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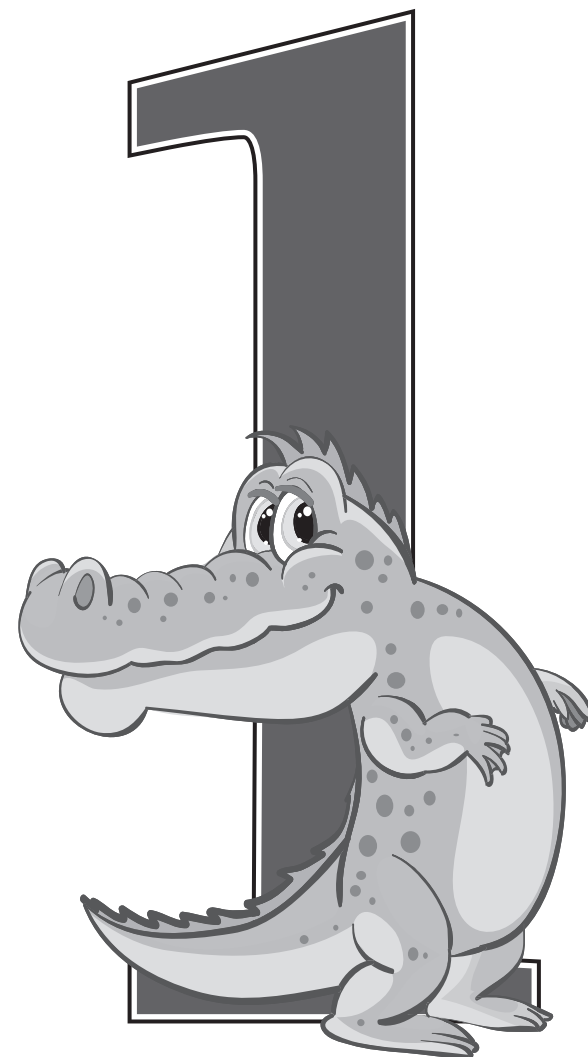
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Book List for Home Reading



First Grade

First Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your first grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by the librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for first grade children.

Although these titles were chosen mainly to be read aloud, first graders will be able also to read some of these titles independently. Many children will also “pretend-read” these stories, particularly ones they have heard over and over. If this happens, give your child lots of praise and encouragement, since “pretend reading” is an important early step on the road to “real reading.”

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. If a book is a “hit” with a child, parents may well end up reading it again and again. It’s much more pleasant to reread books we really like!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child’s teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don’t have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children’s sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction and Folktales

Adler, David A.....	Bones (series)
Arnold, Tedd	Fly Guy (series)
Brett, Jan.....	The Mitten: A Ukranian Folktale
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin.....	Biscuit (series)
Carlson, Nancy	First Grade, Here I Come!
Chichester Clark, Emma.....	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Cushman, Doug.....	Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Haunted House
Deedy, Carmen Agra	Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale
Demi	The Empty Pot
Dooley, Norah	Everybody Cooks Rice
Guest, Elissa Haden.....	Iris and Walter (series)
Henkes, Kevin.....	Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse
Labatt, Mary.....	Sam Finds a Monster
Lobel, Arnold.....	Frog and Toad (series)
Marshall, James.....	Fox (series)
McKissack, Pat.....	Messy Bessey (series)
Mozelle, Shirley.....	Zack’s Alligator
Numeroff, Laura Joffe.....	If You Take a Mouse to School
Pearson, Susan.....	How to Teach a Slug to Read
Pilkey, Dav	Dog Breath! The Horrible Trouble with Hally Tosis
Piven, Hanoch.....	My Best Friend Is as Sharp as a Pencil: And Other Funny Classroom Portraits
Rosenthal, Amy Krouse.....	Duck! Rabbit!
Rylant, Cynthia.....	Puppy Mudge (series)
Scotton, Rob.....	Splat the Cat (series)
Schwartz, Alvin.....	In a Dark, Dark Room, and other Scary Stories
Seuss, Dr.....	Green Eggs and Ham
Soto, Gary.....	Too Many Tamales
Spiegelman, Nadja	Zig and Wikki in Something Ate My Homework: A Toon Book

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Thiesing, Lisa.....	The Scarecrow’s New Clothes: A Silly Thriller with Peggy the Pig
Thomas, Shelly Moore.....	Good Night, Good Knight
Watt, Melanie	Chester
Weeks, Sarah	Mac and Cheese
Willems, Mo	Elephant and Piggie (series)
Williams, Vera B.....	A Chair for My Mother

Non-Fiction/Informational Text

Bowman, Lucy	Bugs
Florian, Douglas	Bow Wow Meow Meow: It’s Rhyming Cats and Dogs
Hoberman, Mary Ann.....	You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You (series)
Jenkins, Steve.....	What Do You Do with a Tail like This?
Maestro, Marco.....	Geese Find the Missing Piece: School Time Riddle Rhymes
Mara, Wil	Martin Luther King Jr.
Smith, Penny	Animal Hide and Seek

