

Dear Parents,

Below is your summer reading list for your soon to be 1st grader! My goal is to create and maintain an interest for literature over the summer. First grade is where we really get confident in our reading so let's make this summer reading fun!

This list should be seen as a guide, or a place to start looking for books. The authors/book series on this list are not required, but students are required to read a minimum of 10 books this summer. Reading can be done individually or with an adult. I encourage you to read additional literature with your child. Extra credit will be awarded for additional books. In addition, students will be asked to complete **ONE** project from the ones listed below.

You will also find a reading log where students can record their books. Please add any additional books on the reading log. The log **MUST BE SIGNED** by a parent or guardian and returned along with the project on the first day of school. Students will be recognized for their completion of the summer reading requirement. (This is also their first reading grade of the semester!)

I look forward to seeing you next year! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Castellano



Required Summer Reading Instructions

Entering 1st Grade

#1 Summer Reading

Students should read a minimum of 10 books. Here are a few suggestions...

Authors:

*Mo Willems

* Dr. Seuss

*Eric Carle

*Shel Silverstein

Book Series:

*Henry and Mudge

* Biscuit

*Arthur

*Amelia Bedelia

#2 Project- Please pick ONE

1. Create a book cover

Pick one of your favorite books. On construction paper, design, draw, and color your own book cover. Please make sure to include the title and author. Write three sentences about it.

2. Make a puppet

Using a paper bag, felt, or sock, make a puppet of one of the main characters from the story. Write three sentences about it.

3. DIY

Pick your favorite book. Create your own project and write three sentences about it. EX: T-shirt design, book collage, book poster, shoebox diorama, etc.

#3 Submitting Work

I will collect your book log and project on the first day of school. Students will share their assignment with the class. They should have both assignments completed and will receive a certificate and a reward.

Summer Reading Log

Name: _____

The following is a record of the books I have read this summer:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Rate this book</u>
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I verify that my child read the books listed above.

Parent Signature: _____

Summer Reading/Project Rubric

Criteria	4	3	2	1
Color/ Creativity/ Organization	Organized, detailed, and well thought out. Color is used when appropriate. Effort exceeds the standard.	Somewhat organized, detailed, and well thought out. Some color when appropriate. Effort meets the standard.	Lacks details and planning. Disorganized and color not included. More effort needed.	Messy and disorganized, perhaps rushed. Effort was not put into the project.
Requirements	All requirements met and exceeded.	All requirements are met.	One requirement was not met.	More than one requirement was not met.
Comprehension	Shows great understanding of the book choice. Shows understanding of plot, characters, or setting.	Shows understanding of the book choice. May mention plot, character, or setting. More details could be included.	Shows some confusion about the book choice. Plot, character, and setting may not be mentioned.	Does not show understanding of book choice. No mention of plot, setting, or characters.
Conventions of Writing	Free of spelling and grammatical errors.	Mostly free of spelling and grammatical errors.	Many spelling and grammatical errors.	Unable to read due to spelling and grammatical errors.
Presentation	Looks at audience most of the time, speaks clearly, able to answer questions about book/project.	Looks at audience some of the time, speaks clearly and somewhat able to answer questions over book/project.	Rarely looks at audience, speaks softly, can only answer 1-2 questions about book/project.	Never looks at audience, unable to hear speaker, and cannot answer any questions about book/project.

Score: ____/20

Grade: ____

Comments: