

# FIRST GRADE

## Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 1st grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: [www.cmlibrary.org/summerread](http://www.cmlibrary.org/summerread)

### **Fly Guy and the Frankenfly**

*Arnold*

Buzz has a nightmare that his best friend Fly Guy has created a gigantic Frankenfly monster.

### **Mr. Tiger Goes Wild**

*Brown*

Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.

### **The Great Panda Tale**

*Buller*

Readers who can read alone will be introduced to facts about pandas, including what they eat and how they grow, and follows Louise and the rest of the zoo crew as they eagerly await the arrival of a new baby panda.

### **The Tiny Seed**

*Carle*

Dazzlingly colorful collage illustrations and a simple but dramatic text tell the fascinating story of the life cycle of a flower in terms of the adventures of a tiny seed.

### **Benjamin Bear in Bright Ideas**

*Coudray*

Benjamin Bear walks on water, rides a square-wheeled bicycle, and wears a fishbowl helmet under the sea. Told in the form of one-page comic strips, each of Benjamin's adventures is a hilarious gag, a puzzle, a mini physics lesson, or sometimes all three.

### **Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type**

*Cronin*

Farmer Brown thinks it's odd when he hears the sounds of typing coming from the barn, but his troubles really begin when his cows start leaving him notes. First they demand better working conditions, then they stage a strike!

### **The Day the Crayons Quit**

*Daywalt*

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them. Kids can imagine their own conversations with crayons with this picture book.

### **Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach**

*Dean*

Visiting the beach with his family, groovy Pete enjoys collecting shells and building a sand castle but resists going into the water or accepting a surfing lesson from Bob, despite the hot weather.

**Bink and Gollie***DiCamillo*

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

**Charlie the Ranch Dog: Where's the Bacon?***Drummond*

This 'I Can Read' book follows the efforts of the ranch basset hound to teach rules to a new puppy who sleeps in Charlie's bed, drinks his water, and eats his bacon.

**The Camping Trip***Hapka*

In the tenth book in the Pony Scouts I Can Read series, when Meg goes camping with the Pony Scouts, she finds herself unprepared for bugs, long walks to the bathroom and spooky stories.

**Benny and Penny in the Toy Breaker***Hayes*

When their cousin Bo comes to visit, Benny and Penny hide their toys and try to go on a treasure hunt without him, but Bo will not stop pestering them.

**Penny and Her Marble***Henkes*

Penny feels guilty after taking a beautiful blue marble that she sees in Mrs. Goodwin's grass, but gets a pleasant surprise when she goes to return it the next day.

**My First Day***Jenkins*

Introduces children to a collection of wild animals, and, through detailed illustrations, shows how and why slithering, hopping, and crawling creatures move as they do.

**I Want My Hat Back***Klassen*

The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor.

**Up, Tall, and High***Long*

Through illustrations and simple text, birds demonstrate the meanings of the words up, tall, and high.

**Me...Jane***McDonnell*

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals. Includes biographical information on the prominent zoologist.

**Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth***McGhee*

A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.

**I Am Amelia Earhart***Meltzer*

Presents the life of the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and who mysteriously disappeared in 1937 while attempting to fly around the world.

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**Just My Luck***O'Connor*

When Nancy learns there is a whole list of what's lucky and what isn't, she tries to sort out what she really believes.

**Officer Buckle and Gloria***Rathmann*

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

**Creepy Carrots***Reynolds*

The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around and Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

**Blackout***Rocco*

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.

**Duck! Rabbit!***Rosenthal*

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.

**Grandfather's Journey***Say*

A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

**Doctor De Soto***Steig*

Dr. De Soto, a mouse dentist, copes with the toothaches of various animals except those with a taste for mice until the day a fox comes to him in great pain.

**Interrupting Chicken***Stein*

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

**Jumanji***Van Allsburg*

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day***Viorst*

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

**Are You Ready to Play Outside?***Willems*

Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do.