

Miss Miksad's



First Grade

Reading

Packet

Name _____

SUMMER READING NOTES FROM 1ST GRADE

Dear Parents,

Attached is a very nice list of books and series of books as well as their authors and genres. This list is meant only to be a guide to your child's reading pleasure this summer. The books on this list are not required. There are many lists like this and all are great places to start looking for summer reading material for the Summer Reading Assignment.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Part I

In this packet is a reading log and a book report. Help your child record the books' information in the log as the books are read. Have your child choose a favorite book from the log. Use the attached book report form to complete a book report on the favorite book. We will share and display these reports on the first day of school.

Part II

Read the book *Fireflies* by Julie Brinkloe. It can be purchased on Amazon.com for under \$6. Please see the attached note about this.

Many, if not all of the books on the attached list can be found at the public library. If a particular title is unavailable, try another title by the same author. You will be amazed at how quickly your child's reading CAN improve over the summer with regular reading. What could be better than reading on the beach, poolside, or in the shade of a favorite tree on a hot summer day?

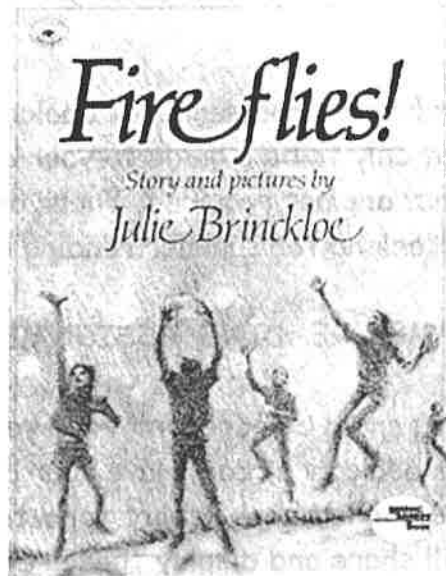
I strongly recommend that your child read at least one book each week and that your child be *read to* at least once a week. When you read to your child, it can be ANY title. When your child is reading, it should be a book that can be read aloud by your child with very few or no errors. It is absolutely fine to encourage your child to read a book more than once to improve or sustain fluency. Also, be sure to have some discussions about the characters, the setting, and the sequence of events in the plots of the stories. When you are reading informational text, ask your child to name a few things they learned from the book. I have attached a link to an online storybook website, <http://www.storyonline.net/> This is a really great site as the books are read by some famous people.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Miss Miksad

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First Grade SUMMER READING BOOK

Dear Families,

For Part II of your child's Summer Reading Assignment for First Grade, I am requesting that you and your child discuss the book, *Fireflies* by Julie Brinckloe.

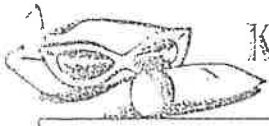
It is available on Amazon.com for about \$6.00. When you get it, read it once before you share it with your child. Make some discussion notes on paper or in your head.

I'd like to suggest that you wait a little into the summer to read it with your child. Save this beautiful read, which will undoubtedly bring you back to your own childhood summers, for a quiet summer evening after the children and you have a little summer under your belts.

And don't read it just once. Read it a few times—I think you'll want to! This book will launch us into our very first writing unit of study in September—the personal narrative!

Sincerely,

Miss Miksad



Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List



Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started!

Books About Me

- *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *My Five Senses* by Alike
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

Family Stories

- Just Me Books by Mercer Mayer
- *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Jooisse

Predictable Books

(Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm.)

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág
- *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

Color and Counting Books

- *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
- *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
- *Frog Counts to Ten* by John Liebler
- *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
- *Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue?* by Tana Hoban
- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
- *Ten Bears in My Bed: A Goodnight Countdown* by Stanley Mack
- *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
- *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban

Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *More, More, More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes

- *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
- *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells
- *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola

Folktales and Fairy Tales

- *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
- *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
- *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
- *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
- *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
- *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppé
- *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

Stories in Rhyme

- *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
- *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk

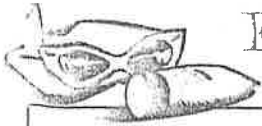
Friends

- *Benjamin and Tulip* by Rosemary Wells
- *We Are Best Friends* by Alike
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Syd Hoff

Fabulous Science Books

- *Cars and How they Go* by Joanna Cole
- *Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads* by Barry Clarke
- *Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor* by Joanna Cole

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Fun Books to Share

- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Ill Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- *Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

Learning to Read Series

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

Alphabet Books

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *I Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg

Math in Picture Books

- *How Much Is a Million?* by David M. Schwartz
- *One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints* by Diana Pomeroy
- *Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!)* by William Wise
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep* by Satoshi Kitamura

Classics to Read to a First Grader

- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *When Will I Read?* by Miriam Cohen

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *Alphabet City* by Stephen Johnson
- *Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions* by Margaret Musgrove
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

Enjoy!



Summer Reading Log for First Grade Summer Reading Packet



Date	Title	Author	I Read It	Read to Me	Notes
6/15	Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel	✓		Frog and Toad are so funny!



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Flower Book Report

* Please read and follow the directions below. ↓

The form is shaped like a flower with a central circle and five petals. A leaf is attached to the top right, and a stem is at the bottom right.

- Central Circle:** Author
- Petal 1 (Top):** What happened?
- Petal 2 (Top-Left):** What was your favorite part?
- Petal 3 (Top-Right):** Who was in the story?
- Petal 4 (Bottom-Left):** What did you learn?
- Petal 5 (Bottom-Right):** Where & When?
- Leaf:** Other books:
- Stem:** Title

Handwritten labels with arrows point to the petals: "Flower" points to the top-left petal, and "Leaf" points to the leaf. A note at the bottom left says "...or... think about?" with an arrow pointing to the bottom-left petal.

Directions:

Choose your favorite book from your summer reading log. Write the title of the Book on the stem. On each petal, write about the book. On the leaf, write the titles of Some other books that you liked. Be sure to write neatly and then color the stem, petals and Leaf neatly and lightly with a crayons or colored pencils. Cut out your flower and glue it to the stem And add the leaf. BE SURE TO PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR FLOWER.