

## AHHHH! SUMMER

Dear Parents,

Summer is upon us. What a perfect time to relax, travel, visit with friends and family, and of course, a perfect time to READ. Attached you will find a list of “The Top Twenty” reading suggestions for kindergarten and first grade. Please don’t feel limited by these lists. They are intended to be used as a guide for quality literature. Don’t forget that children model what they see. If your child observes you reading, he or she will be more likely to pick up a book, too.

Each child will have a summer reading requirement for first grade. Teachers have kept a copy at school, but be sure to keep yours in a safe place at home. Please monitor your child as he or she works through the assignment.

Our NSA web site will also have available the summer reading requirements and the top twenty for each grade level.

Enjoy your summer, and some good books, too!

Sincerely,

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Lower School Reading Coordinator

## Kindergarten's Top 20

1. Tiptoe into Kindergarten, by Jaqueline Rogers
2. Little Monster at School, by Mercer Mayer
3. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, by Henry Holt
4. Franklin is Bossy, by Paulette Bourgeois
5. The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn
6. Carlo Likes Reading, by Jessica Spanyol
7. Mary Wore Her Red Dress, by Merle Peek
8. Go to School, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
9. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by John Archambault
10. Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon, by Patty Lovell
11. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, by Judith Viorst
12. What Kind of Family Do You Have?, by Gretchen Seper
13. Wemberly Worried, by Kevin Henkes
14. Rachel Parker Kindergarten Show-Off, by Ann Marta
15. Ten Little Monkeys, by Kevin Faulkner
16. Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, by Eileen Christelow

17. I'm Growing, by Alike
18. Puppies for Sale, by Dan Clark
19. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle
20. The Rainbow Fish, by Marcus Pfister

### **First Grade's Top 20**

*(Reading Counts Range 1.1 - 1.6)*

These selections are appropriate for some rising first graders to read aloud to a parent. Some assistance may be necessary.

1. Are You Mother?, by P.D. Eastman
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle
3. More Spaghetti, I Say!, by Rita Golden Gelman
4. Inside, Outside, Upside Down, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
5. Huggly Takes a Bath, by Tedd Arnold
6. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, by Laura Joffe Numeroff
7. Is Your Mama a Llama?, by Deborah Guarino
8. Clifford, The Big Red Dog, by Norman Bridwell
9. Sheep in a Jeep, by Nancy Shaw
10. The Cat in the Hat, by Dr. Seuss
11. Recess Mess, by Grace Maccarone

12. Click, Clack, Moo, by Doreen Cronin
13. Big Pig On a Dig, by Phil Roxbee Cox
14. The Big Bug Dug, by Mary Serfozo
15. Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping, by Peggy Parish
16. Goodnight Moon, by Margaret Wise Brown
17. Henry and Mudge, Happy Cat, by Cynthia Rylant
18. Great Snakes!, by Fay Robinson
19. Nina, Nina Star Ballerina, by Jane O'Conner
20. D.W. All Wet, by Marc Brown

Listed below are authors and books in series, which may be of interest to rising first graders. These books should be read to or with the child.

#### Authors:

Jan Brett, Eric Carle, Laura Joffe Numeroff, Bill Martin, Jr., Robert Munsch, Chris Myers, Brian Pickney, Jack Prelutsky, Cynthia Rylant, Robert SanSouci, Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein

#### Books in Series:

Amelia Bedelia (Peggy Parish), Arthur (Marc Brown), Berenstain Bears (Stan and Jan Berenstain), Clifford (Norman Bridwell), Curious George (H.A. Ray), Frog and Toad (Arnold Lobel), Froggy (Jonathon London), Henry and Mudge (Cynthia Rylant), Little Bear (Elsa Holmemund)

## KINDERGARTEN VOCABULARY LIST

A, a	fat	love	sees
am	find	makes	set
and	fit	me	she
are	five	my	tan
at	for	name	the
away	four	Nan	they
be	fox	Nat	three
big	get	no	to
black	go	not	too
blue	got	on	two
box	green	once	up
boy	has	one	upon
brown	have	orange	us
bug	he	pat	was
but	here	pen	want
by	I	pig	we
can	I'm	play	what
cat	in	pull	where
circle	is	purple	white
date	it	quit	who
did	jump	read	will
do	let	red	with
does	likes	rug	write
dog	live	runs	yes
draw	look	rut	yet
Fan	lot	said	you