

St. Mary School  
Rising First Grade  
Summer Reading



Summer is a time for children to run, swim, play...and read. Not only is summer reading fun, but it can help keep reading skills sharp during the break. This can make it easier for a child to adjust when he or she returns to school in August. To best prepare your child for the challenges ahead in first grade, here are some suggestions:

- Read to and with your child every day.
- Be a reader yourself.
- Discuss what your child has read.
- Visit the public library.
- Read together as a family.

Students need to complete the attached reading log and bring it to class the first day of school. It has room for your child to list 20 books. Hopefully they will read many more than that, but they only need to list 20.

Below is a list of suggested authors and books. It is not an exclusive list but rather provides choices for a variety of reading abilities and interests. Help your child choose books he or she will enjoy. Have fun!

Brown, Marc	D.W. All Wet
D.W. bosses her brother Arthur into carrying her on his shoulders at the beach because she says that she doesn't like the water - until she gets a big wet surprise.	

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin	Biscuit (Read any book in the series.)
Read about the adventures of a little yellow dog.	

Cowley, Joy	Chameleon, Chameleon
A colorful chameleon encounters friend and foe while making his way from one tree to another in search of a tasty insect dinner.	

Eastman, P.D.	Are You My Mother?
A little bird asks animals, planes, and boats, "Are you my mother?" until he finds his own mother.	

Eastman, P.D.	Go Dog Go!
A story about busy dogs of all sizes and colors, engaged in all manner of silly activities.	

Falconer, Ian	Olivia
Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.	

Fleming, Denise	In the Tall, Tall Grass
This rhymed text presents a child's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime until nightfall, such as bees, ants, and moles.	

Hoberman, Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You : Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together
A collection of short retellings of familiar Mother Goose fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for young children and adults to read together.	

Martin, Bill	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.	

McFarland, Lyn	Mouse Went Out to Get a Snack
A hungry mouse finds a table full of delectable morsels in quantities, which illustrate counting from one to ten.	

McMullan, Kate	I Stink!
Follow the trash truck as it collects stinky garbage from A to Z, all the way to Mount Trash-orama. Make another friend, the backhoe loader, when you read I'm Dirty!, which is also by the McMullans.	

Rathmann, Peggy	10 Minutes Till Bedtime
A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime.	

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	Duck! Rabbit!
Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.	
Seeger, Laura Vaccaro	Dog and Bear : Two Friends, Three Stories
Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear, a dachshund and a teddy bear.	
Seuss, Dr.	The Cat in the Hat
Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games. Sequel: The Cat in the Hat Comes Back	
Shannon, David	No David!
A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.	
Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep
Five sheep go riding in a jeep.	
Slonim, David	He Came With the Couch
When a family acquires a new couch, they discover that something else comes along with it, and they gain a new friend in the process. Winner of the 2007-2008 Virginia Readers' Choice Award	
Thomas, Jan	Rhyming Dust Bunnies
Three dust bunnies have fun with rhymes while a fourth dust bunny tries to warn them of danger.	
Urbanovic, Jackie	Duck at the Door
When Max the duck decides to stay behind when his flock flies south, Irene invites him to stay with her for the winter. Sequel: Duck Soup and Duck and Cover	
Willems, Mo	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
When the bus driver leaves readers in charge of the bus he reminds them, "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus." The pigeon then begs, pleads, and bargains with readers to let him drive.	
Willems, Mo	Are You Ready to Play Outside?
Read any book in the Elephant and Piggie series. Winner of the 2009 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award	

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## Summer Reading Log



List 20 books that you read and especially enjoyed this summer. Put a star next to your top 3 favorite books. When you return to school in August, we will see if any of your classmates enjoyed any of the same books. I look forward to sharing with you some of the books that I read too. Have fun!

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Reading was an important part of our summer vacation.

My child has completed this reading assignment.

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