

SUMMER READING FOR ENTERING 1st GRADE

The summer reading program at FBCS is a way to develop in your child a love for reading and to maintain the current level of skills that your child has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child's summer. Please encourage your child to read out loud to you - in the kitchen, at the beach, on the road, etc.

Happy reading!

How To Help Your Child Select A Book

YOU are the key in helping your child select summer reading books that will be of high interest and will also be at your child's independent reading level. The independent reading level is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material without adult assistance. Please use these guidelines in helping your child select appropriate reading material.

- Find books about your favorite topic or hobby.
- Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator.
- Browse through the book to see if the illustrations are interesting. Read the book summary on the back cover or book jacket.
- Use the "Five Finger Rule". Have your child choose a book that he/she thinks he/she would like to read. Open to any page and have him/her begin reading. If he/she comes to five words he/she can't pronounce or doesn't understand, put the book back. It's too hard for him/her.
- As your child reads, discuss the characters, setting and problem/solution. Also, encourage your child to make and explain predictions throughout the story. "What do you think will happen next?", "Why do you think that?", etc.

Exciting Activities to Expand Your Child's Summer Reading

Please have your child complete 1 different activity from the list below for at least 3 of the books read this summer. Then, include the completed activities with your child's Summer Reading Record when you return it to your child's teacher on the first day of school.

1. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story. Then, dictate or write one sentence explaining the picture.
2. Beginning-Middle-End. Fold a paper into thirds. Draw pictures to tell how the story begins, what happens in the middle and how it ends.
3. Stop in the middle of the book and predict what the ending of the story will be. Draw a picture of your prediction and dictate or write one sentence explaining your prediction.
4. Draw a picture of one of the characters in the story. Dictate or write a description of that character.

Don't forget to attach your activities to the Reading Record Page when you return it on the first day of school!

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1st GRADE SUMMER READING RECORD

Please return this page to your teacher on the 1st day of 1st Grade.

Name: _____

Title of Book	Author	Shared Reading Read with/to Child	Independent Reading Read by Child	Date Read
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Parent Signature _____

1st GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

All students entering grade 1 should read **at least 20 books** from the list below and complete **1 different activity for three of the books**. Choose from the list below based on reading ability.

GROWING READERS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina
Corduroy	Don Freeman
Dear Mr. Blueberry	James Simon
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
George Shrinks	William Joyce
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBratney
Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert Kraus
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
The Mitten	Jan Brett
The Loudest Roar	Thomas Taylor
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
This is the Bread the Hen Baked	Emily Jakes
Wake Me in Spring	James Preller
Where's My Hug?	Amy Hest
Any books by Doreen Cronin	Doreen Cronin
Any Franklin books	Paulette Bourgeois
Any of the Adventures of Benny and Watch Boxcar Early Reader Series	Gertrude Warner
Any Nate the Great books	Marjorie Sharmat
Any Dick and Jane books	manufactured by Grosset and Dunlap
Any Madeline books	Ludwig Bemelmans
Any books by Laura Numeroff	Laura Numeroff
Any Amelia Bedelia books	Peggy Parish
Any Dr. Seuss book	Dr. Seuss
Any Little Bear books	Else Holmelund Minarik
Any Curious George books	H.A. Rey
Any Frog and Toad books	Arnold Lobel
Arthur Chapter Series	Marc Brown/Stephen Krensky
Berenstain Bears Chapter Series	Stan Berenstain
Biscuit Series	Alyssa Satin Capucilli
The Bobbsey Twins Ready-to-Read Series	Laura Lee Hope
The Critters Series	Mercer Mayer

ADVANCED READING

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
American Girl Series	Various authors
Boxcar Children Series	Gertrude Warner
Cul-de-sac Kids Series	Beverly Lewis
Cam Jansen Series	David A. Adler
Horrible Harry Series	Suzy Kline
Stepping Stones Books	Various authors