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## Summer Reading Challenge Kit

Dear Future First Grade Families,

Wow! I am so looking forward to learning and growing with you next year! I sure hope you have a super fun summer. Hopefully, you will go on adventurous trips and have explorations in BOOKS!

With summer vacation almost here, I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce you to our Summer Reading Challenge. As you know, it is recommended that children read every day. The Summer Reading Challenge will help keep your child motivated during the lazy hazy days of summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge is easy to implement. Simply review the information on the next pages and get ready for a summer of reading adventures. It says the children are required to read five of the books that are listed at the end. I know that the children will read that many if not more! I would like for my future First Graders to pick their favorite book and decorate the poster provided with the characters and where the story takes place. At the bottom of the poster the children can add a sentence that tells about the book. We will share our posters during the first week of school.

There is also a Reading Bingo included. This is not required, but might be extra fun trying to make a bingo or total blackout. The children may want to share this too! It is optional!

Have a wonderful summer! Know that I can't wait to explore with you all next year!

Happy reading,  
Mrs. Leigh Anne Bracher



# Welcome to First Grade!

Congratulations! You are ready for first grade! You have learned many things about reading in Kindergarten. It's important to continue reading for fun. This packet has some fun books for you to read this summer as well as a few activities. Reading for fun helps you learn new words and discover new things. It helps you make your reading sound good too.

On the last page, you'll find a list of books you can read this summer. You are required to read five (5) of these books. For your favorite book, create a poster

that shows the characters and where the story happens. At the bottom of the poster, write a sentence that tells about the book. You'll be able to share your poster during the first week of school.

It's good to read some things by yourself and it's fun to listen to your parents read too. Don't let them forget that it's important to make time to read like you did during the school year with your homework.

Enjoy your summer filled with many experiences with your families.

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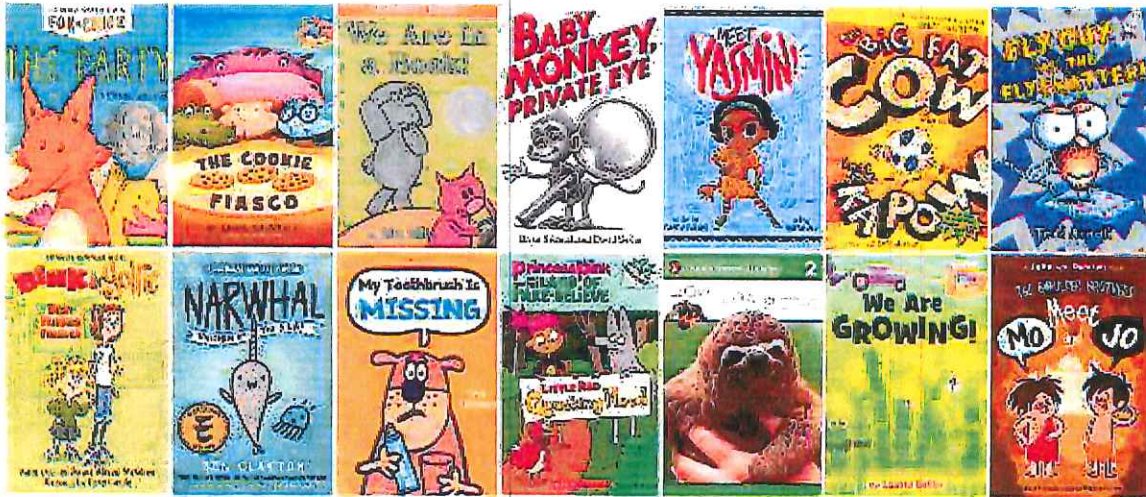
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# 1st Grade Summer Reading List



## Easy Readers

### SILLY BOOKS

*My Toothbrush is Missing* by Jan Thomas  
*What is Chasing Duck?* by Jan Thomas  
*We Are in a Book* by Mo Willems  
*The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow* by Andy Griffiths  
*Ed and Ted and Ted's Dog Fred* by Andy Griffiths  
*Friends Do Not Eat Friends* by Jill Esbaum  
*Hi, Jack!* by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli  
*Let's Make Cake* by Vikram Madan  
*That Egg is Mine* by Liz Goulet Dubois

### REAL LIFE & FRIENDSHIP

*Who Is That, Cat the Cat?* by Mo Willems  
*We Are Growing* by Laurie Keller  
*Don't Worry, BEE Happy* by Ross Burach  
*Big Cat* by Ethan Long  
*The Cookie Fiasco* by Dan Santat  
*Trucktown* by Jon Scieszka  
*Emerson Is Mighty Girl!* by Meredith Rusu

*Kit and Kaboodle Take the Train* by Michelle Portice  
*Unlimited Squirrels in I Lost My Tooth!* by Mo Willems  
*Nick and Nack Fly a Kite* by Brandon Budzi  
*Do You Like My Bike?* by Norm Feuti  
*The Great Bunk Bed Battle* by Tina Kugler

### ANIMALS

*Slow, Slow Sloths* by Bonnie Bader  
*Little Big Horse* by Dave Horowitz  
*We Dig Worms* by Kevin McCloskey  
*The Lost Kitten* by Katherine Cox  
*Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear* by Kevin Bolger  
*Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin  
*Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold  
*Goat Wants to Eat* by Laura Gehl

## Easiest Chapter Books

### FUNNY

*Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold  
*See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle







*An Elephant & Piggie Biggie!* by Mo Willems  
*See the Dog: Three Stories*  
*About a Cat* by David LaRochelle  
*Donut Feed the Squirrels* by Mika Song

### **FRIENDSHIP**

*Hi, Jack!* by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli  
*Do You Like My Bike?* by Norm Feuti  
*Aggie the Brave* by Lori Ries  
*Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel  
*Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton  
*Frank and Bean* by Jamie Michalak  
*Doggo & Pupper* by Katherine Applegate  
*Kitty and Dragon* by Meika Hashimoto

## **Easy Chapter Books**

### **FUNNY**

*Smell My Foot (Chick and Brain)* by Cece Bell  
*Monkey Me* by Timothy Roland  
*Kung Pow Chicken* by Cindi Marko  
*Moldylocks and the Three Beards* by Noah Z. Jones  
*Meet Mo and Jo: The Boulder Brothers* by Sarah Lynn  
*The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara Lareau  
*Nugget and Hot Dog* by Jason Tharp  
*Geeger the Robot Goes to School* by Jarret Lerner

### **ANIMAL CHARACTERS**

*Kitty and Dragon* by Meika Hashimoto  
*Pug Blasts Off* by Kyla May  
*Kung Pow Chicken* by Cindi Marko  
*Owly* by Andy Runton

### **REALISTIC**

*Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi  
*Cornbread & Poppy* by Matthew Cordell  
*Sofia Martinez My Vida Loca* by Jacqueline Jules

*A New Friend for Sophie Mouse* by Poppy Green  
*Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott  
*The Party and Other Stories* by Sergio Ruzzier

### **ADVENTURE, MYSTERY, FANTASY**

*Bo's Magical New Friend* by Rebecca Elliott  
*The Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale  
*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* by Dav Pilkey  
*Notebook of Doom* by Troy Cummings  
*Rise of the Earth Dragon* by Tracey West  
*Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue* by Paula Harrison  
*Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero!* by Kara West  
*Haggis & Tank* by Jessica Young  
*Dig to Disaster* by Robert Quackenbush

### **NONFICTION**

*Caterpillar to Butterfly* by Laura Marsh  
*Jungle Animals* by Camilla Gersh

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# BINGO

1) Read a book by Doreen Cronin.	2) Read a book to a stuffed animal.	3) Read a book about friends.	4) Read a book about King & Kayla.	5) Read a book by Kevin Henkes.
6) Read a book with a unicorn in it.	7) Read a book about a gingerbread man or woman.	8) Read a non-fiction (true) book.	9) Read a book from the public library.	10) Read a book barefoot.
11) Read a book about Biscuit, the dog.	12) Read a book about Splat the Cat.	13) FREE TO READ! Read any book that you choose.	14) Read a book in your pajamas.	15) Read a book by Aaron Reynolds.
16) Read a poem.	17) Read a book by Ame Dyckman.	18) Read a book about Pete the Cat.	19) Read a fairy tale.	20) Read a book to someone older than you.
21) Read a book by Mo Willems.	22) Read a book about Otis the tractor.	23) Read a book outside.	24) Read a book about Curious George.	25) Read a book by Laura Numeroff.

Color in the squares that you finish this summer. You can read the books yourself or someone can read to you.

Try to get five in a row.

Can you read all the books and color in ALL 25 of the squares?

Bring this back to school next year and show your teacher.

