

June 24, 2021

Dear Parents,

As the summer begins we would like to introduce ourselves and briefly explain some of our expectations for second grade. The transition from first to second grade is a big change, and the year is a busy one. We aim to help the children take responsibility for their own learning. They will learn to work with an increased level of independence next year.

At this time, we don't know yet exactly what next year will look like. What is certain is that it is more important than ever that your children **continue to read daily throughout the summer**. Research shows that children who do not read in the summer will lose significant reading skills. Your child cannot afford to lose the skills they have worked so hard to gain this year.

This summer, in order to maintain and improve skills mastered in first grade, we would like the children to **read regularly, ideally on a daily basis**. You would be surprised how much children can forget if they do not continue to practice reading. We have attached a suggested list of books that your children may enjoy. There is not a required summer reading project, but reading regularly is truly one of the most important ways to preserve all of the learning they have done this year.

Over the summer, it is also important to continue to practice the math facts for addition and subtraction. Although school is about far more than memorization, speed and accuracy with the math facts is important as the curriculum moves on to more advanced content.

A supply list is attached. We are looking forward to working with you and your children next year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer! We will see you in September!

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team  
Mrs. Vinessa Bowman  
Mrs. Rachel Ide



# 1st Grade Summer Reading List

## Easy Readers



- My Toothbrush is Missing by Jan Thomas
- What is Chasing Duck? by Jan Thomas
- We Are in a Book by Mo Willems (all Elephant and Piggie books are fantastic!)
- The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow by Andy Griffiths
- Who Is That, Cat the Cat? by Mo Willems
- We Are Growing by Laurie Keller
- Don't Worry, BEE Happy by Ross Burach
- Big Cat by Ethan Long
- The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat
- Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick & David Serlin
- Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear by Kevin Bolger
- Trucktown by Jon Scieszka
- Slow, Slow Sloths by Bonnie Bader
- Little Big Horse by Dave Horowitz
- We Dig Worms by Kevin McCloskey





# 1st Grade Summer Reading List

## Easiest Chapter Books



- Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
- See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog by David LaRochelle
- Hi, Jack! (A Jack Book) by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli
- Do You Like My Bike? (Hello, Hedgehog!) by Norm Feuti
- An Elephant & Piggie Biggie! by Mo Willems
- Aggie the Brave by Lori Ries
- Caterpillar to Butterfly by Laura Marsh
- Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog by Cynthia Rylant
- Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
- Penny and Her Marble by Kevin Henkes
- Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton





# 1st Grade Summer Reading List

## Easy Chapter Books



- Kitty and Dragon by Meika Hashimoto
- Pug Blasts Off (Diary of a Pug) by Kyla May
- Kung Pow Chicken by Cindi Marko
- Owly: The Way Home and The Bittersweet Summer by Andy Runton
- Smell My Foot (Chick and Brain) by Cece Bell
- Moldylocks and the Three Beards by Noah Z. Jones
- Meet Mo and Jo: The Boulder Brothers by Sarah Lynn
- The Infamous Ratsos by Kara Lareau
- Geeger the Robot Goes to School by Jarret Lerner
- Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi
- Happy Paws: Layla and the Bots by Vicky Fang
- The Party and Other Stories (Fox and Chick) by Sergio Ruzzier
- Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue by Paula Harrison
- Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero! by Kara West
- Bo's Magical New Friend (Unicorn Diaries) by Rebecca Elliott
- The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
- Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #1 by Dav Pilkey
- Notebook of Doom #1 by Troy Cummings
- Rise of the Earth Dragon #1 by Tracey West



# School Supplies

Below is a list of school supplies. On the list of required supplies, any highlighted supplies are still needed for your child. On the donation wish list you will find supplies that are still needed for our classroom. If you are willing and able, we would greatly appreciate any and all donations! Thanks for your support!

-Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Ide

## Required Supplies

- 1 marble composition notebook
- 1 3-subject lined notebook
- 4 2-pocket folders
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 2 dozen sharpened pencils
- kid safe scissors
- crayons and colored pencils
- 4 dry erase markers
- erasers
- 1 box of tissues
- glue sticks
- earbuds or headphones- straight jack for ipads
- pencil sharpener
- Art smock (old oversized shirt)

## Donation Wish List

- Extra glue sticks
- Clorox wipes
- Quart size Ziploc bags
- Gallon Ziploc bags
  
- Please DO NOT send 3 ring binders. They are difficult to manage and fit in our desks.
  
- Pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks and tissues may need to be replenished mid-year.

