

Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,

In response to parent requests, please find attached a list of selected books which are appropriate for your child's grade level. In an effort to better encourage your child's reading progress, we ask that you help your child to continue to read through the summer. You'll notice that the attached lists contain books focused on alliteration and rhyming, excellent resources to reinforce letters and letter sounds, as well as a variety of easy to read books. Many of these books may be available at a local library or bookstore.

Sincerely,

Sherri Chema, Reading Teacher / Literacy Coach
and the
Kindergarten Team

Recommended Books

Alliterations

- A My Name Is Alice* by Jane Bayer (Dial)
ABC of Monsters by Deborah Niland (McGraw)
Alfred's Alphabet Walk by Victoria Chess (Greenwillow)
Alligators All Around by Maurice Sendak (HarperCollins)
Alpha Beta Chowder by Jeanne and William Steig (HarperCollins)
Animalia by Graeme Base (Abrams)
Aster Aardvark's Alphabet Adventures by Steven Kellogg (Morrow)
Faint Frogs Feeling Feverish by Lilian Obligado (Viking)
Have You Ever Seen . . . ? by Beau Gardner (Dodd)
Six Sick Sheep: 101 Tongue Twisters by Joanna Cole (Morrow)

Rhymes

- Across the Stream* by Mirra Ginsburg (Greenwillow)
Animal Homes by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford)
The Annotated Mother Goose: Nursery Rhymes Old and New by William and Ceil Baring-Gould (Potter)
At the Crack of the Bat by Lillian Morrison (Hyperion)
Bears by Ruth Krauss (Harper)
Bears in Pairs by Niki Yektai (Bradbury)
Carrot/Parrot by Jerome Martin (Simon & Schuster)
Drummer Hoff by Barbara Emberley (S&S Trade)
Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg (Viking)
Father Fox's Pennyrhymes by Clyde Watson (Scholastic)
The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown (Harper)
Have You Seen Birds? by Joanne Oppenheim (Scholastic)
Hide and Snake by Keith Baker (Harcourt)
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
Horton Hears a Who! by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
A House Is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman (Viking)
Hunches in Bunches by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
The Hungry Thing by Jan Slepian and Ann Seidler (Scholastic)
I Can Read with My Eyes Shut by Dr. Seuss (Random House)

I Was Walking Down the Road by Sarah Barchas (Scholastic)
I Wish That I Had Duck Feet by Theo LeSieg (Random House)
In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming (Holt)
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino (Scholastic)
Jamberry by Bruce Degen (Harper)
Jessie Bear, What Will You Wear? by Nancy Carlstrom (Macmillan)
The Lady with the Alligator Purse by Nadine Westcott (Little, Brown)
More Spaghetti, I Say! by Rita Gelman (Scholastic)
Mother Goose: A Collection of Classic Nursery Rhymes by Michael Hagu (Holt)
A Mouse in My Roof by Richard Edwards (Doubleday)
On Beyond Zebra! by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
One Sun by Bruce McMillan (Holiday House)
Pickles Have Pimples and Other Silly Statements by Judi Barrett (Atheneum)
Play Day: A Book of Terse Verse by Bruce McMillan (Holiday House)
Possum Come a-Knockin' by Nancy Van Lann (Knopf)
Red Dragonfly on My Shoulder by Sylvia Cassedy and Kunihiro Suetake (HarperCollins)
The Shape of Me and Other Stuff by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw (Houghton Mifflin)
Sheep, Sheep, Sheep, Help Me Fall Asleep by Arlene Alda (Delacorte)
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood (Harcourt)
Sing Hey Diddle Diddle: 66 Nursery Rhymes with Their Traditional Tunes
by Beatrice Harrop (Sterling)
Strawberry Drums by Adrian Mitchell (Delacorte)
Street Rhymes Around the World by Jane Yolen (Wordsong)
There's a Wocket in My Pocket by Dr. Seuss (Random House)
Tickle-Toe Rhymes by Joan Knight (Franklin Watts)
To the Moon and Back by Nancy Larrick (Delacorte)
Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose by Tomie dePaola (Putnam)
The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins (Macmillan)

Songs and Chants

And the Green Grass Grew All Around: Folk Poetry from Everyone by Alvin Schwartz
(HarperCollins)
Anna Banana: 101 Jump-Rope Rhymes by Joanna Cole (Morrow)

Arroz Con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes from Latin America by Lulu Delacre (Scholastic)
Baby Beluga by Raffi (Crown)
Buffalo Girls by Bobette McCarthy (Crown)
Butterscotch Dreams by Sonja Dunn (Heinemann)
The Cat Who Loved to Sing by Nonny Hogrogian (Knopf)
Down by the Bay by Raffi (Crown)
Eency Weency Spider by S. Schindler (Bantam)
Frog Went A-Courting by Wendy Watson (Lothrop)
Go Tell Aunt Rhody by Alike (Macmillan)
Hand Rhymes by Marc Brown (E.P. Dutton)
I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Nadine Westcott (Little, Brown)
I Made a Mistake by Miriam Nerlove (Atheneum)
If You're Happy and You Know It by Nicki Weiss (Greenwillow)
In a Cabin in a Wood by Darcie McNally (E.P. Dutton)
Juba This and Juba That by Virginia Tashjian (Little, Brown)
Mary Wore Her Red Dress by Merle Peek (Clarion)
Miss Mary Mack by Joanna Cole (Morrow)
Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go by John Langstaff (Atheneum)
Old MacDonald Had a Farm by Tracey Pearson (Dial)
Peanut Butter and Jelly by Nadine Westcott (E.P. Dutton)
The Playtime Treasury by Pie Corbett (Doubleday)
Roll Over by Merle Peek (Houghton Mifflin)
Shake My Sillies Out by Raffi (McKay)
She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain by Robert Quackenbush (Lippincott)
Shimmy Shimmy Coke-Ca-Pop! by John and Carol Langstaff (Doubleday)
Singing Bee! A Collection of Favorite Children's Songs by Jane Hart (Lothrop)
Skip to My Lou by Nadine Westcott (Little, Brown)
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear: A Classic Action Rhyme by Michael Hague (Morrow)
There's a Hole in the Bucket by Nadine Westcott (HarperCollins)
This Old Man by Carol Jones (Houghton Mifflin)
Tingalayo by Raffi (Crown)
The Wheels on the Bus by Harriet Ziefert (Random House)
The Zebra-Riding Cowboy: Folk Songs from the Old West by Angela Medearis (Holt)

EASY-TO-READ BOOKS

- Baker, Betty. *Partners*
Benchley, Nathaniel. *Oscar Otter*
_____ *Small Wolf*
_____ *George the Drummer Boy*
Bonsall, Crosby. *The Case of the Cat's Meow*
_____ *The Case of the Scaredy Cats*
_____ *Who's Afraid of the Dark?*
Brenner, Barbara. *Wagon Wheels*
Bulla, Clyde Robert. *Daniel's Duck*
Bunting, Eve. *The Big Red Barn*
_____ *Winter's Coming*
Chenery, Janet. *The Toad Hunt*
Ehrlich, Amy. *Leo, Zack and Emmie*
Flower, Phyllis. *Barn Owl*
Gage, Wilson. *Squash Pie*
_____ *Down in the Boondocks*
Gray, Genevieve. *How Far, Felipe?*
Griffith, Helen V. *Alex and the Cat*
Heyward, Du Bose. *The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes*
Hoban, Lillian. *Arthur's Great Big Valentine*
_____ *Arthur's Prize Reader*
Hoban, Russell. *A Bargain for Frances*
Hoff, Syd. *Chester*
_____ *Sammy the Seal*
Hopkins, Lee. *Surprises*
Hutchins, Pat. *The Best Train Set Ever*
Kelly, True. *The Mystery of the Stranger in the Barn*
Kessler, Leonard. *Kick, Pass, and Run*
_____ *Old Turtle's Soccer Team*
Leeuwen, Jean Van. *More Tales of Oliver Pig*
_____ *Tales of Oliver Pig*
Levinson, Nancy. *Clara and the Bookwagon*
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year*
_____ *Frog and Toad Are Friends*
_____ *Frog and Toad Together*
_____ *Grasshopper on the Road*
_____ *Owl at Home*
_____ *Uncle Elephant*
Marshall, Edward. *Four on the Shore*
_____ *Mouse Soup*
_____ *Fox on the Job*
McKissack, Patricia. *Monkey-Monkey's Trick: Based on an African Folk Tale*
Parish, Peggy. *Scruffy*
Ryder, Joanne. *Fireflies*
Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea*
_____ *Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days*
Schwartz, Alvin. *In a Dark, Dark Room*
Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat*
_____ *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*
Wiseman, Bernard. *Morris Goes to School*
_____ *Morris Has a Cold*

CONCEPT BOOKS

- Ahlberg, Janet and Allan. *The Baby's Catalogue*
Anno, Mitsumasa. *Anno's Faces*
Banchek, Linda. *Snake In, Snake Out*
Barton, Byron. *Machines at Work*
Carle, Eric. *The Grouchy Ladybug*
_____ *The Mixed-up Chameleon*
_____ *My Very First Book of Colors*
_____ *My Very First Book of Shapes*
Crews, Donald. *Carousel*
_____ *Freight Train*
_____ *Harbor*
Dubanevich, Arlene. *Pigs in Hiding*
Emberley, Ed. *Ed Emberley's Picture Pie: A Circle Drawing Book*
Emberley, Rebecca. *City Sounds*
_____ *Jungle Sounds*
Ernst, Lisa. *The Bee*
Fisher, Leonard. *Look Around! A Book About Shapes*
Fowler, Susi Gregg. *When Summer Ends*
Gibbons, Gail. *Trains*
Hoban, Tana. *Big Ones, Little Ones*
_____ *Circles, Triangles, and Squares*
_____ *Dig, Drill, Dump, Fill*
_____ *Look, Look, Look!*
_____ *Of Colors and Things*
_____ *Over, Under, Through and Other Spatial Concepts*
_____ *Push-Pull, Empty-Full*
_____ *Round and Round and Round*
_____ *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*
_____ *Take Another Look*
_____ *Dots, Spots, Speckles, and Stripes*
Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*
McMillan, Bruce. *Here a Chick, There a Chick*
_____ *Super Super Superwords*
_____ *Dry or Wet?*
_____ *Growing Colors*
Parnell, Peter. *Feet!*
Pluckrose, Henry. *Capacity*
_____ *Length*
_____ *Sorting*
Reiss, John. *Shapes*
Rockwell, Anne. *First Comes Spring*
_____ *Bear Child's Book of Hours*
Sattler, Helen. *Train Whistles*
Spier, Peter. *Fast-Slow, High-Low: A Book of Opposites*
Schwartz, David. *How Much Is a Million?*
Tafari, Nancy. *Early Morning in the Barn*
Ward, Cindy. *Cookie's Week*
Watanabe, Shigeo. *I Can Ride It!*
_____ *I Can Take a Walk!*
Yabuuchi, Masayuki. *Whose Baby?*
_____ *Whose Footprints?*