

LRSD Recommended Family Reading List: First Grade

First grade is an important year in becoming a successful reader. Here are some wonderful books to read to your first grader, and some books that your first grader will probably learn to read this year. These books are not required, but this is a variety of books to enjoy together!



Olivia by Ian Falconer

Olivia is a pig who is good at many things like singing, dancing, and scaring her brother! She is a funny pig! Check out all the Olivia books if you like this one!

Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows; Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds her new neighbor, Ivy, very interesting! (Series)

The Jungle Grapevine by Alex Beard

This clever book shows how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand. Will they ever get the message right?

Ish by Peter H. Reynolds

Leon learns from his sister, Marisol, that his work doesn't need to be perfect to be important. (Amazing Author & Illustrator)

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

This classic story is part of series that tells the short, delightful tales about two best friends- Frog and Toad. (Series)



Sparky! by Jenny Offill; Illustrated by Chris Appelhans

This is a quirky and funny book about a girl who gets a sloth for a pet. But, how much fun is a sloth really?

Lucky Ducklings: A True Rescue Story by Eva Moore; Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

This is the true story of five ducklings that were rescued when they fell through a water grate.

Three Hens and a Peacock by Lester L. Laminack; Illustrated by Henry Cole

When THAT peacock showed up on the Tucker's farm, everything changed! After some fussing, everyone learned they each have their own important roles on the farm.

Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik; Illustrated by Maurice Sendak

This is the first in a series of books about Little Bear. This classic book includes four separate stories about Little Bear including his trip to the moon, how he gets dressed for cold weather, and has a birthday party. (Series)

Nighttime Ninja by Barbara DaCosta; Illustrated by Ed Young

Late at night, will the ninja complete his mission? Wait and see!

Penny and Her Marble by Kevin Henkes

This beginning chapter book tells the story of Penny, who finds a marble. But when she feels guilty and returns the marble, she gets a surprise! (Kevin Henkes writes a lot of GREAT books!)

Bedtime is Cancelled by Cece Meng; Illustrated by Aurélie Neyret

When Maggie and her brother write a silly note that "Bedtime is Cancelled" the news spreads quickly and everyone thinks it is real. Everyone stays up late! Oh NO! What will happen?

Me... Jane by Patrick McDonnell

Young Jane Goodall learns about watching everything around her. One day, she becomes a famous researcher of chimpanzees. What do you like to do?

Exclamation Mark! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld

This book is all about the exclamation mark fitting in and standing up in just the right places.

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt; Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

Poor Duncan – he only wants to color, but all his crayons have written him letters about why they each QUIT! What will Duncan do? This funny story will make you laugh and look at all your crayons in a new way.

Henry and Mudge: The First Book by Cynthia Rylant; Illustrated by Suçie Stevenson

This beginning chapter book is part of a series about Henry, a boy, and Mudge, Henry's dog. What will happen when Mudge gets lost? (Great Author & Series)

Secret Agent SPLAT! by Rob Scotton

Splat the Cat notices some things that aren't quite right at the house. He musters all his bravery and becomes Secret Agent SPLAT to solve the mystery.

Katie Loves the Kittens by John Himmelman

Katie, the family dog, is so excited when three kittens come home. But her excitement scares the kittens. Will they ever be friends?

First graders start reading and before long they can read almost anything! Don't forget to take time to read to your child and enjoy your favorite books over and over!

- ✓ Even though your first grader can read, keep reading TO her regularly!
- ✓ Give your child lots of opportunities to read to you.
- ✓ Take a book with you wherever you go and enjoy books in the car.
- ✓ Reread books often and talk about the books together.
- ✓ Always remember to keep reading fun – never frustrating.

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