

FIRST GRADE READING LISTS

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From Fairfax County Library, Virginia
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Katya Arnold Elephants Can Paint, Too!
Dianna Hutts Aston An Egg is Quiet
Nick Bruel Who is Melvin Bubble?
Peter Catalanotto Ivan the Terrier
Mary Ann Cocca-Leffler Mr. Tannen's Ties Rule!
Susan Middleton Elya Bebe Goes Shopping
Shelley Fowles Climbing Rosa
Jennifer Frantz Wilbur's Prize
Helen Lester Batter Up Wombat
Grace Lin Lissy's Friends
Sally Lloyd-Jones How to Be a Baby, By Me The Big Sister
Jane O'Connor Fancy Nancy
John Segal Lonely Moose
Jane Sutton The Trouble with Cauliflower
David Wiesner Flotsam
Leah Wilcox Falling for Rapunzel
Early Readers-Spokane Library. Spokane Illinois
Berenstain, Stan. We Like Kites
Blankenship, Paula. Lulu's Lost Shoes
Bonsall, Crosby. Case of the Cat's Meow
Byars, Betsy. The Golly Sisters Go West
Dahl, Michael. Who's There? A Book of Knock-Knock Jokes
De Paola, Tomie. Hide-And-Seek All Week
Figuroa, Acton. Spider-Man Versus Doc Ock
Hill, Susan. Ruby Paints a Picture
Lobel, Arnold. Mouse Tales McKay,
Sindy. The Emperor's New Clothes
Phillips, Louis. Monster Riddles
Rylant, Cynthia. Puppy Mudge Wants To Play
Schulz, Charles. Friends Forever, Snoopy
Schwartz, Alvin. Busy Buzzing Bumblebees and Other Tongue Twisters
Seuss, Dr. There's A Wocket In My Pocket!
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great Stalks Stupidweeds
Yolen, Jane. Commander Toad and the Voyage Home

First Grade Reading List
from Ann Arbor District Library

Allard, Harry

Miss Nelson is Missing!

(and other Miss Nelson stories)

The kids of room 207 do not realize how good they've got it, until a vile substitute comes to replace their teach

Arnosky, Jim

Little Lions

Two baby mountain lions and their mother on a typical day.

Asch, Frank

Milk and Cookies

Boegehold, Betty D.

A Horse Called Starfire

For the first time, Lone Owl and his son, Wolf Cub, encounter a horse.

Cerf, Bennett

Bennett Cerf's Book of Riddles

Fun and easy first riddles.

Cowley, Joy

Red-Eyed Tree Frog

Beautiful, detailed, photographs of a rain-forest tree frog.

DePaola, Tomie

The Knight and the Dragon

A surprising twist to the usual knight and dragon encounter.

Dr. Seuss

The Cat in the Hat

That zany cat is up to his usual tricks!

Dubowski, Cathy East

Pretty Good Magic

"Presto" is a pretty good magician; he just can't stop the rabbits from appearing!

French, Fiona

Lord of the Animals

The animals all have their own idea about what should go into the making of a "Lord of the Animals."

Galdone, Paul

The Little Red Hen

Little Red Hen teaches her friends that if you want to share the rewards, you must help with the work.

Heller, Ruth

Chickens Aren't the Only Ones

Beautiful illustrations showing that chickens aren't the only ones that lay eggs.

Hoff, Syd

Danny and the Dinosaur

Danny's new dinosaur causes some problems.

Keats, Ezra Jack

Pet Show!

The pet show is here and Archie can't find his cat.

Kellogg, Steven

A Rose for Pinkerton

(and other Pinkerton stories)

Great Dane, Pinkerton, gets a feline companion named Rose.

Lobel, Arnold

Frog and Toad stories

Mouse Tales

Owl at Home

Friendship, adventure, and the small, but important, happenings in the lives of Frog and Toad, Mouse and Owl.

McDermott, Gerald

Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest

Little William Everett Crocodile and his friend Pete take a class trip to a Cairo museum where they encounter a jewel thief.

Gackenbach, Dick Harry and the Terrible Whatzit.

When his mother goes to the cellar and doesn't return right away, Harry goes down to search for her and confronts the terrible two-headed whatzit.

Gilmore, Rachna Lights for Gita.

Recently immigrated from India, Gita is looking forward to celebrating her favorite holiday, Divali, a festival of lights, but things are so different in her new home that she wonders if she will ever adjust.

Ginsburg, Mirra Mushroom in the Rain.

How can an ant, butterfly, mouse, sparrow, and rabbit all take shelter from the rain under the same mushroom when originally there was room only for the ant?

Grossman, Bill My Little Sister Ate One Hare.

Little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she throws up quite a mess.

Henkes, Kevin Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

Johnson, Angela Julius.

Maya's grandfather brings her a pig from Alaska and the two of them learn about fun and sharing together.

Kleven, Elisa Hooray! A Pinata!

After she chooses a cute dog pinata for her birthday party, Clara pretends it is her pet and she doesn't want it to get broken.

Krensky, Stephen Lionel in Winter.

Lionel's winter adventures include pretending to be an Arctic explorer, building a snowman, and making some New Year's resolutions.

La Prise, Larry The Hokey Pokey.

A lively group of people and animals dances to the lyrics and music of this popular novelty tune.

Lester, Helen Tacky the Penguin.

Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps.

Levine, Evan Not the Piano, Mrs. Medley!

After several false starts, Mrs. Medley, loaded with gear, sets out for the beach with her grandson Max and her dog Word.

Lillegard, Dee Tortoise Brings the Mail.

Because Tortoise is slow to deliver the mail, one animal after another offers to do a better job, but the successful completion of the task always depends on Tortoise.

London, Jonathan Froggy Goes to School.

Froggy is nervous about his first day of school, but, even though it's hard to sit still, he has a wonderful time.

MacDonald, Amy Cousin Ruth's Tooth.

When little Cousin Ruth loses a tooth, the whole Fister family is in a dither.

Marshall, Edward Three by the Sea.

Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story.

Martin, Bill Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Noble, Tricia The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash.

Jimmy's boa constrictor wreaks havoc on the class trip to a farm.

Riley, Linnea Mouse Mess.

A hungry mouse leaves a huge mess when it goes in search of a snack.

Sadler, Marilyn The Very Bad Bunny.

The Funnybunnies all think that P.J. is the worst bunny they have ever seen, until his cousin Binky comes for a visit.

Schade, Susan Snug House, Bug House!

Six bugs find a tennis ball and turn it into a wonderful house for themselves.

Stadler, John Ready, Set, Go!

When he plays with bigger dogs, Sasha proves himself and his abilities.

Stevens, Janet Tops and Bottoms.

Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

Van Leeuwen, Jean Amanda Pig, School Girl.

Amanda Pig's first day of school is every bit as wonderful as she always hoped it would be.

Wells, Rosemary McDuff Moves In.

Berenstain, Stan and Jan
Big Honey Hunt

Dad Bear hunts for honey from a bee tree rather than going to the store. After he gets chased, he decides the store-bought honey is much better!

Byars, Betsy
Golly Sisters Go West

In six funny chapters, the Golly sisters finally get their horse to go, then get lost and also perform on and off the stage. One title in The Golly Sisters series.

Cole, Joanne - compiler
Ready, Set, Read and Laugh

A collection of humorous stories, poems and riddles for the beginning reader.

Dr. Seuss
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Funny creatures abound in this Dr. Seuss classic.

Eastman, P.D.
Best Nest

Mr. and Mrs. Bird discover that "there's no place like home," and Baby Bird likes it just fine, too.

Hoff, Sid
Stanley

Because Stanley is a kind caveman and paints pictures, the other cavemen drive him out of the cave. Stanley decides to build his own house and eventually changes the other tough cavemen.

Jeram, Anita
Contrary Mary

One day Mary the mouse decides to do everything opposite of what her mother tells her to do, but when her mother does the same, she has a change of heart.

Kessler, Leonard
Kick, Pass and Run

After observing a boys' football game, a group of animals organizes its own team.

Lobel, Arnold
Frog and Toad are Friends

In four chapters, we learn about this famous friendship and the many tricks they play upon each other. One title in the classic Frog and Toad series.

McClintock, Marshall
A Fly Went By

A sheep with its foot caught in a tin can sets off a chase with a fly in the lead.

Minarik, Else

Little Bear's Friend

Little Bear is sad when his new friend Emily has to return to school at the end of the summer, but he discovers he can write to her. One title in the classic Little Bear series.

Novak, Matt

Newt

Newt lives in a slimy house on a mossy bank where, in three adventures, he discovers the secret to having a perfect day, finds a strange fuzzy bug, and makes a new friend who shares his fear of the dark.

Parish, Peggy

Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping

As always, Amelia follows the instructions given to her quite literally while on a camping trip, including pitching a tent and rowing a boat. One of the titles in the hilarious Amelia Bedelia series.

Paterson, Katherine

The Smallest Cow in the World

Though Rosie is the meanest cow in the herd, 5-year-old Marvin is inconsolable when she is sold, and he and his family have to move to another dairy farm.

Perkins, Al

The Digging-Est Dog

A dog who can't dig suddenly learns how - maybe a little too well - and has to be stopped before he digs up his town.

Phillips, Joan

My new little boy

A little black puppy from a pet store gets a kid of his own. There are many things the puppy must teach the boy!

Robinson, Fay

Great Snakes!

In simple rhyme, the author tells of many types of snakes, how they lay their eggs, and what they eat. Glossary at the end.

Rockwell, Anne

Sweet Potato Pie

Why is everyone stopping what they're doing? To get some of Grandma's sweet potato pie, of course!

Rylant, Cynthia

Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat

Henry and his large dog Mudge adopt a lost cat the color of prunes! Mudge and the cat develop a special friendship.

Rylant, Cynthia

Mr. Putter and Tabby Row the Boat

Mr. Putter, his cat, and their neighbors discover cool ways to cope with a scorching summer afternoon. One title in the Mr. Putter series.

Rylant, Cynthia

Poppleton

In this very funny first book of a new series, Poppleton the Pig makes friends, goes to the library, and helps a sick friend.

Schwartz, Alvin - compiler

Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore

Seven easy-to-read stories based on traditional folk tales.

Scwartz, Alvin

In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories

Seven scary stories to tell at night in the dark or in front of a fire. Based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

Sharmat, Marjorie

Nate the Great and the Pillowcase

Nate the detective gets awakened in the middle of night by his friend Rosamond to solve yet another mystery. One title in the Nate the Great series.

Shea, George

First Flight

An historic account about young Tom Tate from Kitty Hawk and the Wright Brothers' many attempts at flying.

Thomas, Patricia

"Stand back!" said the elephant,

"I'm going to sneeze!"

All the animals tremble in terror as an elephant tries to stop an enormous sneeze until a mere mouse fixes everything.

Waber, Bernard

Ira Sleeps Over

Ira is really excited to spend the night at his friend's house, until he realizes he must leave his teddy bear at home.

Yolen, Jane

Commander Toad and the Space Pirates

Leap Into Poetry; More ABCs of Poetry by Avis Harley. 2001, Boyds Mills.
Mammalabilia by Douglas Florian. 1999, Harcourt.
Prairie Primer: A to Z by Caroline Stutson. 1996, Dutton.
Rings! Yo? by Chris Raschka. 1999, DK Inc.
Sidewalk Chalk: Poems of the City by Carole B. Weatherford. 2001, Boyds Mills.
Spring: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur. 1999, Clarion Books.
The Everything Book by Denise Fleming. 2001, Henry Holt.
Uptown by Bryan Collier. 1999, Henry Holt.
What Am I? by Margaret Hillert. 1981, Modern Curriculum Press.
Where Have All the Unicorns Gone? by Jane Yolen. 2000, Simon.
Where's the Bear? by Byron Barton. 1984, Greenwillow Books
Wacky Wednesday by Theo LeSieg. 1974, Beginner Books.
Snow! by Christine Ford. 1999, HarperFestival.
Snowy Flowy Blowy: A Twelve Month Rhyme by Nancy Tafuri. 1999, Scholastic Press.
Some Things Go Together by Charlotte Zolotow. 1999, HarperFestival.
Pots and Pans by Patricia Hubbell. 1998, HarperFestival.
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss. 1960, Random House.
Mice Are Nice by Charles Ghigna. 1999, Random House.
Let's Jump In! by Susan Hood. 1999, Reader's Digest.
Jealous by Sylvia Root Tester. 2000, Child's World.

Picture Books

A New Room for William by Sally Grindley. 2000, Candlewick.
An Alligator Ate My Brother by Mary Olson. 1998, Boyds Mills.
The Day Gogo Went to Vote by Elinor Sisulu. 1996, Little, Brown.
The Dragon Takes a Wife by Walter Dean Myers. 1997, Scholastic.
Baby Beebeebird by Diane Redfield Massie. 1963, HarperCollins.
Bears' Christmas Surprise by Bruno Hachler. 2000, North-South/ Neugebauer.
Bernard's Bath by Joan E. Goodman. 1996, Bell Books/Boyds Mills.
Big Jabe by Jerdine Nolen. 2000, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard.
Black Cat by Christopher Myers. 1999, Scholastic.
Butterfly Boy by Virginia L Kroll. 1998, Boyds Mills Press.
Buzz, Buzz, Buzz by Byron Barton. 1995, Aladdin Paperbacks.
Chato and the Party Animals by Gary Soto. 2000, Putnam.
Comes a Wind by Linda Arms White. 2000, DK Inc.
Daisy and the Beastie by Jane Simmons. 1999, Little, Brown.
Do You Know What I'll Do? by Charlotte Zolotow. 2001, Harper Collins.
Dreaming of America by Eve Bunting. 2000, Bridge Water Books.
Eat Your Peas, Louise! by Pegeen Snow. 1985, Children's Press.
Fanny's Dream by Carolyn Buehner. 1996, Dial.
Faraway Drawer by Harriett Diller. 1998, Boyds Mills Press.
Fishing in the Air by Sharon Creech. 2000, Harper/Collins/Cotler.

Flora the Frog by Shirley Isherwood. 2000, Peachtree.
The Girl Who Lost Her Smile by Karim Alrawi. 2000, Winslow.
Going Home by Eve Bunting. 1996, HarperCollins.
Guest by Michael Dorris. 1994, Hyperion.
If I Had a Snowplow by Jean I. S. W. Patrick. 2000, Boyds Mills.
Joke's on George by Michael O. Tunnell. 2001, Boyds Mills.
Jubal's Wish by Audrey Wood. 2000, Scholastic/Blue Sky.
Just Right Stew by Karen English. 1998, Boyds Mills.
Living in Castle Times by Robyn Gee. 1982, Usborne.
Madlenka by Peter Sis. 2000, Farrar/Foster.
Mrs. Goodstory by Joy Cowley. 2001, Boyds Mills.
My Friend John by Charlotte Zolotow. 2000, Doubleday.
New Hope by Henri Sorensen. 1992, Lothrop.
Night Worker by Kate Banks. 2000, Farrar/Foster.
No, David by David Shannon. 1998, Blue Sky.
Olivia by Ian Falconer. 2000, Atheneum Books for Young Readers.
Open Wide Tooth School Inside by Laurie Keller. 2000, Henry Holt.
Rain by Manya Stojic. 1999, Crown.
The Rocking Horse Angel by Mercer Mayer. 2000, Cavendish.
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy E. Shaw. 1986, Houghton Mifflin.
Sick of Each Other by William Steig. 2000, HarperCollins/Cotler.
Snow Pumpkin by Carole Lexa Schaefer. 2000, Crown.
Stomp, Stomp! by Bob Kolar. 1997, North-South Books.
Story Time for Little Porcupine by Joseph Slate. 2000, Cavendish.
Summer My Father Was Ten by Pat Brissom. 1998, Boyds Mills.
Three Names by Patricia Maclachlan. 1991, HarperCollins.
Uptown by Bryan Collier. 1999, Henry Holt.
When Cows Come Home by David Lee Harrison. 1994, Boyds.
When Papa Snores by Melinda Long. 2000, Simon.
Where Are My Glasses? by Janie Spaht Gill. 1999, ARO Publishers.
Where Is Jake? by Mary Packard. 1990, Children's Press.
Zoom City by Thacher Hurd. 1998, Harper Festival.

Nonfiction

Autumn Leaves by Gail Saunders-Smith. 1998, Pebble Books.
Bats! Strange and Wonderful by Laurence Pringle. 1999, Boyds Mills.
Big and Little on the Farm by Dorothy Donohue. 1999, Golden Books.
Circles and Squares Everywhere! by Max Grover. 1996, Browndeer.
A Cold Day by Lola M. Schaefer. 2000, Pebble Books.
Footprints in the Sand by Cynthia Benjamin. 1999, Scholastic.
Harvest Year by Cris Peterson. 2000, Boyds Mills.
A High, Low, Loud, Quiet Story by Nina Crew. 1999, Greenwillow.

How to Talk to Your Cat by Jean Craighead George. 1999, Candlewick Press.
How to Talk to Your Dog by Jean Craighead George. 1999, Candlewick Press.
I'm a Seed by Jean Marzollo. 1996, Scholastic.
Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes by Stephen R. Swinburne. 2000, Boyds Mills.
Over; Under and Through, and Other Spatial Concepts by Tana Hoban. 1973, Simon & Schuster.
A Polar Bear Can Swim: What Animals Can and Cannot Do by Harriet Ziefert. 2000, Puffin.
Rain by Robert Kalan. 1978, Greenwillow Books.
Rainforest Colors by Susan Canizares. 1998, Scholastic.
Sunny Day by Lola M. Schaefer. 2000, Capstone Press.
This Is the Ocean by Kersten Hamilton. 2000, Boyds Mills.
Touching by Helen Frost. 2000, Capstone Press.
Wind by Susan Canizares. 1998, Scholastic.
Wheels by Annie Cobb. 1996, Random House.
Who Lives in the Arctic? by Susan Canizares. 1998, Scholastic.