

My Summer Reading Packet

to get ready for 1st grade!

Dear Students and Parents,

Get ready to dive into a world of fun and imagination this summer! Our reading packet is designed to keep your mind active and your curiosity growing as you prepare for an exciting year in first grade. Inside, you'll find a selection of books and activities to help keep your reading skills sharp over the summer!

Have a great Summer Break! I am SO excited to see you in the Fall!

Summer Blessings,
Mrs. Wesley

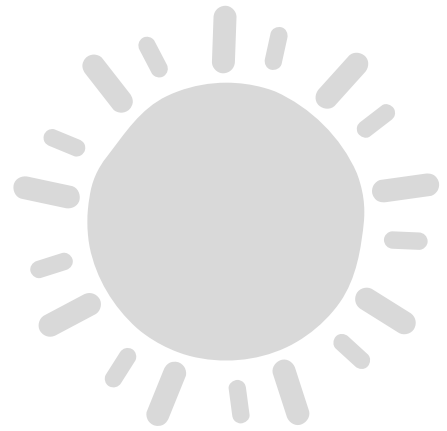


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Tips for Summer Reading

- **Set reading goals and make a plan.** Choose a reading routine that works for your family, whether it's a bedtime story each night or a few minutes of reading after school. Small, consistent goals can help make reading a special part of your day.
- **Remember that reading doesn't have to come only from books!** Read recipes while cooking, signs while driving, menus at restaurants, or directions for a game. Showing your child that reading is all around us helps make it fun and meaningful.
- **Read to your child and have them read to you.** Sharing a story together is a wonderful way to connect. Take turns reading pages or paragraphs and celebrate your child's efforts as they grow as a reader.
- **Visit your local library and explore Little Free Libraries.** Let your child discover books that spark their curiosity and imagination. Finding a new book can feel like uncovering a treasure, and giving children choices helps build excitement about reading.
- **Talk about what you're reading!** Laugh about funny moments, wonder what might happen next, and ask your child what they think about the story. These conversations help bring books to life and strengthen understanding.
- **Reinforce phonics skills.** Play with rhyming words, practice letter sounds, and look for word patterns together. Keeping phonics fun and playful helps children build strong reading foundations.
- **Include writing practice whenever possible.** Invite your child to write a note, make a shopping list, keep a journal, or create their own story. Writing gives children another way to share their ideas and builds important literacy skills.

SUMMER READING BUCKET LIST



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| ☐ Read at Night | ☐ Read Under a Tree |
| ☐ Read in a Silly Voice | ☐ Read on a Rainy Day |
| ☐ Read with a Flashlight | ☐ Read 2 Books by the Same Author |
| ☐ Read with a Friend | ☐ Read in your Bed |
| ☐ Read Outside | ☐ Read a book that rhymes |
| ☐ Read by the Pool | ☐ Read with an Adult |
| ☐ Read at the Park | ☐ Read by a Campfire |
| ☐ Read in a Fort! | ☐ Read with an Important
Person |

Total:

Book Suggestions for Rising 1st Graders

Decodable Readers:

These books can provide independent reading practice or reading with a little support

BOB Books

Developing Decoders

Step Into Reading, Level 1 series

Supersonic Phonics

My Phonics Readers

...and more! Ask the children's librarian to guide you to phonics and decodable books!

Books with Repetitive, Predictable or Rhyming Text

These books are great for building fluency by reading again, and again!

Bear Snores On — Karma Wilson

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? — Bill Martin Jr.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom — Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type — Doreen Cronin

Down by the Bay — Raffi

Fox in Socks — Dr. Seuss

Green Eggs and Ham — Dr. Seuss

Hop on Pop — Dr. Seuss

If You Give a ... Series — Laura Numeroff

Llama Llama Red Pajama — Anna Dewdney

One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish — Dr. Seuss

Pete the Cat Series — James Dean and Eric Litwin

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? — Bill Martin Jr.

The Napping House — Audrey Wood

The Pout-Pout Fish — Deborah Diesen

The Very Hungry Caterpillar — Eric Carle

The Very Quiet Cricket — Eric Carle

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly — Simms Taback

We're Going on a Bear Hunt — Michael Rosen

Book Suggestions for Rising 1st Graders

Read Alouds

Children benefit greatly from having books read aloud to them. This list will provide opportunities to read together and have some great discussions!

Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day — Judith Viorst

The Book with No Pictures — B. J. Novak

The Boy with Big, Big Feelings — Britney Winn Lee

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! — Mo Willems

Dragons Love Tacos — Adam Rubin

The Day the Crayons Quit — Drew Daywalt

Hair Love — Matthew A. Cherry

I Want My Hat Back, This is Not My Hat, We Found a Hat — Jon Klassen

Knuffle Bunny — Mo Willems

Last Stop on Market Street — Matt de la Peña

On the First Day of First Grade — Tish Rabe

Rain! — Linda Ashman

The Snowy Day — Ezra Jack Keats

We Don't Eat Our Classmates — Ryan T. Higgins

Where the Wild Things Are — Maurice Sendak

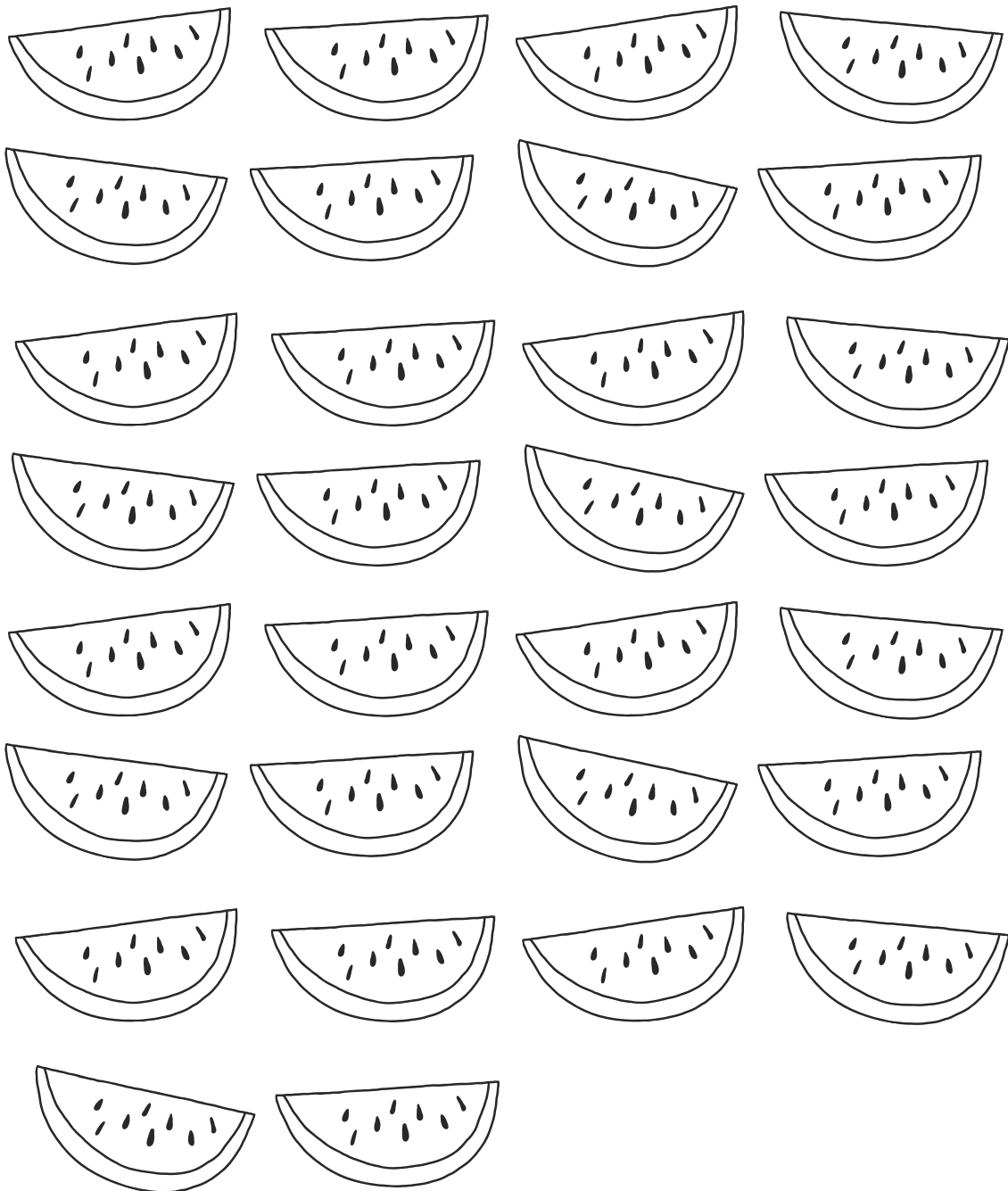
Winnie the Pooh — A. A. Milne

Bible Stories! - Find a Children's Bible that you love and read as much as you can!

Suggested Children's Bibles: The Beginner Bible; Jesus Storybook Bible; I Am:
40 reasons to trust God

SUMMER READING TRACKER

Color in a slice of watermelon each time you finish a book.



Name : _____

I read _____ **books.**

My Favorite Book : Book Review

Book title:

Author:

Why I loved this book:

I rate this book:     

A picture of my favorite part:

Kindergarten Sight Words

all	am	are	at
ate	be	black	brown
but	came	did	do
eat	four	get	good
have	he	into	like
must	new	no	now
on	our	out	please
pretty	ran	ride	saw
say	she	so	soon
that	there	they	this
too	under	want	was
well	went	what	white
who	will	with	yes

First Grade Sight Words

Preview these words to get ready for 1st grade!

after	again	an	any	as
ask	by	could	every	fly
from	give	going	had	has
her	him	his	how	just
know	let	live	may	of
old	once	open	over	put
round	some	stop	take	thank
them	then	think	walk	were
when				

Sight Word Games

Sight Word Memory Match: Write sight words on pairs of cards and flip them face down. Children take turns finding matches while practicing reading each word aloud.

Sight Word Bingo: Create bingo boards with sight words. Call out words and have children cover them as they recognize each one.

Word Hunt: Hide sight word cards and have children search for them, reading each word when they find it.

Sight Word Hopscotch: Write words in a hopscotch grid. As children jump, they read each word they land on.

Flashlight Word Find: Tape sight words on a wall and turn off the lights. Call out a word and let children "hunt" for it using a flashlight.

Sight Word Fishing: Attach paper clips to word cards and "fish" for words with a magnet wand. Children read each word they catch.

Roll and Read: Roll a die, then read the sight word in that numbered column or card set.

Sight Word Swat: Lay out word cards and use a fly swatter to "swat" the word you call out.

Build a Sentence: Use sight word cards to create simple sentences. Children read them aloud after building.