



Greetings First Graders and Families,

We are looking forward to working with you and your child next year! These past few days we have already been designing curriculum and planning for a fantastic First Grade year. We want to continue to encourage a love of reading over the summer. We ask that you please take the time to explore books together and make it a part of your daily routine. First Graders should aim to read for a minimum of ten to fifteen minutes per day.

This summer, please find natural opportunities for your child to:

- Write for authentic purposes. For example: a letter to Grandma, *Thank You* notes, a journal, a vacation scrapbook, or an e-mail
- Retell a story that he/she read or heard: ask about characters, setting, problem, solution, and opinions
- Make personal connections to the stories read
- Play with money and coins: identify coins by name and value
- Explore different ways to count and apply numbers in everyday life
 - Practice skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s
 - Add up your groceries using whole numbers
 - Count to 100
- Notice the time, clocks, and the language of telling time
- Make connections with different adventures experienced over the summer

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you quite soon!

Feel free to contact either of us via email if you have any questions regarding summer reading or about the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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First Grade Summer Reading List

Mrs. Andersen and Ms. Archer

Read-Alouds: Books We Love!

First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg and Judy Love

Jabari Jumps and *Jabari Tries* by Gaia Cornwall

Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell and David Catrow:

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon

Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon

Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon

All the Ways to be Smart by Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys

Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk

Dinos Don't Do Yoga by Catherine Bailey and Alex Willmore

Not Quite Narwhal by Jessie Sima

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen and John Shoenherr

What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

Easy Readers

Note: It is *not* expected that your incoming First Grader is able to read these books independently. They are recommendations for continuing to engage in phonics-based early reading. Ask your local librarian for similar Level 1 Easy Readers, they are a great resource!

Usborne Phonics Readers (Fox on a Box, Bug in a Rug, etc)

We Are In A Book! by Mo Willems (and other Elephant and Piggie stories)

Penny and Her Marble by Kevin Henkes

Thunder and Cluck: Friends Do Not Eat Friends by Jill Esbaum and Miles Thompson

See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog by David LaRochelle