

Recommended Reading List for Incoming 1st Graders Divine Child Elementary School

Please use the following suggested books for summer reading, appropriate for incoming first graders. Your child will not be expected to be able to read all the books on this list. However, please be aware that your child should be spending at least 20-25 minutes each day with books. They should be reading “just right/on level” books for ten minutes and parents should read aloud more challenging books for at least ten minutes or more daily. During this time, use questioning to increase your child’s comprehension skills and have your child make predictions. Most of all, cherish this time and enjoy reading good books together! Don’t forget to visit local libraries and register your child for a library card. Have a wonderful summer! Read! Read! Read!

Suggested books that reinforce letter recognition and initial sounds:

Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom (Bill Martin Jr., John Archambault)
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Bill Martin Jr.)
Miss Spider’s ABC (David Kirk)
Eating the Alphabet (Lois Ehlert)
The Bird Alphabet Book or The Icky Alphabet Book and others (Jerry Pallotta)
On Market Street (Anita and Arnold Lobel)

Suggested books that reinforce math concepts:

Chicka, Chicka 123 (Bill Martin Jr., Michael Sampson and Lois Ehlert)
Sea Sums (Joy N. Hulme)
12 Ways to Get to 11 (Eve Merriam)
Too Many Eggs (M. Christina Butler)
Arctic Five Arrive (Elinor J. Pinczes)
Ten Apples Up On Top (Dr. Seuss)

Suggested predictable, rhyming books:

Dr. Seuss Books
Leap Back Home to Me (Laura Thompson)
Llama Llama Misses Mama (Anna Dewdney)
Cool Dog, School Dog (Deborah Heiligman)

Suggested books for independent reading:

Dr. Seuss series
Biscuit series (Alyssa Satin Capucilli)

Clifford series (Norman Bridwell)
Puppy Place series (Ellen Miles)
Skippyjon Jones series (Judy Schachner)
Frog and Toad series (Arnold Lobel)
Pete the Cat series (James Dean and Eric Litwin)
Arthur series (Marc Brown)
Froggy series (Jonathan London and Frank Remkiewicz)
Olivia (Ian Falconer)

Suggested Authors:

Kevin Henkes
Tomie DePaola
Pat Hutchins
Dr. Seuss
Robert Munsch
Bill Martin
James Marshall
Gail Gibbons – Great author of non-fiction books
Patricia Polacco
Eric Carle
Laura Joffe Numeroff – If You Give a Mouse a Cookie series
Jonathan London – The Froggy series
Peggy Parish – Amelia Bedelia series
E.B. White –Charlotte's Web

Suggested Chapter Books:

Junie B. Jones (Barbara Park)
Ivy + Bean (Annie Barrows)
Flat Stanley (Jeff Brown)
Magic Tree House (Mary Pope Osborne)