

Dear Families,

Incoming first graders are required to complete the following summer assignments:

1. Reading/Comprehension Packet
2. XtraMath.org- online math practice (10 minutes 3 days/week)

I have put together a Summer Reading Challenge in order to encourage your child to maintain the skills he/she acquired during Kindergarten. Please help your child this summer by encouraging him/her to read every day. Please review the challenge categories and help your child choose age appropriate books for any 6 of the categories. Record the books read on the Summer Reading Bucket List. Of course, your child is welcome to read and record more than the 6 categories he/she chooses to go above and beyond what is expected. You may help your child read the stories. I recommend leveled readers (PreK-2) like "I Can Read", "Step Into Reading", or "Ready to Read" books.

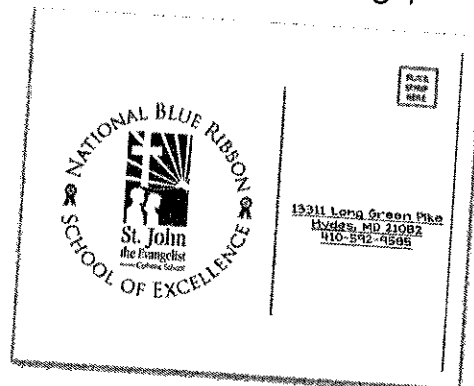
In addition to completing the challenge, students will be required to complete two separate book reports to go with two of the books from the challenge. The book reports are easy to complete with pictures, words or a combination of both. Students are required to turn in their completed reading packet upon returning to school in September.

Students have been introduced to the XtraMath.org website at school and have been given a math placement test. This site is designed to help your child master basic math facts which are the building blocks to math fluency. Students must complete a minimum of 30 minutes/week which are automatically documented through the program for teacher viewing.

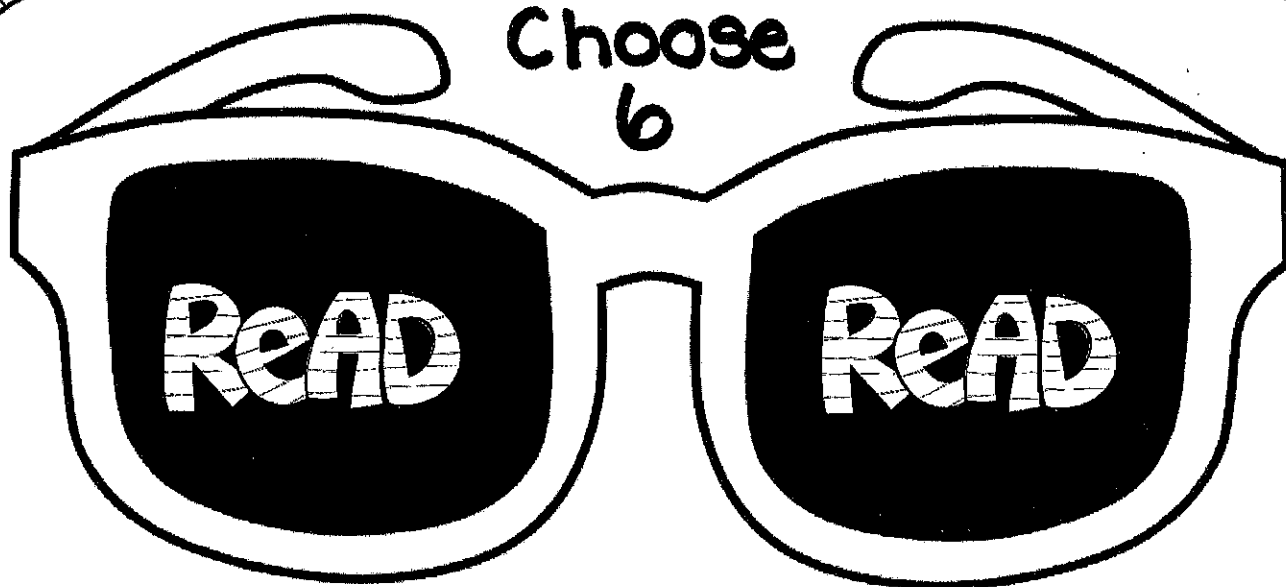
Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you at the start of the new school year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wolff

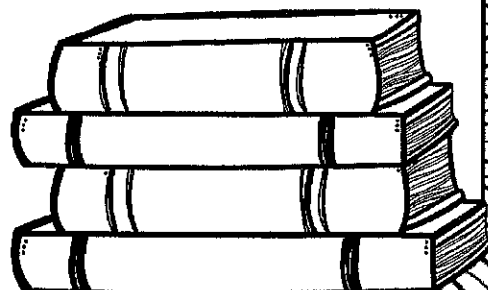
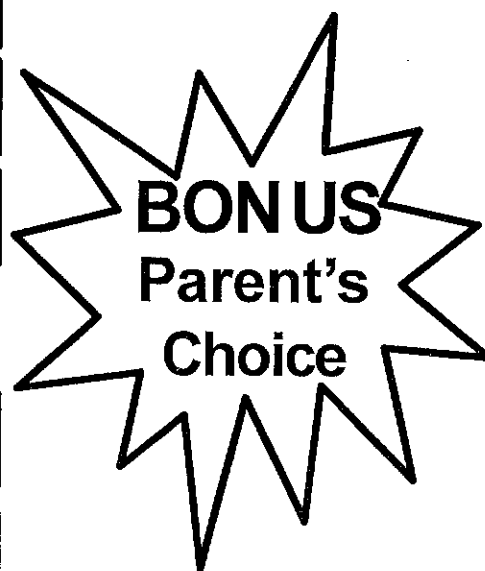


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## The Challenge

- Color in the Title
- Number in the Title
- Animal Book
- Story About Friends
- Superhero Book
- Poems
- Nonfiction Book
- Dinosaur Book
- Sports Book
- Your Choice



# Summer Reading Bucket List

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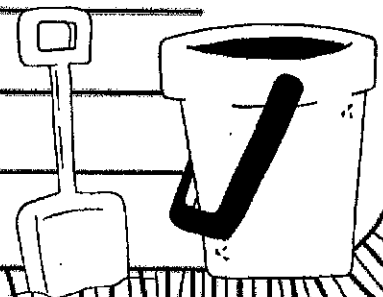
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# Summer Book Report

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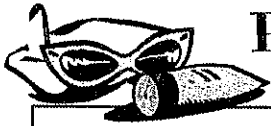
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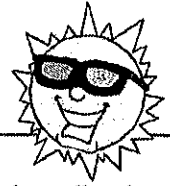
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# First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List



*Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.*

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

## **Fun Books to Share**

- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Clifford series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hil! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Little Critter series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

## **Learning to Read Series**

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4

## **Alphabet Books**

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg

## **Math in Picture Books**

- *How Much Is a Million?* by David M. Schwartz
- *One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints* by Diana Pomeroy
- *Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!)* by William Wise
- *When Sheep Cannot Sleep* by Satoshi Kitamura

## **Classics to Read to a First Grader**

- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *When Will I Read?* by Miriam Cohen

## **Caldecott Awards and Honor Books**

- *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
- *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *A Story, A Story* by Gail E. Haley

**Enjoy!**