



Summer Reading for 1st Grade

Summer is a time for rest, play and reflection of the past year, as well as a time to look forward to what is ahead. Reading plays a significant role in all of the above.

Research shows that students who don't read over the summer have what is called the "summer slide" and lose momentum. If you don't already read to your child on a regular basis, add this to your routine through the summer and next school year. Students need to read books on their reading level.

We have attached two items, a list of several reading strategies and ideas to make this time enjoyable as well as a 100 grid to keep up with the amount of books read. Let's see if we can get to 100 by the end of the summer break. By adding reading to your summer schedule, your child will be eligible for many rewards when they return to school in August.

Suggestions for Summer Reading

- Kindergarten Readers
- Abeka Bridge Book
- Dr. Seuss Books
- Eric Carle Books
- Berenstain Bears Series by Stan & Jan Berenstain
- Biscuit Books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Curious George Series by Margret & H. A. Rey
- Children's Poetry
- Nursery Rhymes
- *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie* & other titles by Laura Numeroff
- *Froggy Goes to Bed* & other titles by Jonathan London

Choose from the list as well as other wonderful books that you may have at home or find in your local library. Read EVERYDAY! Your children will thank you for it.

Reading Strategies and Ideas

Read to your child just for fun! Let them choose their favorite book, even if you have read it a 1000 times. They love familiarity. It makes for good readers.

Ask your child what they think the story will be about just by reading the title, looking at the pictures, etc.

Practice sounding like the character. You could even encourage them to sound like you and the other people in the household. Have fun with it. You could even use a toy microphone.

Before reading, have your child tell you what they think the story will be about. Generate connections to the story by discussing events in your lives that relate to the story.

Have your child read aloud to you. Read any word to them that is difficult. Discuss their favorite part then re-read the story for increased confidence and fluency. Wait a longer period of time before reading those difficult words for them. They may surprise you and sound it out the second time. :)

If you do not have a fun and inviting place to read with your child, this would be a great time to create a cozy place for the both of you. On a sunny day, get out the beach chairs and sit in a shady place or pull back the curtains and pretend you're enjoying the seaside as you read together. Make a tent with an old sheet and pretend you are camping on a beautiful mountain top. The ideas are endless.

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My Summer Reading Chart

Name _____

Directions: Color in a box on the chart each time you read, or are read to a new book.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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