

St. John's Summer Reading Suggestions: Entering First Grade

Picture Books

Picture books are great for any age. Some favorites for entering first graders include:

Baker, Keith	<i>Little Green Peas</i>
Beaty, Andrea	<i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>
Hills, Tad	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i>
Kang, Anna	<i>You Are (Not) Small</i>
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	<i>If You Give a Mouse a Brownie</i>
Stevens, Janet	<i>Cook-a-Doodle-Do</i>
Thomas, Jan	<i>Is Everyone Ready for Fun?</i>
Tullet, Herve	<i>Mix it Up!</i>
Twohy, Mike	<i>Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! : An Alphabet Caper</i>
Watt, Melanie	<i>Scaredy Squirrel</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>
Wilson, Karma	<i>Bear's Loose Tooth</i>

I-CAN-READ Books and other Early Readers

I-Can-Read books are ideal for many first graders. They are basically beginning chapter books and usually give the reader a lot of practice with high-frequency words. Many of the books have humorous plots and characters. Some are easier to read than others, but numbers on the books can often direct the reader to the appropriate level.

Adler, David A.	<i>Pass the Ball, Mo!</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Fly Guy (series)</i>
Dean, James	<i>Pete the Cat readers (series)</i>
Hays, Geoffrey	<i>Benny and Penny</i>
Hills, Tad	<i>Drop it, Rocket!</i>
Lin, Grace	<i>Ling & Ting (series)</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad</i>
Milgrim, David	<i>Otto The Robot (series)</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Henry and Mudge (series)</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)</i>
Schneider, Josh	<i>Tales for Very Picky Eaters</i>
Weeks, Sarah	<i>Mac and Cheese (series)</i>
Wilhelm, Hans	<i>Noodles the Puppy</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Elephant & Piggie (series)</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Cat the Cat (series)</i>
Various authors	<i>Lego City readers</i>
Various authors	<i>Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!</i>

CHAPTER BOOKS

Some students entering first grade will be ready for chapter books this summer. The books listed below are not too long, but should usually satisfy a reader who wants a bit of a challenge.

Adler, David A.	<i>Cam Jansen (series)</i>
Clark, Jane	<i>Dr. Kitty Cat (series)</i>
Elliott, Rebecca	<i>Owl Diaries (series)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson (series)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Bink & Gollie</i>
Hale, Shannon	<i>The Princess in Black</i>
McKay, Hilary	<i>Lulu and the Duck in the Park</i>
Nolan, Lucy	<i>Down Girl and Sit</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>The Magic Tree House series</i>
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones series</i>
Various authors	<i>Victory School Superstars</i>

NONFICTION

“True” books to be read to entertain and inform.

Brockett, Jane	<i>Ruby, Violet, Lime: Looking for Color</i>
Hoban, Tana	<i>26 Letters and 99 Cents</i>
Jenkins, Steve	<i>Never Smile at a Monkey</i>
Lewis, J. Patrick	<i>Spot the Plot</i>
Martin, Claudia	<i>My Little Book of Rocks, Minerals, and Gems</i>
Mattern, Joanne	<i>Komodo Dragons (Pebble Plus series)</i>
Osborne, Will	<i>Magic Tree House Research Guides</i>
Pfeffer, Wendy	<i>From Tadpoles to Frog (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science)</i>
Sayre, April Pulley	<i>Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant</i>