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### Required Summer Reading for First Grade

Students entering First Grade need to read 10 books with a parent. The books may be any that you choose, however, we have attached a suggested reading list for rising first graders. As you read, each book should be recorded on the summer reading log. Please bring this log to your child's teacher on the first day of school, along with the completed assignment on only ONE of the books. Here are some guidelines to remember.

- 1. Read books to/with your child. Even if your child is already a reader, this should not be an independent activity.
- 2. As you read, discuss with your child the characters, setting, and problem and/or solution. Book discussion is one of the best ways to know the level of, and to support, your child's literacy. Here are some tips on how to start a book discussion with your child. In general, avoid dead-end, yes/no questions such as "Did you like it?"

### Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you choose this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Does this book remind you of anything you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- · What do you think is going to happen?

### While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- What's happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- · If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- Where is the book set?
- If the main character in that story lived next door, would you guys be friends?
- What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

### After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- · Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- · Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?
- Did the problem of the book's plot get solved?
- If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?
- 3. Have your child choose his/her favorite book and complete the assignment on only this **one** book. (See attached page for assignment)

## Have a great summer! See you in August!

# Suggested Books for Summer Reading

(Rising First Graders)

### **Favorite Series:**

Arthur by Brown
Biscuit by Capucilli
Amelia Bedelia by Parish
Franklin by Bourgeois
Berenstain Bears by Berenstain
Frog and Toad by Lobel
Annie and Snowball by Rylant
Henry and Mudge by Rylant
Dr. Seuss books

Any I Can Read books (by Scholastic) various authors Any Hello Reader books (by Scholastic) various authors

### **Favorite Authors:**

Frank Asch

Jan Brett

Marc Brown

Margaret Brown

Alyssa Capucilli

Eric Carle

Nancy Carlson

Syd Hoff

Arnold Lobel

Laura Numeroff

Cynthia Rylant

Dr. Seuss

Shel Silverstein

Bernard Waber

Mo Willems

B. Wiseman

Non-Fiction: (usually a big hit with boys<sup>©</sup>)

Any beginner non-fiction books about community helpers, animals, insects, space, or any science or related topics

### Parent Read-Alouds:

\*Rhyming and poetry books
\*Magic Tree House series by Osborne
\*A to Z Mysteries by Roy Harry the Dog books by Zion