

Dear Parents,

It is my hope that you spend many pleasant hours reading aloud to your child this summer. Help curb "summer slide" by taking advantage of our local summer programs and resources. Here's a list of a few upcoming opportunities to have your child involved with:

- Scholastic Summer Break Reading Challenge- Email me so I can setup your student and give you his/her pswd. Log your minutes online and read under the stars this summer!  
<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017>
- Make regular trips to the downtown library and let your child pick out books that s/he find interesting. Take part in Marion County Public Library summer reading programs/ book club/ reading club- <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> Click on the Words picture for events.
- Barnes & Noble summer reading 2017-  
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>  
- Read any 8 books and record them in their Reading Journal . Bring the completed Reading Journal to your local B&N store. Choose a FREE BOOK from their selection on the Reading Journal list at the store... Enjoy reading!
- Read about the places you will be visiting this summer. Select books that are related to what you are doing this summer (national parks, beaches, etc)
- Minimize the amount of TV your child watches this summer. Instead, encourage him or her to put on dramas by acting out some of the stories you've read together.
- Occasionally find unique or interesting places to read (for example, in a homemade tent in the den or up in the tree house!)

Establishing a daily habit of reading is best- it can be something that you both look forward to. Above all, make reading a delightful, non-stressful part of your summer!

Happy reading,

First grade teachers

## Rising First Grade Summer Reading List

Because learning to read is a process not all children work through at the same pace, we realize that a single reading list will not meet the needs of all our children. Please use the books on this list as a starting point for choosing books to read this summer. Set a goal for your child to reach and color a flip-flop on the attached paper for each week that you've met your goal! You may also choose to read every day for two weeks and get 10 free tokens at Chuck E Cheese! Download Reading reward calendar at <https://www.chuckecheese.com/deals-offers/rewards-calendars>

During the summer, we would like every child entering first grade to read with you the following two books: Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus and The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. We will discuss these two great stories when we come back to school. Thank you.

### *Books Beginning Readers Typically Enjoy:*

- Elephant and Piggie Series or Pigeon Series by Mo Willems
- Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Clifford the Big Red Dog Series by Norman Bridwell
- Books with repetitive or predictable texts such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, The Chick and the Duckling, or Dr Seuss books
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- Arch Christian Bible Story Books for Children

### *Beginning Chapter Books:*

- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
- Little Bear series by Else Minarik

### *More Challenging Books First Graders Typically Enjoy:*

- Cam Jansen series by David Adler
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat
- Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- You are Special by Max Lucado

Please remember that children benefit from listening to stories read aloud. This is a great time to share books based on your child's interests. Take advantage of summer reading programs at the library and bookstores. You can help your child by modeling fluent reading and reading for understanding.

Thank you!

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