

First Grade Suggested Reading List

In Centennial School District, we enthusiastically encourage our students to read in and out of school all year long. As a learning community, we endorse the Pennsylvania Department of Education's recommendation that elementary children read at least 25 books a year. We have included authors, titles, and series on this list that will appeal to your child.

Please encourage your child's non-fiction passions by guiding him or her to books on a favorite topic. Wide reading about true things helps create minds that are open and prepared for inquiry in science and social studies. Poetry gives children access to exquisite language, and biographies inspire and help us to understand the world around us. Fiction fires the imagination and engenders a life-long love of reading.

While it is important that your child read some books independently, it is essential that you continue to **read with your child** throughout elementary school. As an adult reader, you can model thinking strategies, demonstrate reading with fluency and expression, introduce new words and ideas, and help your child make connections between books and the world. Teachers, reading specialists, teacher-librarians, and public librarians are all at your service in determining the very best books to share with your child.

Author	Title
BIOGRAPHY	
Abraham, Philip*	Amelia Earhart
Gaineri, Anita	The Story of Columbus
Hill, Mary	Harriet Beecher Stowe
Jackson, Garnet	George Washington : Our First President
Lynch, Emma	Florence Nightingale
Murphy, Frank	Babe Ruth Saves Baseball!
Walker, Pam*	Helen Keller
Zannos, Susan	Thomas Edison : A Great Inventor
FICTION	
Asch, Frank*	Mooncake
Borden, Louise	Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens
Bourgeois, Paulette	Franklin **
Brett, Jan*	The Mitten
Brown, Margaret Wise*	The Important Book
Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit **
Carle, Eric*	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Cousins, Lucy	Maisy Makes Gingerbread **
Freeman, Don	Corduroy **

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Henkes, Kevin*	Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
Hoban, Russell	A Bargain for Frances **
Kalan, Robert	Jump, Frog, Jump
Keats, Ezra Jack*	Peter's Chair
Lionni, Leo*	Inch by Inch
Martin, Bill*	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Numeroff, Laura	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie **
Rylant, Cynthia	Puppy Mudge **
Seuss, Dr.*	The Cat in the Hat
Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep **
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps For Sale
Wells, Rosemary*	Noisy Nora
Wood, Don and Audrey*	The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear
NON-FICTION	
Dussling, Jennifer*	Slinky Scaly Snakes
Marzolla, Jean*	Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr.
McGrath, Barbara	The Cheerios Counting Book
Pfeffer, Wendy	From Tadpole to Frog
Wallace, Karen	Wild Baby Animals
POETRY	
Mayer, Mercer	A Boy, A Dog, and a Frog **
Scieszka, Jon	The Book that Jack Wrote
Sendak, Maurice*	Chicken Soup with Rice *

* may choose other books by that author

** may choose other books in that series