



Dear Rising First Grade Parents,

Although it is just the beginning of the summer, the first-grade teaching team would like to express a warm welcome to your family. We are thrilled to have your children in our classrooms next year!

Throughout the summer, we ask that you continue or create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together as a family. Below you will find the first grade recommended summer reading list. This list is an author study of Peter Reynolds. We encourage your family share in reading these books during this summer in anticipation of our first days of school. Your child may choose to read these books independently or read them jointly with a parent or family friend. To help your child get excited about the summer reading, we have included a copy of The Word Collector. We look forward to hearing about the many creative and different ways in which your family explored these books during the summer.

Enjoy your summer and the family activities you have planned!

Sincerely,

Your First Grade Teachers

1st Grade Recommended Reading list

Peter Reynolds Author study- Big Dreams Collection

The Word Collector

Happy Dreamer

Say Something

Additional Books

Creatrilogy box set-

(The Dot, Ish, Sky Color)

The Judy Moody and Stink Collection

* Your children are **NOT** expected to read the chapter books independently. These books can be a shared reading experience with your family and may include reading the book aloud to your child.

Please don't forget that the public library has many copies of these popular books. As well as being a great resource, regular visits to the Public Library can be a valuable routine that promotes reading for children and their family members.

St. John's Summer Reading Suggestions:

Entering First Grade

Over the summer, we ask that families of incoming first graders continue or create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together. To help support this routine, our librarian Ms. Powers has compiled the following list of suggested books, many of which can be found at your local public library. These titles are optional.

PICTURE BOOKS

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

Beaty, Andrea	<i>Sofia Valdez, Future Prez</i>
Cornwall, Gaia	<i>Jabari Jumps</i>
Doerrfeld, Cori	<i>The Rabbit Listened</i>
Higgins, Ryan T.	<i>We Will Rock Our Classmates</i>
Hills, Tad	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i>
John, Jory	<i>Goodnight Already!</i>
Mora, Oge	<i>Saturday</i>
Penfold, Alexandra	<i>Big Feelings</i>
Pizzoli, Greg	<i>The Book Hog</i>
Tullet, Herve	<i>Mix it Up!</i>
Van Dusen, Chris	<i>If I Built a School</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>

EARLY READERS

Early readers 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 some of the books can direct the reader to the appropriate level.

Adler, David A.	<i>Mo Jackson (series)</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Fly Guy (series)</i>
Barnett, Mac	<i>Jack books (series)</i>
Butler, Dori Hillestad	<i>King & Kayla (series)</i>

Hills, Tad	<i>Drop it, Rocket!</i>
LaRochelle, David	<i>See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog</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>
Willems, Mo	<i>Elephant & Piggie (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.

Clark, Jane	<i>Dr. Kitty Cat (series)</i>
Elliott, Rebecca	<i>Unicorn Diaries and Owl Diaries (series)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson (series)</i>
Flintham, Thomas	<i>Press Start! (series)</i>
Hale, Shannon	<i>The Princess in Black (series)</i>
May, Kyla	<i>Diary of a Pug (series)</i>
McKay, Hilary	<i>Lulu and the Duck in the Park</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>The Magic Tree House series</i>
Pilkey, Dav	<i>A Friend for Dragon (series)</i>
West, Tracey	<i>Dragon Masters (series)</i>

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Many great graphic novels are published for beginning readers. Students of all ages love these.

Annable, Graham	<i>Peter & Ernesto (series)</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Noodleheads (series)</i>
Eaton, Maxwell	<i>Okay, Andy!</i>
Ruzzier, Sergio	<i>Fox & Chick (series)</i>
Shaskan, Stephen	<i>Pizza & Taco: Who's the Best?</i>
Sullivan, Mary	<i>Frankie</i>
Tetri, Emily	<i>Tiger vs. Nightmare</i>

NONFICTION

"True" books to entertain and inform.

Arnold, Tedd	<i>Fly Guy Presents (series)</i>
Finley Mosca, Julia	<i>The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin (Amazing Scientists)</i>
Lamothe, Matt	<i>This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World</i>
Mattern, Joanne	<i>Komodo Dragons (Pebble Plus series)</i>
Meltzer, Brad	<i>Ordinary People Change the World (biography series)</i>
Pallotta, Jerry.	<i>Who Would Win (series)</i>
VanDerwater, Amy Ludwig	<i>With My Hands: Poems About Making Things</i>
Williams. Lily	<i>If Sharks Disappeared</i>