



Lawrence Public Schools

Summer Reading List

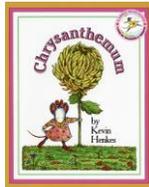
Students Entering Grade 1



Literature to Read

Chrysanthemum

by Kevin Henkes



If You Give a Cat a Cupcake

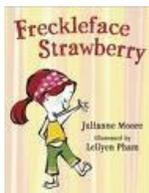
by Laura Numeroff

Freckleface Strawberry

by Julianne Moore

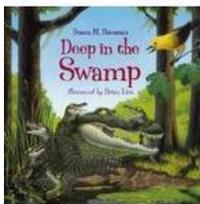
Skippyjon Jones

By Judith Schrachner



Deep in the Swamp

by Donna M. Bateman

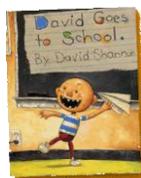


When Dinosaurs Came with Everything

By Elis Broach

David Goes to School

By David Shannon



Wemberly Worried

by Kevin Henkes

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your child to first grade! We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable him or her to become a successful, life-long learner.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings. Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
- **Read your child's favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn't have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

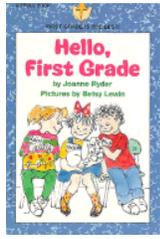
Happy Reading!

Books About Grade 1

Hello First Grade

By Joanne Ryder

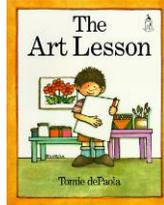
A pet rabbit helps a first Grade class love school.



The Art Lesson

By Tomie dePaola

Tommy starts school, and can't wait for the day when the art teacher comes, but the art teacher doesn't do what Tomie wants.

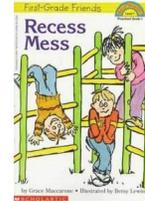


Recess Mess

By Grace MacCarone

This is a story of Sam, but is worried about something because he cannot read or write.

(Other books in series are: **The Lunch Box Surprise** and **The Classroom**)



Starring First Grade

By Miriam Cohen

Jim overcomes his disappointment in not getting the part he wanted in a play, but helps out a friend who has stage fright. (Other books in series are: **First Grade Takes a Test**, **Lost in the Museum**, **See You Tomorrow**)

Classic Books

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Cinderella stories by multiple authors

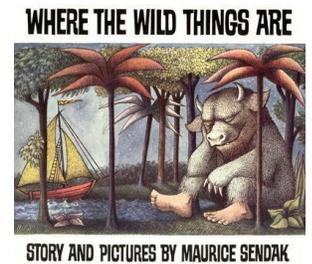
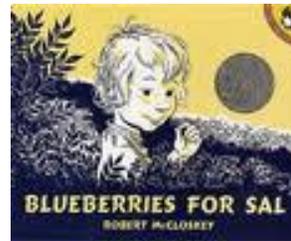
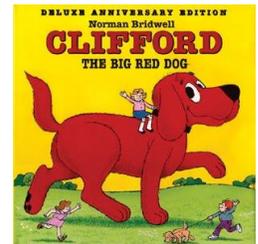
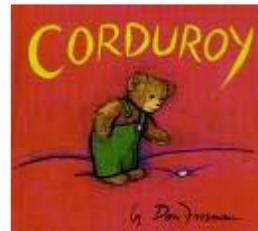
Clifford series by Norman Bridwell

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Curious George series by H. A. Rey

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmens

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak



Beginning Reader Series

Fly Guy by Ted Arnold

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parrish

Dragon by Dave Pilkey

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff

Carl books by Alexandra Day (wordless)

Family Read-Alouds

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

First Day Jitters by Julie Dannenberg

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems

Strega Nona series by Tomie dePaola

You Read to Me, and I'll Read to You by Mary Hoberman

Gail Gibbons – Non-Fiction Texts

Students entering Grades 1 and 2 are expected to read in a “just right” book or be read to, 20 minutes a day.