

Dear Parents,

Your child will be responsible for reading at least ten books over the summer and recording the books they have read on the sheet provided. Please have your child rate the book, based on their opinion of the book.

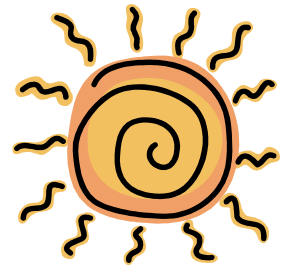
Your child is then to choose one of those books and write a short report on the book of their choice. These will be due the first week of school and will be shared with the class.

We have provided a list of books that are at the appropriate level of beginning first graders.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Morchak and Mrs. Blackburn

# Best Books for First Graders



## Great Read Alouds

- **Frog and Toad are Friends**, by Arnold Lobel
- **My Best Friend**, by Pat Hutchins
- **There Is a Bird on Your Head!**, by Mo Willems
- **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**, by Mo Willems
- **Emily's First 100 Days of School**, by Rosemary Wells
- **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**, by Judith Viorst
- **Henry and Mudge**, by Cynthia Rylant
- **How I Became a Pirate**, by Melinda Long
- **Diary of a Worm**, by Doreen Cronin
- **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**, by Kevin Henkes
- **Owen**, by Kevin Henkes
- **Tacky the Penguin (series)**, by Helen Lester & Lynn Musinger
- **Strega Nona**, by Tomie de Paola
- **Officer Buckle and Gloria**, by Peggy Rathmann
- **Skippyjon Jones**, by Judy Schachner
- **A Bad Case of the Stripes**, by David Shannon
- **Duck on a Bike**, by David Shannon

## Independent Reading

*Students aim to end Kindergarten at a Level C and end 1<sup>st</sup> grade at a Level I. Below are some books that students can try over the summer as they prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.*

### Level C

**All Kinds of Kids**, by Christina Mia Gardeski  
**The Berenstain Bears, Big Bear, Small Bear**, by Stan Berenstain  
**Biscuit Visits the Big City**, by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
**Fall Leaves**, by Don L. Curry  
**One Windy Wednesday**, by Phyllis Root

### Level D

**Bright Eyes, Brown Skin**, by Cheryl Willis Hudson  
**Chick and the Duckling**, by Mirra Ginsburg  
**From Head to Toe**, by Eric Carle  
**Hide and Snake**, by Keith Baker  
**One Happy Classroom**, by Charnan Simon

### **Level E**

**Clifford's Puppy Days, by Norman Bridwell**  
**Hats, Hats, Hats, by A. Morris**  
**Where's Spot?, by Eric Hill**  
**A Tree Can Be, Judy Nayer**  
**Foot Book, by Dr. Seuss**

### **Level F**

**Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox, by Grace MacCarone**  
**Soccer Game, Grace MacCarone**  
**Harry Takes a Bath, Harriet Ziefert**  
**Bubble Trouble, Mary Packard**  
**The Lady with the Alligator Purse, by Nadine Westcott**

### **Level G**

**David Gets in Trouble, by David Shannon**  
**I Love Trains!, by Philemon Sturges**  
**Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now!, by Dr. Seuss**  
**Barnyard Banter, by Denise Fleming**  
**Chicks and Salsa, by Aaron Reynolds**

### **Level H**

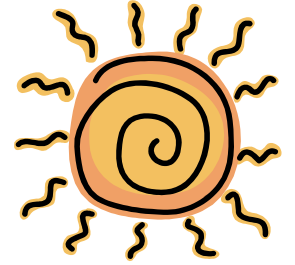
**Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp, by Syd Hoff**  
**Goodnight Moon, by Margaret Wise Brown**  
**Sammy the Seal, by Harriet Ziefert**  
**The Teeny-Tiny Woman, by Harriet Ziefert**  
**A Kiss for Little Bear, by Else H. Minarik**

### **Level I**

**Froggy Goes to School, by Jonathan London**  
**The Gingerbread Man, by Rita Rose**  
**New Shoes, Red Shoes, by Susan Rollings**  
**Alligators All Around, by Maurice Sendak**  
**Stanley, by Syd Hoff**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# My Summer Reading Log



**Goal:** This summer, I want to read at least \_\_\_\_\_ books.

Rate each of your books. Use stars:

☆ - ok

☆☆ - Good

☆☆☆ - Great

☆☆☆☆ - one of the best books ever!

Choose one of your favorites and write a book report about it to share in class.

#	Date	Title	Author	Book Rating
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# First Grade BOOK Report

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite part of the book was when...

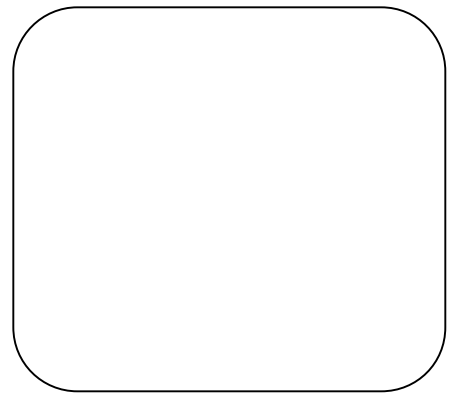
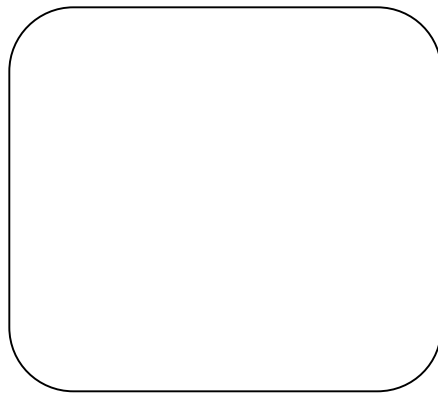
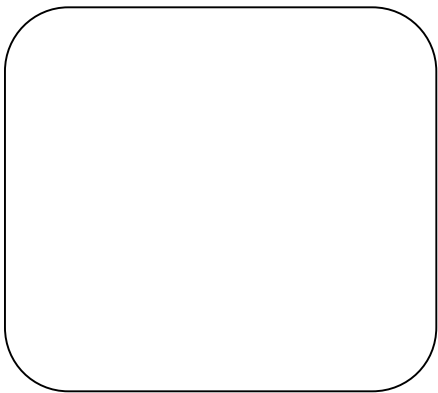
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Here are some of the characters:



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