

Dear Future First Grade Parents,

Reading is a developmental skill that children master at different ages. There are many different levels of readers among beginning first graders ranging from non-readers to fluent readers. By the end of first grade the gap closes.

Summer reading is one way to encourage a lifelong commitment to reading. Summer reading programs also are proven to help prevent summer loss--a documented phenomenon where children lose ground in critical skills over summer months due to lack of use. **Rising first graders do not have an assigned list of books to read; however, they should continue reading and being read to over the summer.** The Lexington Public Library has a wonderful list of books titled [50 Books to Read in Kindergarten](#) that you can check out this summer to share with your rising first grader. Also attached is a list of early readers, read alouds, authors and series.

Parents, encourage your rising first graders children to read and help them select their reading selections according to their interests and reading abilities. A rule of thumb: independent reading should be easy enough to read and understand with little or no help, but challenging enough to stimulate active conversation.

Have a great summer spending time with good books!

Ms. McCormick  
Mrs. Metheny

Hello Readers- multiple authors  
Step into Reading- multiple readers  
Clifford- Norman Bridwell  
Frog and Toad- Arnold Lobel  
Henry and Mudge- Cynthia Rylant  
No, David! David Shannon  
Go, Dog, Go- PD Eastman  
I Like Me! Nancy Carlson  
Bears on Wheels- Stan and Jan  
Berenstain

Pete the Cat- Eric Litwin  
Biscuit- Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie-Laura  
Numeroff  
Pigsty- Mark Teague  
Dr. Seuss books  
Fly Guy books- Ted Arnold  
Mercy Watson series- Kate DiCamillo  
Pigeon books- Mo Williams

