-stop after eating alphabet soup. | Picture Book |
| Mirette on the High Wire | McCully | Mirette dares to be a tightrope walker. | Picture Book |
| Rainbow Fish | Pfister | A fish learns that he needs friends more than shiny scales | Picture Book |
| Six-Dinner Sid | Moore | Sid the cat gets 6 dinners from 6 owners till he goes to the vet 6 times. | Picture Book |
| The Story of Ping | Flack | A naughty duck runs away from his houseboat home on the Yangtze River. | Picture Book |
| The Storytellers | Lewin | Abdul and his grandfather wander through Fez (Morocco), spread their storyteller’s rug, and spin their tales. | Picture Book |
| Tale of Peter Rabbit | Potter | A naughty bunny gets into trouble in Mr. McGregor’s garden. | Picture Book |
| Taxi Dog | Barracca | Max & his master have adventures as they drive around the city. | Picture Book |
| The Litte Red Hen | Many Versions | A hen won’t share her cake with lazy friends who wouldn’t share the work. | Folktales |
| Three Little Pigs | Many Versions | The third little pig outsmarts the Big Bad Wolf. | Folktales |
| Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock | Kimmel | Anansi the Spider tries to trick all the animals. | Folktales(Jamaica) |
| The Egyptian Cinderella | Climo | A Greek slave girl’s foot fits the golden sandal and she becomes the Pharaoh’s wife. | Folktales (Egypt) |

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| John Henry | Lester | This is the tale of the super strong railroad builder who out did the steam drill. | Folktales (African America) |
| Rumpelstiltskin | Zelinsky | The queen beats an elf when he takes her baby as pay for spinning straw into gold.  | Folktales (Germany) |
| Three Billy Goats Gruff | Stevens | Three goats outwit a troll. Might be too scary for the youngest in the family.  | Folktale (Scandinavia) |
| Tops and Bottoms | Stevens | Rabbit tricks lazy old Bear into working his own garden. | Folktale (Southern US) |

AUTHORS: We suggest any book written by one of these authors:

David Adler

Jan Brett

Eric Carle

Tomie DePaola

Ruth Heller

Laura Numeroff

Peggy Rathman

Maurice Sendak

AWARD WINNERS: We suggest any book that has one of these medals on the cover:

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award

Caldecott Award

Coretta Scott King