

Dear Rising First Graders,

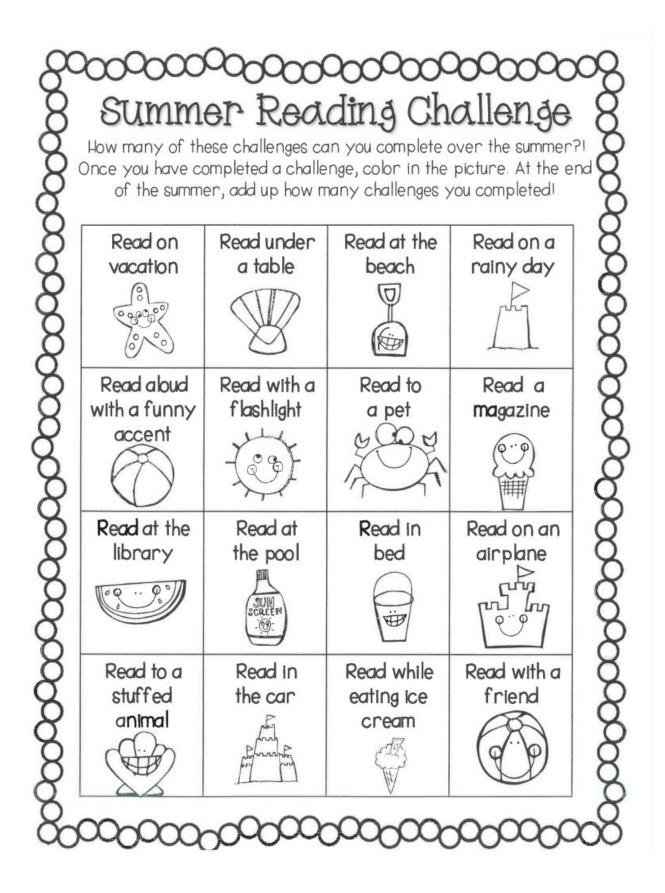
Summer is a time for children to run, swim, play...and read! Not only is summer reading fun, but it can help keep reading skills sharp during vacation. This can make it easier for a child to adjust when he or she returns to school in August. Summer reading should be a relaxing experience. Some of the following tips might help you to encourage your child to read during the summer:

- Read to your child
- □ Be a reader yourself
- □ Visit the public library
- □ Read together as a family
- □ Provide books and magazines which your child will enjoy
- □ Encourage your child to join a summer reading club

Please read daily with or to your child! We look forward to sharing titles that students read over the summer!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Teachers



Rising First Grade Suggested Summer Reading

The following books are suggestions for some great summer reading. This list has been compiled from several sources such as the American Library Association, the Newberry and Caldecott winner and honors list, and state award winners. The books on this list are not required nor is this an all inclusive list. Parents are encouraged to help students make the best choice for the student.

Fiction Books

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat Waiting by Kevin Henkes Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin

Nonfiction Books

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews *Can An Aardvark Bark?* by Melissa Stewart National Geographic Kids Readers *Headstrong Hallie, The Story of Hallie Morse Dagget, the First Female Fire Guard:* by Aime Bissonette

Beginning Series and Chapter Books

I Can Read levels 1-2 Step in Reading levels 1-2 *Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant *Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel *Amanda Pig* series by Jean Van Leeuween *Little Bear* series by Else Minarik *Fox and His Friends* series by Edward Marshall

Classic Stories

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton Make Way for Duckling by Robert McCloskey The Night Before First Grade by Natasha Wing

Caldecott Award and Honor Book

Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove *The Hello Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka *Owen* by Kevin Henkes