



1ST GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Our intent is to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading for the sake of reading. **Summer reading is required of our students.** The choice of what to read is up to parents and students. Please check to see if the book is islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books.

Parents can help!

It is very important to help your child understand summer reading can be both fun and beneficial. Children who have a habit of reading not only learn to be better readers but they also perform better in school and receive higher grades. Children in kindergarten and first grade should be read to on a daily basis.

Tips to help your child enjoy reading:

Set the PACE!

Lead by example. Let your child see YOU reading each day.

Find a PLACE!

Provide a space in your home with lots of different reading materials like books, newspapers, magazines, travel brochures, a dictionary, and/or a thesaurus.

Don't make it HARD!

Find time to read. Share a book with your children. Keep one with you in the car or your purse so that you can read and discuss while you are "out and about".

Get a Library Card!

The library is full of FREE reading opportunities and offers a quiet, air conditioned place to share a book!

BOOKS: Never leave home without them!

Student's Name _____

Entering Grade _____

Reading Tips (Carry them in a backpack, beach bag, suit case...)

*Supporting Children's Literacy Growth: Tips for Parents**

The following list suggests materials and activities that are important in helping children learn to read and write.

Read daily to or with your child (at least 15 minutes per day).

- Provide an example for your child by reading and writing at a time when your child can see you.
- Reread old favorites as many times as your child asks.
- Have a space at home for books and magazines for your child.
- Share a favorite book from your childhood with your child.
- Picture walk through the book, telling the story from the pictures, before reading the book.
- Read or look at books, magazines, or the newspaper with your child. Talk about what you looked at or read.
- If you can, subscribe to a magazine for your child.
- Visit the library and take out books and magazines to read at home. Get a library card for your child.
- Tell stories together about books, about your family, and about things that you do.
- Talk about written materials you have such as catalogs, advertisements, work-related materials, and mail.
- Point out print in your home such as words on food boxes or recipes, directions on medicine, or instructions on things that require assembly.
- Point out print outside, such as road signs, and the names of stores.
- Visit the post office, supermarket, and zoo. Talk about what you saw. When you get home, draw and write about it with your child.
- Use print to talk to your child. Leave notes for each other. Make lists, such as food lists, lists of errands, and lists for household jobs.

**adapted from the International Reading Association (IRA)*

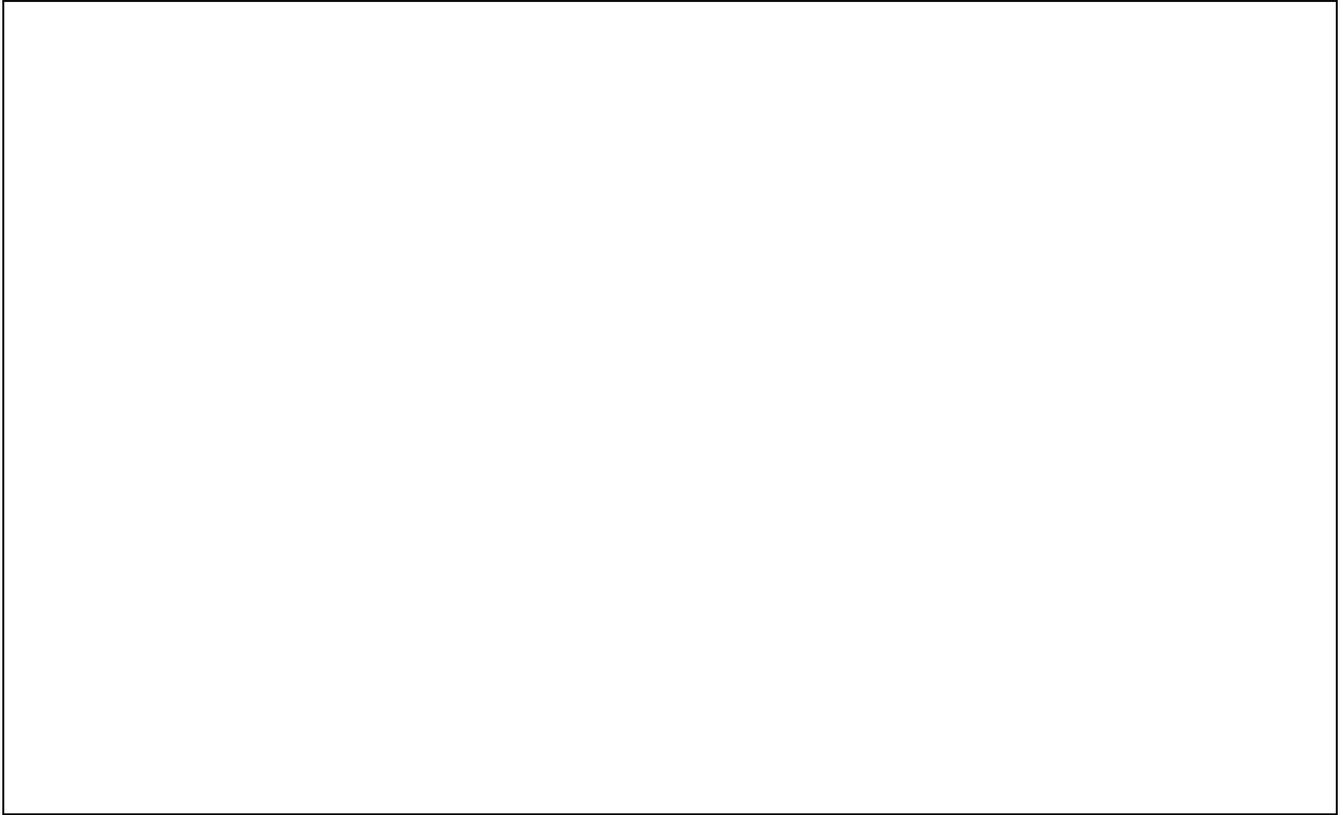
Students entering the FIRST grade are expected to read a book from the suggested list below, and are then expected to complete a book report for the book (see following page for worksheet) and submit them to their teacher ***within the first week of school.***

Full Name _____

Title of Book _____

Date _____

Draw a picture of your favorite part in the story.



Write a sentence about the picture.

Suggested Summer Reading List

For Students Entering First Grade

This list of suggested authors offers a wide range of reading levels from pre-reading (“read to me books”) to beginning reading (“books I can read myself”)

Title	Author	Synopsis
Big Al	Clements	Ugly fish Al scares the other fish until he rescues them.
The Cat in the Hat	Seuss	A cat plays tricks for two kids on a rainy day
Chato’s Kitchen	Soto	Chato, a cool Hispanic cat, is fooled by the mice when he invites them “for dinner.”
Corduroy	Freeman	A toy bear on sale, seeks a button and a good home
Eating the Alphabet	Ehlert	An alphabetical feast of fruits and vegetables from apricots to zucchinis.
Funnybones	Ahlberg	The skeleton family can’t find any humans to scare
I Went Walking	Williams	A boy spies many different farm animals on his walk.
Just a Mess	Mayer	A boy cleans up his room while trying to find his baseball mitt
Mailing May	Tunnel	Stamping her coat, pa sends May to her grandma -- by the train’s mail car.
Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey	A duck family sets up housekeeping on Boston common
Martha Speaks	Meddaugh	The family dog talks non-stop after eating alphabet soup.
Rainbow Fish	Pfister	A fish learns that he needs friends more than shiny scales
Six-Dinner Sid	Moore	Sid the cat gets 6 dinners from 6 owners till he goes to the vet 6 times.
The Storytellers	Lewin	Abdul and his grandfather wander through Fez (Morocco), spread their storyteller’s rug, and spin their tales
Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter	A naughty bunny gets into trouble in Mr. McGregor’s garden.
The Little Red Hen	Many Versions	A hen won’t share her cake with lazy friends who wouldn’t share the work.
Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock	Kimmel	Anansi the Spider tries to trick all the animals.
Rumpelstiltskin	Zelinsky	The queen beats an elf when he takes her baby as pay for spinning straw into gold.