

Dade Elementary School Summer Reading Lists

Pre-K:

This is a list of suggested books. We encourage you to allow your child to choose books of interest to them and to read aloud to them often.

A Beasty Story by Bill Martin, Jr. & Steven Kellogg
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Bear in a Square by Debbie Harter
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Boomer Goes To School by Constance W. McGeorge
***Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by B. Martin, Jr. & J. Archambault
Chicken Socks and Other Contagious Poems by Brod Bagert
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Complete Fairy Tales and Stories by Hans Christian Anderson
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
Don't Forget the Bacon! by P. Hutchins
Each Peach, Pear, Plum by J. Ahlberg & A. Ahlberg
Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z by L. Ehlert
Franklin Goes to School by Paulette Bourgeois
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London
***Fox in Socks** by Dr. Seuss
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff
***Jamberry** by B. Degan
Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come by Nancy L. Carlson
Mary Wore Her Red Dress by Merle Peek
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
***Miss Mary Mack** by Mary Ann Hoberman
My Five Senses by Alike
Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth
***One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss
Pancakes, Pancakes! By Eric Carle
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
The Alphabet Book by P.D. Eastman
The Cow That Went Oink by B. Most
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
***This is the House that Jack Built** by Pam Adams
Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne F. Rockwell
Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen
Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne

* rhyming books

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Kindergarten:

One of the best things you can do, to prepare your child for school, is to read lots and lots of books aloud to your child. This is a list of suggested books. It is not meant to limit you in any way. If you can't find the particular title that's listed, please feel free to read other titles.

The Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani

Put Me in the Zoo by Dr. Seuss

Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom by Bill Martin Jr.

The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss

From Head to Toe – Eric Carle

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Sims Taback

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

Any fairy tale, nursery rhyme, counting and alphabet books...

Happy Summer Reading!

Dade County School Summer Reading Lists

First Grade:

We are looking forward to working with you and your child next school year. Listed below you will find a suggested summer reading list. There are a variety of books on the list. They vary in length, style, and reading level. You and your child should be able to find several books to enjoy throughout your summer vacation.

Have a great summer and happy reading!
The First Grade Teachers

Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth
Bootsie Barker Bites by Barbera Bottner
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Brown
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert
Corduroy by Don Freeman
A Friend for Dear Dragon by Margaret Hillert
Chester by Syd Hoff
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Days With Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff
The Tales of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Curious George by H.A. Rey
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

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Second Grade (Average Reading):

The Josefina Story Quilt by Coerr
First Grade Takes a Test by Cohen
See You in Second Grade by Cohen (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
Frog and Toad Together by Lobel
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Lobel
Frog and Toad All Year by Lobel
Days with Frog and Toad by Lobel
Come a Tide by Lyon
One Lucky Girl by Lyon
A Regular Rolling Noah by Lyon (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
Make Way for Ducklings by McCloskey
Anasi, the Spider by McDermott
Amelia Bedelia Helps Out by Parish
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping by Parish (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
Dumpling Soup by Rattigan
Nate the Great in the Dumps by Sharmat
Nate the Great Stalks Stupidweed by Sharmat (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
Lizzie Logan, Second Banana by Spinelli
Commander Toad and the Big Black Hole by Yolen
Commander Toad and the Planet of the Grapes by Yolen (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
The Magic Tree House series by Osborne

Second Grade (Above Average Reading):

A Day's Work by Bunting (*We also recommend other books in this series*)
Emily by Bedard
Amazing Grace by Hoffman
Jack and the Beanstalk by Jacobs
Zelda and Ivy by Kvasnosky
Legend of Blue Bonnet by dePoala
Strega Nona by dePoala (*We recommend other books in this series*)
Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon by Rylant
Henry and Mudge Take Big Test by Rylant (*We recommend other books in this series*)
Raisel's Riddle by Silverman
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by Steig
Dr. DeSoto by Steig (*We recommend other books in this series*)
A Chair for My Mother by Williams

Second Grade (Challenging):

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball by Adler
Freckle Juice by Blume
Julian, Secret Agent by Cameron

Julian's Glorious Summer by Cameron (*We also recommend other books in this series*)

Ramona, Age 8 by Cleary

Ramona and Her Father by Cleary (*We also recommend other books in this series*)

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Dahl

The Paper Dragon by Davol

Something Queer at the Lemonade Stand by Davol

Something Queer at the Ballpark by Davol (*We also recommend other books in this series*)

The Drinking Gourd by Monjo

Grandfather's Journey by Say

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Third Grade:

Bumps in the Night by Harry Allard

The Paper Crane by Molly Bang

Caddie Woodland by Carol Brink

Dirt Bike Racer by Matt Christopher

Ice Magic by Matt Christopher

The Year Mom Won the Pennant by Matt Christopher

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary

The Remembering Box by Clifford

The Titanic Lost...and Found by Judy Donnelly

Rocks in His Head by Hurst

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

The Drinking Gourd by Monjo

Amelia Bedelia (*any in the series*) by Parish

American Girl (*any in the series*) by Pleasant Company

Jigsaw Jones Mystery (*any in the series*) by James Preller

Encyclopedia Brown (*any in the series*) by Donald Sobol

Love, Ruby Lavender by Wiles

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Fourth Grade (Fiction):

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Atwater
No More Magic by Avi
Fudge-a-Mania by Blume
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Blume
Midnight Fox by Byars
Frindle by Clements
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalgliesh
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Dahl
James and the Giant Peach by Dahl
The Cabin Faced West by Fritz
Stone Fox by Gardiner
Sarah, Plain and Tall by MacLachlan
Felita by Mohr
Shiloh by Naylor
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Sachar
Taste of Blackberries by Smith
Charlotte's Web by White
The Trumpet and the Swan by White
The American Girl series

Fourth Grade (Nonfiction):

Pioneer Girl: The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Anderson
The Great Kapok Tree by Cherry
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? By Fritz
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Fritz
One Day in the Apline Tundra by George
Helen Keller: Crusader for the Blind and Deaf by Graff
We Want Jobs: Story of the Great Depression by Norrell
Exploring with Lewis and Clark by Slaughter
Exploring Space by Weldon

Fourth Grade (Poetry):

Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems by Greenfield
Sing a Song of Popcorn by De Regniers, Moore, White, and Carr, eds.
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Silverstein

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Fifth Grade:

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Turn Homeward, Hannah

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Cracker Jackson

Number the Stars

The Horse and His Boy

A Gathering of Days

Amos Fortune: Free Man

Shades of Gray

Number the Stars

Across Five Aprils

Mixed up Files

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

Brother Eagle/Sister Sky

Where the Red Fern Grows

Iditarod Dream

The Big Bike Race

The Wheel on the School

Tales of a Shimmering Sky

Edwin Hubble

Appalachia: the Voices of the Sleeping Birds

The Great Ancestor Hunt

Do People Grow on Family Trees?

A Young Patriot

Mr. Revere and I

Children of the Wild West

By the Great Horn Spoon