



We would like rising first graders to **READ, READ, READ** over the summer! We encourage you to choose books that interest your child and make it a fun experience. It is important that children are introduced to both fiction and nonfiction reading. Reading nonfiction (informational text) allows children to become familiar with the different features of factual texts, like the index, photographs, captions, page headings, and diagrams. Below you will find both suggested fiction and nonfiction books for your child. If your child is an emergent (beginner) reader we strongly suggest using a decodable reader such as “Bob Books”, which can be found at your local library, and encourage your student to begin reading to you. The books on this list are not required, but a suggested selection of literature available in local libraries.

Fiction Books:

- *Ada Twist Scientist* by Andrea Beaty
- *Amelia Bedelia* series by Herman Parish
- *Arthur* picture series by Marc Brown
- Dr. Seuss Books
- *Elephant and Piggie* series by Mo Willems
- *Flat Stanley* series by Jeff Brown
- *Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant
- *Hi! Fly Guy* series by Tedd Arnold
- I Can Read series Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* series by Laura Numeroff
- *Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park
- Llama Llama picture book series by Anna Dewdney
- *Miss Nelson is Missing* series by James Marshall
- *Ninja Bunnies* by Jennifer Gray Olson
- *Pete the Cat* picture book series by Eric Litwin
- *Poppleton* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Magic Puppy, Magic Kitten, Magic Ponies, Magic Bunny* series by Sue

Bentley

- *The Book With No Pictures* by B.J. Novak
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *The Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott
- *Princess in Black* series by Shannon Hale
- *Dog Man* series by Dav Pilkey
- LEGO books
- *Rainbow Magic* series by Daisy Meadows

Nonfiction Books:

- National Geographic Kids
- Ready-to-Read Childhood of Famous Americans (a few titles in this series)
 - *Thomas Edison to the Rescue!* by Howard Goldsmith
 - *Ben Franklin and His First Kite* by Stephen Krensky
 - *Helen Keller and the Big Storm* by Patricia Lakin
 - *Betsy Ross and the Silver Thimble* by Stephanie Greene
 - *Paul Revere and the Bell Ringers* by Jonah Winter
- Scholastic Science Readers (a few titles in this series)
 - *Spiders* by Carolyn B. Otto
 - *From Tadpole to Frog* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
 - *Solar System* Gregory Vogt
 - *Tornadoes* by Brian Cassie
- Rookie Read- About (a few titles in this series)
 - *All About Light* by Lisa Trumbauer
 - *Giant Pandas: Gifts from China* by Allan Fowler
 - *Living Near a River* by Allan Fowler
 - *Where Does Your Food Go?* by Wiley Blevins
 - *The Seven Continents* by Wil Mara
- Dorling Kindersley Readers (a few titles in this series)
 - *Garden Friends*
 - *Fishy Tales*
 - *Born to be a Butterfly* by Karen Wallace
 - *Amazing Buildings* by Kate Hayden
 - *Rockets and Spaceships* by Karen Wallace
 - *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* by Jennifer Dussling

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