

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. 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 lifelong journey, and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

First graders are 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

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

Martin Waddell

James Marshall

Syd Hoff

Ezra Jack Keats

Arnold Lobel

Karma Wilson

Jack Prelutsky

Specific Titles:

Miss Nelson is Missing – by Allard and Marshall

Corduroy books – 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