

Irvington Public Schools
IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Summer Activities First Grade

Part 1- Directions: You are required to read **FOUR** books. Two of the books should give you information about something you would like to learn about. Respond to at least **FOUR** of the tasks below. Present two of the activities to your new teacher in September.

Task 1	Take a trip to the public library and sign up for a library card. Sign out 4-books and remember to return them on time.
Task 2	Compare the names of people in your family. Write the names of 3-family member. Whose name is longer? DO the names contain the letters?
Task 3	After reading one of your informational books, draw a picture of your favorite page. If possible, explain in writing why this page is your favorite. Explain one thing you learned from reading your book.
Task 4	Retell a simple story in sequence. Tells what happens in the beginning, the middle and the end. You can use pictures or words.
Task 5	Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene from one of your books.
Task 6	Use a paper bag or sock to make a hand puppet of a character from one of your stories. Use your puppet to tell a family member about how you feel as the character.
Task 7	Think about one place in the book where the story takes place. Why do you think the illustrator drew the picture for that page?
Task 8	Did you notice any of your sight words while reading your books? Write down five of those words and read them to a family member.

Part 2- Directions: Create study cards with the words on the list and practice them daily. Select at least **FOUR** of the sight word activities to complete.

Summer Reading List

K-GRADE 2

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)
by Dan Santat,

illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626726826
Humpty Dumpty conquers his
fears in a most extraordinary
result.

The Bad Seed
by Jory John,
illustrated by Pete Oswald
HarperCollins, 2017,
ISBN: 9780062467768

The story of a baaaaaad
sunflower seed who decides
it's time for a change.

Beastly Verse
Various authors, illustrated
by Joohie Yoon
Enchanted Lion Books, 2016,
ISBN: 9781592701667
Text and art are intertwined to
bring to life sixteen animal-
related poems in this award-
winning anthology.

Big Cat, Little Cat
by Elisha Cooper,
illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626723719

This endearing story of the
friendship between an older
cat and a younger cat is a
celebration of love and loss.

Blue Sky, White Stars
by Sarinther Naberhaus,
illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Dial Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780803737006

This poetic, patriotic tribute
will help readers appreciate
America's splendor.

The Book of Mistakes
by Corinna Luyken,
illustrated by the author
Dial Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780735227927

Incorporating accidental
spillovers, spots and unusual
shapes into her art, a young
artist explores the creative
process.

Flowers Are Calling
by Rita Gray, illustrated
by Kenard Pak
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,
2016, ISBN: 9780544340121

Playful rhyming text alternates
with factual callouts that
describe flowers and the
pollination process. The
watercolor illustrations are
gorgeous and sure to inspire
young naturalists everywhere!

Fly Guy Presents: Castles
by Todd Arnold,
illustrated by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545917384

Fly Guy and Buzz learn about
what it is like to have lived
in a castle in this nonfiction
reader.

Freedom in Congo
Square
by Carole Boston
Weatherford, illustrated
by R. Gregory Christie
little bee books, 2016,
ISBN: 9781499601033

In this work of historical
fiction, enslaved people are
forced to work hard all week
long, so they look forward
to Sunday when they can
gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance,

sing, and
enjoy an
afternoon of
freedom.

Get a Hit, Mo!
by David A. Adler, illustrated
by Sam Ricks
Penguin Young Readers, 2016,
ISBN: 9780670016327

Mo is used to striking out
but when the bases are
loaded, he may just finally hit
a homerun.

Good Night, Planet
by Liniers, illustrated
by the author
Toon Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9781943145201

After a busy day of play,
a girl's favorite toy animal
begins his day, befriending
a dog, eating a cookie and
exploring the unknown.

Hank's Big Day
The Story of a Bug
by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated
by Chuck Groenink
Schwartz & Wade, 2016, ISBN:
9780555311505

Fill bug Hank and his human
pal Amelia spend a marvelous
day exploring the outdoors
in a sweet story of friendship
and imagination.

Jabari Jumps
by Gaia Cornwall,
illustrated by the author
Candlewick Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780763678388

The big moment has come
for Jabari to jump off the
diving board, but is he ready?

Little Elliot, Big Fun
by Mike Curato, illustrated
by the author
Henry Holt and Co. (BYR), 2016
ISBN: 9780805098273

A big amusement park brings
more fear than fun until a
mouse friend helps Little Elliot
find the rides that are just
right for him.

Martez Big & Small
by Jen Arena, illustrated
by Angela Dominguez
Roaring Brook Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9781626722439

An exploring of opposites in
English and Spanish with a
very clever rita named Martez.

My Awesome Summer
by Paul Meisel, illustrated
by the author
Holiday House, 2017,
ISBN: 978082436712

Vibrant illustrations add
whimsy to this five-month
diary in the life of a playing
dian as it eats (its siblings!),
hides from predators and
learns to fly.

My Beautiful Birds
by Suzanne Del Rizzo,
illustrated by the author
Paloma Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781772780109

Behind Sami, the Syrian
skyline is full of smoke. The
boy follows his family and all
his neighbors in a long line,
as they trudge through the
sands and hills to escape the
bombs that have destroyed
their homes.

The Night Gardener
by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Simon & Schuster Books for
Young Readers, 2016,
ISBN: 9781481439737

William and the elderly
gardener help transform their
town by creating anonymous
topiary artwork.

Now
by Antoinette Ports,
illustrated by the author,
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626721371

Exquisite art and a heartfelt
story of adventure and
friendship come together
in this imaginative, magical
book.

A Piece of Home
by Jen Watts, illustrated
by Hyewon Yum
Candlewick Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9780763669713

Moving from Korea to
West Virginia is a big and
scary adjustment for Hee
Jun, but finding a flower in
America that also grew in
his grandmother's garden
back in Korea makes him feel
connected once again.

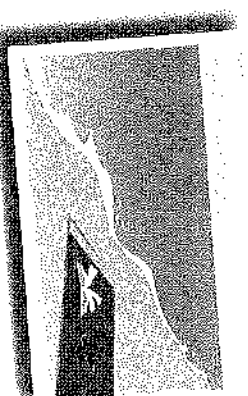
La Princesa and the Pea
by Susan Middleton Elya,
illustrated by Juana
Martinez-Niel

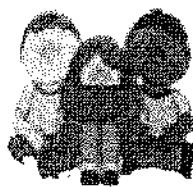
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books
for Young Readers, 2017,
ISBN: 9780399251586
In this twist on the classic
fairy tale, a Peruvian Principe
goes to great lengths to
marry the girl of his dreams.

Robinson
by Peter Sin, illustrated
by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545731669

This Is My Dollhouse
by Giselle Potter, illustrated
by the author
Schwartz & Wade, 2016,
ISBN: 9780553321535
A little girl's homemade
dollhouse inspires hours of
creativity - but can it compare
to her friend's store bought
one?

*What Do You Do With a
Problem?*
by Kobi Yamada,
illustrated by Mae Besom
Compendium Inc., 2016,
ISBN: 9781943200009
The child experiences
an unexpected problem,
worrying and wrestling it
through until he realizes it's
not really a problem after all
-- it's an opportunity.





Learning Sight Words

Dear Families,

Automatic sight word identification is an important component of reading. When students automatically know a word, they don't spend time trying to sound it out, and reading becomes much easier and faster! Here are some activities that you can do with your child to practice sight word identification. The attached sight word flashcards include all of the words that your child will learn by the end of the school year. They may not know all of the words at this point in the year. These are words that they should be able to read and recognize by sight, but don't necessarily need to know how to spell. After they've mastered reading these words, you can move onto spelling them. Thank you for your support in making your child's education a success!

- Make sight word flashcards on index cards and have your child practice reading them over and over.
- Play "Go Fish" with the sight words on index cards (write each word on two cards).
- Word Searches/Sight Word Scavenger Hunt: Find sight words on food boxes or other available print material (magazines, grocery shopping, street signs, etc.)
- Letter Magnets: Have your child use letter magnets to spell the word.
- Memory game: Make duplicates of the sight word cards and play the memory game.
- Bingo: Make 5 x 5 grids and put sight words in the squares. Call out a sight word and have your child find the word on his/her Bingo board; play the same rules as Bingo.
- Write sight words with glitter glue
- Write sight words with "Playdoh"
- Write sight words with shaving cream
- Put craft sand on a paper plate. Have your child practice tracing sight words in the sand.
- Put hair gel in a zip lock baggie, seal the baggie, and have your child write the letters of the sight word in the gel.
- Jump, hop, clap, or tap out the letters of the sight word (t-h-e "the").
- Read to your child and have your child read to you **EVERY NIGHT!!**

Thank you,
K-5 ELA Department

Dolch Sight Words

First Grade (41 words)

after
again
an
any
as
ask
by
could
every
fly
from
give
going
had
has
her
him
his
how
just
know

let
live
may
of
old
once
open
over
put
round
some
stop
take
thank
them
then
think
walk
were
when