

# Summer Reading 2009

## For Students Entering Grades First and Second

Parents,

I encourage you to include reading in your child's many summer adventures. The reading list provided here is a suggested starting point. Many of the authors have numerous titles in addition to those listed. I have attempted to include titles that are readily available at most libraries and bookstores. There are many literary award winners worth considering as well: [Caldecott Medal](#) , [Newbery](#), [Children's Notable Book](#) lists, and the new [Theodor Seuss Geisel Award](#) for beginning readers. Also of interest are the [Boston Globe – Horn Book Award](#) winners.

The non-profit organization Reading is Fundamental (<http://www.rif.org/parents/>) is a great place for parents to gather information, activities, and ideas to promote reading. Many public libraries offer summer reading programming – check at your local branch. The single most important thing you can do is to have a daily reading time with your child. In these moments your child's literacy skills continue to develop while you both share great stories full of interesting characters, varied landscapes and diverse ideas.

Happy Reading,

Ernie J. Cox  
Librarian

# Summer Reading K-2 (Picture Books)

**The Madeline Series** by Ludwig Bemelmans

**Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel** by Virginia Lee Burton

Originally published 1939. Although Mike Mulligan's steam shovel is too old fashioned to compete with newer models, the people of Popperville find a way to keep them working.

**Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

**Leaf Man** by Lois Ehlert

Pages die-cut into the shape of leaves. A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.

**Koala Lou** by Mem Fox

A young koala, longing to hear her mother speak lovingly to her as she did before other children came along, plans to win her distracted parent's attention.

**Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** and **Kitten's First Full Moon** by Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

**Eensy-Weensy Spider** by Mary Ann Hoberman

An expanded version of the familiar children's finger-play rhyme describing what the little spider does after being washed out of the water-spout.

**Actual Size** and **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** By Steve Jenkins

*Actual Size* contains fold-out pages. Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.

**I Stink** and **I'm Mighty** by Kate McMullan

In *I Stink* a big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

**The Witch's Walking Stick** by Susan Meddaugh

**If you Give a Pig a Pancake** (series) by Laura Numeroff

**The Frog Prince, Continued** by Jon Scieszka

**No, David!** By David Shannon

**Chato's Kitchen** by Gary Soto

**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig

Sylvester the donkey finds a magic pebble that grants his every wish, but in a moment of fright he wishes he were a rock, and then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

**Shy Charles** and **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile** (series) by Rosemary Wells

# Summer Reading K-2 (Chapter Books)

**The Berenstain Bears and the wishing star** by Stan & Jan Berenstain

**Biscuit visits the big city** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

On his first visit to the city, an excited puppy sees tall buildings, hears loud buses, and tries to say hello to everyone he meets.

**Amber Brown** (series) by Paula Danziger

**Best Friends for Frances** (series) by Lilian Hoban

When Albert and his buddies have a "no girls" baseball game, Frances and her sister organize a "Best Friends Outing--No Boys".

**Grizzwold** story and pictures by Syd Hoff. *(this title is part of the I-Can-Read series from Harper Collins – a possible read-along for rising first graders)*

Grizzwold, a huge bear, searches for a home.

**A picture for Harold's room: a purple crayon adventure by Johnson, Crockett**

Harold, whose artistic sense no one can question, realizes that what his room needs is a picture. Stepping into the picture he has drawn with his purple crayon, Harold continues drawing his way through various adventures.

**Lady Lollipop** by Dick King-Smith

A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

**Frog and Toad Together** (series) by Arnold Lobel *(a possible read-along for rising first graders)* The adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

**Fox and His Friends** (series) by Edward Marshall

**Sandstorm** (from the Magic Tree House series) by Mary Pope Osborne

**Junie B., A First Grader at Last!** (from the Junie B. series) by Barbara Park

Junie B. thinks first grade is a flop when her kindergarten friend Lucille prefers the company of twins Camille and Chenille and Junie B. needs glasses.

**Amelia Bedelia** by Parish, Peggy

originally published in 1963 "A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions."

**Henry & Mudge** (series) by Cynthia Rylant (for beginning readers)

**The Boxcar Children** (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner