



Mary S. Shoemaker School

Suggested Reading List

1st Grade

(Please see the Shoemaker Homepage for additional grade levels.)



Dear Family,

The staff members of the Mary Shoemaker School have compiled a suggested reading list for each grade level to assist families when selecting books for reading with their children. Many of these books can be found in our local library, at bookstores, or through some of our classroom orders such as Scholastic and Arrowhead. Some of the titles on the list are great for children to read on their own, while others are perfect for reading aloud together. Reading is a life long journey, and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

While your first grader will still use pictures to help read the story, s/he will also be developing other strategies, such as thinking about what makes sense in a sentence, building up sight word vocabulary, and sounding out new words. First graders are also learning how to choose books based on topics or authors they enjoy, and books that are “just right” for reading. A quick way for deciding whether a book is “just right” for your child is to try the “five finger rule”: Have your child try reading the first two or three pages. If s/he knows most or all of the words, the book is most likely “just right”. If s/he comes across five or more difficult words, enjoy the book together by reading it aloud.

Series:

Step into Reading levels 1 & 2 (various authors)
Biscuit books by Alyssa Capucilli
Froggy books by Jonathan London
Tale of Benjamin Bunny and other stories by Beatrix Potter
Clifford books by Norman Bridwell
Little Critter books by Mercer Mayer
Little Bear books by Else H. Minarik

Any books by the following authors/poets:

Eve Bunting	Leo Lionni	Eric Carle	Laura Numeroff
Kevin Henkes	Mercer Mayer	Dr. Seuss	Martin Waddell
Syd Hoff	Ezra Jack Keats	Arnold Lobel	Karma Wilson
Jack Prelutsky	Shel Silverstein	Jeff Moss	James Marshall

Specific Titles:

Miss Rumphius – by Barbara Cooney
Miss Nelson is Missing – by Allard and Marshall
Corduroy – by Don Freeman
Caps for Sale – by Esphyr Slobodkina
Leo the Late Bloomer – by Kraus and Aruego
Stellaluna – by Janell Cannon
Swimmy – by Leo Lionni
Skippyjon Jones – by Judy Schachner
Tar Beach – by Faith Ringgold
The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash – by Trinka Hakes Noble
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel