



## SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 1

### PICTURE BOOKS

Bill and Pete by Tomie DePaola

*Adventures down the Nile with Bill and Pete; can they catch the bad guy? Get ready to giggle at the surprise endings.*

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

*Dave loses his special bear Dogger; will this sad story end happily?*

Heckedy Peg by Audrey Wood

*Find out what happens when seven children are visited by a witch and how their mother saves them in the end.*

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

*Travel to the Kapiti Plain in Africa and experience the anticipation of the rains.*

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

*The ducklings make a new home in Boston. You can still visit them in the Public Gardens.*

Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

*Poor Alexander – everything goes wrong.*

The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer

*Would you share your room with a salamander?*

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

*Read what happens to Sylvester when he finds a magic red pebble.*

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

*Grace learns she can be anything she wants to be and the results are truly amazing.*

A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams

*A family works together to save up for the most beautiful armchair in the world.*

Chicken Soup for Little Souls: The Best Night Out With Dad by Jack Canfield

*When he realizes that Vincent's father can't afford to pay for circus tickets, Danny must decide what to do.*

### PREDICTABLE

Up and Down; I Read Signs of Colors and Things by Tana Hoban

*Learn concepts through exciting photographs and simple language.*

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

*Colorful fruit and vegetables give this alphabet book an interesting twist.*

Brown Bear, Brown Bear; Polar Bear, Polar Bear; Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle

*Simple language with fantastic collage illustrations.*

Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Moseo

*Chinese folktale about a boy and his problems with a long name.*

1 is One by Tasha Tudor

*Count along with classic Vermont illustrator Tasha Tudor.*

A Time to Keep by Tasha Tudor  
*Travel through the months of the year.*

### **FAIRYTALES / FOLKTALES**

Stone Soup by Ann McGovern

Aesop's Fables  
*"How did . . ." stories. Discover the answers to the questions everyone asks.*

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by P. Goble  
*Native American story of a girl who becomes enchanted.*

Cinderella by Charles Perrault retold by Amy Ehrlich  
*This is the magical story of a poor child who is treated so cruelly and through kindness becomes a princess.*

Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott  
*An African folktale.*

Sleeping Beauty illustrated by Tara Hyman  
*This is the magical story of a girl who is put to sleep until a prince rescues her.*

The Seven Chinese Brothers by Margaret Mahy  
*A Chinese folktale.*

Lon Po Po illustrated by Ed Young  
*A Red Riding Hood story from China.*

### **NON-FICTION**

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles  
*A story of a young girl's courage facing hatred in the South.*

Sun Up, Sun Down, Stargazers, Pirates by Gail Gibbons  
*She answers children's most asked questions using detailed illustrations – great for the scientific mind.*

First Discovery Series  
*Factual information on a variety of material by different authors.*  
*Example: The Diario of Christopher Columbus's First Voyage to America, 1492-1493 by Oliver Dunn, et al*

Sarah Morton's Day and/or Samuel Eaton's Day by Kate Waters  
*A day in the life of a pilgrim girl/boy.*

Fossils Tell of Long Ago by Alike  
*Read all about sharks – from the six-inch dwarf shark to the sixty-foot whale shark.*

Ranger Rick – magazine series

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry  
*Travel to the Amazon and visit the great kapok tree, home to many endangered species.*

A River Ran Wild by Lynne Cherry

### **NEW TITLES**

Me and My World (Life Education) by Alex Parsons, Alexandra Parsons

Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Mary Ann Hoberman  
*An interactive story between readers.*

Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother too? by Eric Carle  
*Cute baby animals with their mommies*

Click, Clac, Moo by Doreen Cronin  
*Cows that type spell trouble for the farmer.*

Cook-a-Doodle-Do by Janet Steven

### **POETRY**

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

The New Kid on the Block; Ride a Purple Pelican; Read Aloud Rhymes by Jack Prelutsky

Take Me Out of the Bathtub (and other silly dilly songs) by Alan Katz

Sing a Song of Popcorn by nine Caldecott Medal artists

The Ants Go Marching by Jeffrey Scherer

Take Me Out to the Ballgame by Jack Norworth

Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae  
*Dive in and meet sharks, lobsters, even a jellyfish.*

### **FAVORITE SERIES / READ ALOUDS**

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*A funny adventure about a boy who rescues a blue and yellow striped dragon.*

Elmer and the Dragon and/or The Dragons of Blueland by Ruth Stiles Gannett

The Littles by John Peterson  
*A series of books that describes the adventures of a family of tiny people with tails, who live in the house of the Biggs.*

All About Sam by Lois Lowry  
*A story through the eyes of a newborn baby through his terrible twos.*

Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Join Jack and Annie as they travel through time.*

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren  
*Life is always an adventure for Pippi and her pet monkey.*

Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum  
*Follow Dorothy and her friends as she makes her way to the Emerald City.*

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty MacDonald  
*These short stories can solve daily problems like the child who doesn't want to go to bed or pick up his room.*

### **FAVORITE AUTHORS**

E. B. White  
Steven Kellogg  
Eric Carle  
James Marshall  
Jan Brett  
Robert Munsch

A. A. Milne (Winnie the Pooh series)  
Beatrix Potter  
Maurice Sendak  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Molly Bang  
Audrey Wood

William Steig  
Beverly Cleary  
Leo Lionni  
Cynthia Rylant  
Jez Alborough