

2008: "Catch the Reading Bug"



East Rochester School District

Grade 1

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Below is a list of several books suggested for children entering first grade. The books serve to increase the young child's background of experience, vocabulary, and knowledge of his/her immediate world.

Aliki. *Best Friends Together Again*

When Robert's best friend Peter, who moved away, comes back to visit, various emotions surface, but mostly pleasure—which all old friends share.

Blackford, Harriet and Stojic, Manja. *Elephant's Story*

This picture book uses beautiful paintings to introduce the majesty of elephants by showing the life of an African baby elephant.

Cook, Bernadine. *The Little Fish That Got Away*

A little boy goes fishing, and after much patience, catches almost all the fish.

Drachman, Eric. *A Frog Thing*

Frank wasn't satisfied doing ordinary frog things; he wanted to fly. Frank flaps, jumps, runs, leaps, and dives until he finally finds his place in the pond.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Stella Louella's Runaway Book*

As she tries to find the book that she must return to the library that day, Stella gathers a growing group of people who have all enjoyed reading the book.

Falconer, Ian. *Olivia*

In this Caldecott Medal winner we meet Olivia, a feisty little pig, who has too much energy for her own good, whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime.

Fleming, Candace. *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*

After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

Hirschi, Ron. *Summer*

Beautiful photographs illustrate the joy of summer days.

Lewis, Kim. *A Quilt for Baby*

A mother tells her baby about the farm they live on and the various animals there, as she stitches images of their home into a new quilt.

McCloskey, Robert. *One Morning in Maine*

In this Caldecott Honor winner, little Sal worries about her lost tooth.

Miller, Edna. *Mousekin Finds a Friend*

Using watercolors, Edna Miller tells a story of Mousekin as he hunts through the forest to find another mouse for a friend.

Pinkney, Jerry. *The Little Red Hen*

Award-winning illustrator Jerry Pinkney presents his version of the story of the hen who is forced to do all the work and the animals who learn a lesson.

Rockwell, Anne. *Our Stars*

This book provides a simple introduction to the stars, planets, and outer space.

Shook, Babs. *A House for Mouse*

In this easy reader several animals offer to let a little mouse live with them; but mouse keeps searching until he finds just the right home.

Simmons, Jane. *Together*

In this story of friendship two dogs, Mouse and Nut, learn that even though they may like different things, they can still be best friends.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Hamsters to the Rescue*

When two hamsters find a feather on the beach, they set out to find the seagull that lost it, meeting new friends and overcoming obstacles as they go.

Wiesner, David. *Tuesday*

In this award-winning book, frogs rise in their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Feels Sick*

When bear is too sick to play, his animal friends go to his cave to make him soup and tea and keep him company.

Zion, Gene. *Harry by the Sea*

Harry the dog goes to the beach with his family and has an unexpected adventure.

Zolotow, Charlotte. *Hold My Hand: Five Stories of Love and Family*

In this picture book collection of five separate stories and poems, author Charlotte Zolotow shares the special moments of childhood.

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