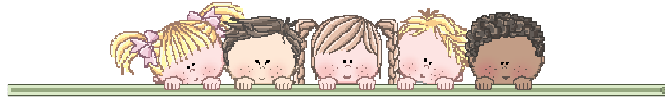


For Students Entering Grade 1
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010



Children entering Grade 1 enjoy listening to and reading picture books, easy readers, and books that feature rhymes, patterns, or repetitive phrases. For beginning readers, it is important that books are visually appealing, and not overwhelming in text. Reading on level improves comprehension and motivation. Remember, the right book is also one that a child enjoys sharing with someone special.

Caldecott Medals 2010



The Caldecott Medal is awarded each year by the American Library Association (ALA) to honor the illustrator who had created the most distinguished children's picture book published during the preceding year. The award was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott.

2010 Winner



The Lion & the Mouse illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney

2010 Honor Books



All the World illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon



Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors
illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman



New Books for 2010



The following book list has been compiled from two lists: *School Library Journal's 2009 Best Books List* (SLJ Book Review Editors: Trevelyn Jones, Luann Toth, Marlene Charnizon, Daryl Grabarek, and Joy Fleishhacker -- School Library Journal, 12/1/2009), and the *American Library Association's 2010 Notable Book List*.

I Spy Fly Guy! By Tedd Arnold. Illus. by the author.

A disastrous ending to a game of hide and seek finds Fly Guy hauled away to the local dump in this new take on a lost pet. (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

The Curious Garden. By Peter Brown. Illus. by the author.

Liam discovers a patch of lonely plants in an elevated train track and encourages them to grow into a magnificent garden that spreads throughout the drab city.

Big Wolf and Little Wolf. By Nadine Brun-Cosme. Illus. by Olivier Tallec.

Big Wolf lives alone until Little Wolf appears. Bit by bit, Big Wolf allows Little Wolf to join him in daily activities. Only when Little Wolf goes away does Big Wolf realize how much he cares for his new friend. (A 2010 Batchelder Honor Book.)

Redwoods. By Jason Chin. Illus. by the author.

Jason imaginatively steps into his book about redwoods and embarks on an adventurous exploration climbing through the canopy of these giants.

Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales. By Lucy Cousins. Illus. by author.

An assortment of delectable stories with all of the humor, wisdom, and just-deserts endings that have long made them favorite fare showcases characters innocent, laughably foolish, deliciously menacing, and always irresistible.

Thunder-Boomer! By Shutta Crum. Illus. by Carol Thompson.

On a sweltering summer day, a farm family welcomes a storm that rolls in with fury and leaves behind an unexpected gift: a soaked and shivery kitten. Color-swept artwork, tense drama, and flashes of humor

Chicken Little. By Rebecca & Ed Emberley. Illus. by authors.

Fable is told with bright graphic-style artwork, fun-to-share-aloud sound effects, and an appealing cheeky attitude. With their whirligig eyes and comic pratfalls, Chicken Little and his bird-brained cronies display more cluck than pluck right up to the satisfyingly silly ending.

Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! By Geoffrey Hayes. Illus. by the author.

Siblings Benny and Penny encounter trouble when curiosity about a mysterious neighbor leads them into unexpected adventures. (The 2010 Geisel Award Book.)

Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day. By Kate McMullan. Illus. by R. W. Alley.

Friends Pearl and Wagner experience the hijinks and pranks of April Fools' Day. (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

Gracias * Thanks. By Pat Mora. Illus. by John Parra.

Small pleasures of Latino family life and experiences are captured in nostalgic folk art illustrations. (A 2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.)

Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes. By Margie Palatini. Illus. by Barry Moser.

A know-it-all fox solicits help from his friends to obtain some difficult-to-reach morsels, but when his convoluted and humorously diagrammed plans fall flat, he declares the grapes sour.

Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride. By Andrea Davis Pinkney. Illus. by Brian Pinkney.

This picture-book biography starts small and hits its stride when Sojourner speaks her gospel of truth. Luminous artwork sets the scenes and portrays a woman on the move and an indomitable, larger-than-life spirit.

The Lion & the Mouse. By Jerry Pinkney. Illus. by author

Pinkney's stunning—and elegantly wordless—version of a well-known Aesop's fable is incandescent with the shimmering hues of its African savannah setting. The artwork's captivating realism and riveting visual perspectives reveal that though these creatures differ in size and stature, they both possess a lion's share of courage and compassion. **2010 Caldecott Medal winner**

Duck! Rabbit! By Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Illus. by Tom Lichtenheld.

Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Simple words and bold illustrations, challenge children with this optical illusion.

Shades of People. By Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly. Photographs by Shelley Rotner.

Images of happy children with many shades and colors of skin show the beauty of all people inside and out.

Epossumondas Plays Possum. By Coleen Salley. Illus. by Janet Stevens.

The endearing baby possum gets lost in the Louisiana swamp where he nonchalantly plays dead and protects himself from one real-life predator after another.

All the World. By Liz Garton Scanlon. Illus. by Marla Frazee.

From a morning beach excursion to an evening filled with music and friends, this bright and breezy picture book celebrates the whirlwind of family life in summer. **2010 Caldecott Honor Book.**

Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors. By Joyce Sidman. Illus. by Pamela Zagarenski.

Evocative poems celebrate color and enliven the senses as readers follow a woman and her dog surrounded by intricately costumed and stylized figures through the seasons. **2010 Caldecott Honor Book**

Pigs Make Me Sneeze! By Mo Willems. Illus. by author. (An Elephant & Piggie Bk.).

In this easy reader told entirely through dialogue balloons, Gerald is dismayed by the notion that he might be allergic to his best friend-until Dr. Cat comes to the rescue. The animals' expressions and body language are a riot, and the friends' very real emotions are priceless.

Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends. By Wong Herbert Yee. Illus. by the author.

Artistic Mole and poetic Mouse join forces to hatch a clever plan for watching skittish birds and create their own book of paintings and poems celebrating their bird-watching adventures. **2010 Geisel Honor Book**

For complete lists of ALA's Notable Books and SLJ's Best Books, go to these websites:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6708210.html?q=slj%27s+best+books+of+2009>

Contemporary and Classic Books



Favorite contemporary stories appeal to beginning readers by stretching children's imaginations and building their vocabularies. They usually are set in "modern" times and do not cover specific years.

Classics books contain excellent writing, memorable characters and outstanding artwork. They are timeless – they remain popular with children and book professionals, generation after generation. For more classic picture books, go to <http://www.kidsreads.com/lists/pic-classic.asp> .

Title

Amelia Bedelia
Arthur's Eyes
The Cat in the Hat
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Curious George
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
Eloise
Frog and Toad Are Friends
George and Martha
Harold and the Purple Crayon
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
The Little House
Madeline
Make Way for Ducklings
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Millions of Cats
Officer Buckle and Gloria
One Fish Two Fish
The Polar Express
Prehistoric Pinkerton
Rumpelstiltskin
Seven Blind Mice
Stinky Cheese Man
The Story about Ping
Strega Nona
Sylvester & the Magic Pebble
Tale of Peter Rabbit
When Sophie Gets Angry, Really Really Angry

Author

Peggy Parrish
Marc Brown
Dr. Seuss
Bill Martin
H.A. Rey
Mo Willems
Kay Thompson
Arnold Lobel
James Marshall
Crockett Johnson
Kevin Henkes
Virginia Burton
Ludwig Bemelmans
Robert McCloskey
Virginia Lee Burton
Wanda Gag
Gloria Rathmann
Dr. Seuss
Chris Van Allsburg
Steven Kellogg
Paul O. Zelinsky
Ed Young
Jon Scieszka
Marjorie Flack
Tomie de Paola
William Steig
Beatrix Potter
Molly Bang

THE FIVE FINGER RULE



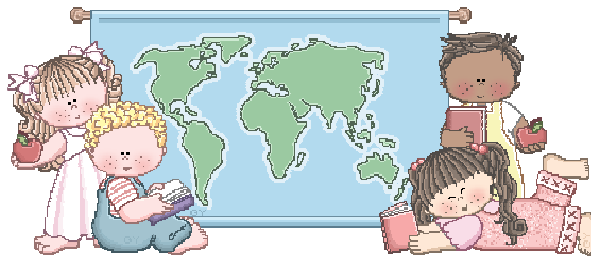
There are so many great books from which to choose. How do you know if a book is right for you? Try the "Five Finger Rule" to help you choose just the right book.

Open the book to a full page of text, and begin to read.

Hold up a finger for every word you come to that you cannot pronounce or do not know.
0 - 1 finger...easy 2 - 3 fingers...just right 4 - 5 fingers...hard

If you get 5 fingers up on one page, the book is too difficult to read independently, but it may be fine to read with someone. If you do not get any fingers up, but are reading very slowly and sounding out almost every word, you may not enjoy the book. This book might be better if someone reads it to you first, then you can try it on your own.

By using the Five Finger Rule, you are practicing to read smoothly and with expression, while improving your sight vocabulary.



Websites for Kids and Their Parents!

PBS Parents Guide to Reading and Language

Learn how children become readers and writers and how parents can help them develop by talking, reading, and writing together every day.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/readinglanguage/>

James Patterson's READ-KIDDO-READ

A website dedicated to making kids readers for life.

<http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

KIDS READ!

Looking for a new, favorite book? For students who want to move on to more challenging books, chapter books and short novels may be just the thing!

The following list of books have short chapters, simple sentences with lively illustrations and will cover a broad range of reading skills.

<http://www.kidsreads.com/lists/beg-new.asp>



Favorite websites among First Grade students:

Jan Brett <http://janbrett.com>
OUR FAVORITE WEBSITE! 6,499 pages of free activities, coloring pages, and projects!

Tedd Arnold <http://www.geocities.com/~teddarnold/>

Tomie dePaola <http://www.tomie.com>

Dr. Seuss <http://www.seussville.com/>

Kevin Henkes <http://www.kevinhenkes.com>

Magic School Bus <http://www.scholastic.com/magicschoolbus/>

Robert Munsch <http://www.robertmunsch.com/>

Margie Palatini <http://www.margiepalatini.com/books.html>

Peggy Rathmann <http://www.peggyrathmann.com/>

Mike Thaler - <http://www.mikethaler.com/school.htm>

Mo Willems <http://www.mowillems.com/>
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