

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Summer is arriving and children are ready to enjoy their summer break and their summer reading!

Research clearly shows that children who read over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding year. Reading more leads to greater success. Below is a list of books your child can read independently. Please have your child read at least 20 minutes each day.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer of reading and learning with your child.

Sincerely,

Your First Grade Teachers

# SUMMER

## Summer Independent Reading List Level F



Title	Author
"What is That," Said the Cat	Grace Maccarone
A Color of His Own	Leo Lionni
A Dozen Dogs	Harriet Ziefert
Amy Loves the Snow (series)	Julia Hoban
Bread Bread Bread	Ann Morris
Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens	Louise Borden
Cookie's Week	Cindy Ward
Five Little Ducks	Pamela Paparone
Harry Takes a Bath (Harry the Dog series)	Harriet Ziefert
I Am Lost	Hans Wilhelm
I Am Not a Dinosaur	Mary Packard
I Lost My Tooth	Hans Wilhelm
In the Tall, Tall Grass	Denise Fleming
Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox	Grace Maccarone
Just Like Daddy	Frank Asch
Lady With the Alligator Purse	Nadine Bernard Westcott
Pizza Party	Grace Maccarone
Soccer Game	Grace Maccarone
Teeny, Tiny Woman	Jane O'Connor
Who Will Be My Friends?	Syd Hoff



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## Summer Independent Reading List Level G



Title	Author
A New House For Mole and Mouse	Harriet Ziefert
Biscuit (series)	Aliyssa Satin Capucilli
Buzz Said the Bee	Wendy Cheyette Lewison & Hans Wilhelm
Each Peach Pear Plum	Janet & Allan Ahlberg
Freight Train	Donald Crews
Gone Fishing	Erlene Long
I'm a Caterpillar	Jean Marzollo
Jason's Bus Ride	Harriet Ziefert
Katie Did It	Becky McDaniel
Monster Math	Grace Maccarone
More Spaghetti I Say!	Rita Golden Gelman
Nicky Upstairs and Down	Harriet Ziefert
No Mail for Mitchell	Katherine Siracusa
Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme	Nadine Westcott
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy Shaw
Spot's First Walk	Eric Hill
Teddy Bear for Sale	Gail Herman
The Carrot Seed	Ruth Krauss
Titch	Pat Hutchins



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## Summer Independent Reading List Level H



Title	Author
A Picture for Harold's Room	Crockett Johnson
Building a House	Bryon Barton
Buzz, Buzz, Buzz	Bryon Barton
Captain Cat	Syd Hoff
Come Out and Play, Little Mouse	Robert Kraus
Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp	Syd Hoff
George Shrinks	William Joyce
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
I Am a Leaf	Jean Marzollo
Just Me and My Babysitter	Mercer Mayer
Just Me and My Puppy	Mercer Mayer
The 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	Angela Medearis
The Big Red Barn	Margaret Wise Brown
The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree	Gail Gibbons
We Are Best Friends	Ailiki
What Game Shall We Play?	Pat Hutchins
Whose Mouse Are You?	Robert Kraus
You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch	Pat Hutchins



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## Summer Independent Reading List Level I

Title	Author
A Big Fat Enormous Lie	Marjorie Weirman Sharmat
A Tiny Family	Norman Bridwell
All Tutus Should Be Pink	Sheri Brownrigg
Anansi's Narrow Waist	Len Cabral
Apples and Pumpkins	Anne Rockwell
Are You My Mother?	Philip Eastman
Father Bear Comes Home	Else Holmelund Minarik
Hattie and the Fox	Mem Fox
Henry Penny	Paul Galdone
Just a Mess	Mercer Mayer
Just Grandma and Me	Mercer Mayer
Just Me and My Dad	Mercer Mayer
Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert Kraus
Little Cloud	Eric Carle
Messy Bessey (series)	Pat McKissack
N-O Spells Noi!	Teddy Slater
Noisy Nora	Rosemary Wells
The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper
The Small Pig	Arnold Lobel
The Very Busy Spider	Eric Carle
There's a Nightmare In My Closet	Mercer Mayer
Tidy Titch	Pat Hutchins
Willie's Wonderful Pet	Mel Cebulash





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### Level J

Title	Author	Summary
Young Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler	Jennifer "Cam" Jansen and her friend Eric use her remarkable gift to track down clues and solve thrilling and puzzling mysteries.
Adventures of Snail at School	John Stadler	Snail goes on three errands for his teacher and has amazing adventures.
Arthur's Baby (series)	Marc Brown	Arthur isn't sure he is happy about the new baby in the family, but when his sister asks for his help in handling the baby, Arthur feels much better.
Barney's Horse	Syd Hoff	Though he is used to the city streets, Barney's horse becomes frightened of the noisy new overhead trains.
Bear Shadow	Frank Asch	Bear tries everything he can think of to get rid of his shadow.
Bear's Bargain	Frank Asch	Bear and Little Bird try to help each other achieve impossible ambitions.
Clifford Takes a Trip (series)	Norman Bridwell	Emily Elizabeth describes the activities she enjoys with her very big, very red dog and how they take care of each other.
Curious George Goes to the Hospital (series)	H. A. Rey	The curiosity of a newly-captured monkey gets him into continual trouble.
Danny and the Dinosaur	Syd Hoff	A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.
Days with Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel	Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone.
Fox and His Friends (series)	Edward & James Marshall	Fox wants to play with his friends but something always interferes.
Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant	A series about an only child and his huge best friend, a mastiff named Mudge.
How Kittens Grow	Millicent Ellis Selsam	
Looking at Maps and Globes	Carmen Bredeson	
The Magic Fish	Freya Littledale	
Me on the Map	Joan Sweeney	
Mouse Soup	Arnold Lobel	A greedy fisherman's wife is granted every wish but can't find happiness.
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)	Cynthia Rylant	A child describes how her room, her house, her town, her state, and her country become part of a map of her world.
Poppleton Everyday (series)	Cynthia Rylant	When a mouse learns that he is to be the main ingredient in the weasel's mouse soup he concocts four tales to delay its preparation.
The Sword In the Stone	Grace Maccarone	Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby have many exciting adventures.
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	Poppleton the Pig makes friends and helps people.
Froggy Books (series)	Jonathan London	Despite the boasting of grown men, only young Arthur is able to draw a sword from a stone, thereby becoming king.
Aunt Eater Series (1 Can Read Books)	Doug Cushman	Max is sent to bed without supper and imagines sailing away to the land of <i>Wild Things</i> , where he is made king.
Little Bear (series)	Eise Holmelund Minarik	Rambunctious Froggy finds numerous exciting adventures.

Aunt Eater loves to read mysteries, and never goes anywhere without a couple of them in her bag. Sometimes this causes her to get carried away.

In these two stories Little Bear goes to the moon and there he cooks birthday soup.





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## Summer Independent Reading List Level K

Title	Author	Summary
A House Is A House For Me	Mary Ann Hoberman	Lists in rhyme the dwellings of various animals and things.
Alligator Baby	Robert Munsch	A little girl takes matters into her own hands after her brother is accidentally born in a zoo and her parents repeatedly bring home the wrong baby.
Arthur's Camp-Out (series)	Lillian Hoban	Arthur and his friends have exciting adventures.
Bargain for Frances (series)	Russell Hoban	Thelma usually outsmarts Frances until Frances decides to teach her a lesson about friendship.
Baseball Ballerina	Kathryn Cristaldi	A baseball-loving girl worries that the ballet class her mother forces her to take will ruin her reputation with the other members of her baseball team.
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina	A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones	Ruth Heller	With a concise and lively rhyming text, readers learn about a diverse group of egg-laying animals and their unique behavior.
Commander Toad and the Big Black Hole (series)	Jane Yolen	Commander Toad and the crew of Star Warts find themselves in space.
Corduroy (series)	Don Freeman	A toy bear in a department store wants many things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.
Franklin (series)	Paulette Bourgeois	Franklin and his friends work together to solve their problems.
Frog and Toad Are Friends (series)	Arnold Lobel	Frog and his best friend Toad enjoy many adventures.
Grandmas Series (I Can Read Books)	Emily Arnold McCully	Pip and Ski enjoy themselves with their Grandmas who don't agree on things.
How Much Is a Million?	David M. Schwartz	Text and pictures try to make possible the conceptualization of a million, a billion, and a trillion.
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (series)	Laura Joffe Numeroff	Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.
Imogene's Antlers	David Small	One Thursday Imogene wakes up with a pair of antlers growing out of her head and causes a sensation wherever she goes.
Jamaica's Find (series)	Jaunita Havill	A little girl finds a stuff dog in the park and decides to take it home.
Lionel (series)	Stephen Krensky	Lionel and his friends play games and have fun.
Madeline's Rescue (series)	Ludwig Bemelmans	Madeline and her friends help people learn new things.
Meet M & M (series)	Pat Ross	Best friends Mandy and Mimi do everything together until they have a falling out.
Nate the Great and the Fishy Prize (series)	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	Nate and his dog Sludge solve many mysteries together.

**Level K continued...**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Private Eyes Chapter Book (series)	Cynthia Rylant
Ruby the Copycat	Peggy Rathmann
The Case of the Cat's Meow (series)	Crosby Bonsall
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash	Tinka Hakes Noble
The Golly Sisters Go West (series)	Betsy Byars

**Summary**

Mr. Paris ties balloons outside his toy store every morning. But on Fridays the balloons disappear. Who keeps taking them...and what is so special about Fridays? This sounds like a case for the Troublesome Turnle.

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Neighborhood kids solve mysteries.

Jimmy's Boa constrictor wreaks havoc on the class trip to a farm.

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, have several adventures while travelling West by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.







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## Summer Independent Reading List Level L

Title	Author
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
Amelia Bedelia (series)	Peggy Parish
Big Al	Andrew Clements
Carn Jansen and the Ghostly Mystery (series)	David Adler
George and Martha (series)	James Marshall
Gregory, the Terrible Eater	Mitchell Sharmat
Hill of Fire	Thomas P. Lewis
Horrible Harry in Room 2B (series)	Suzy Kline
The Josefina Story Quilt	Eleanor Coerr
Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me? (series)	Louis Sachar
Miss Nelson is Missing (series)	Harry Allard
Pee-wee Scouts Fishy Wishes (series)	Judy Delton
Pinky and Rex (series)	James Howe

### Summary

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have had days too. All kids experience this type of day, and will be glad to find they are not alone!

A literal minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions

A big, ugly fish has trouble making the friends he longs for because of his appearance--until the day his scary appearance saves them **all** from a fisherman's net.

Jennifer "Carn" Jansen and her friend Eric use her remarkable gift to track down clues and solve thrilling and puzzling mysteries.

Short stories depict the experiences of 2 hippos who find that friendship has its own problems and rewards

A very picky eater, Gregory the goat refuses the usual goat diet staples of shoes and tin cans in favor of fruits, vegetables, eggs, and orange juice.

Here is the exciting story of the eruption of Paricutin--the volcano in Mexico that burst from a farmer's field and changed the lives of the people who lived nearby.

Horrible Harry does many naughty things in school while amusing his friends. While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.

Books in a tree house give kids magic to travel to far away places.

3<sup>rd</sup> grader Marvin Redpost has humorous misadventures with friends and classmates

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

This series features boys and girls in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades who are first time members of Troop 23.

Pinky and his friend Rex (a girl) support each other and show the true meaning of friendship.

## Level 1 continued...

Title	Author
The Quicksand Book	Tomie dePaola
The School Bus Driver From the Black Lagoon	Mike Thaler
Snow Day!	Barbara Joosse
Swimmy	Leo Lionni
The Three Little Javelinas	Susan Lowell
Triplet Trouble (series)	Debbie Dadey
Wacky Jacks	David A. Adler
Amanda Pig (series)	Jean Van Leeuwin
Twiddle Twins (series)	Howard Goldsmith

### Summary

A little girl is sinking in quicksand while a boy proceeds to lecture on the subject—length—until the last minute. Of course, she gets her revenge in the end and the readers are left wiser and happier.

There's a new bus driver at school. His name is T. Rex Fenderbender. Rumor has it that he drives like he's in the Indy 500 and he turns kids into his pit crew. When school is cancelled because of snow, Robby and his family enjoy the day together.

A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

In this retelling of the Three Little Pigs set in the American Southwest, the cherished porkers are transformed into javelinas, the hairy swine-like creatures also known as peccaries. Their pursuer, no longer the wolf of traditional lore, becomes Coyote, that ubiquitous Southwestern trickster.

Triplets Ashley, Adam and Alex find many creative ways to get themselves in and out of trouble.

Illustrated in black-and-white. Super-sleuths Herman "Houdini" Foster and his cousin, Janet Perry, discover a mystery at school, and cards are not the only things to vanish. Has Houdini's skill in making things disappear transferred to the classroom pet? Instructions for the "Wacky Jacks" card trick are included. Amanda Pig, her brother Oliver, and their parents share a busy day, working and playing together from breakfast to bedtime.

The Twiddle Twins work together to solve mysteries.

