

Summer Reading  
Coming to Washington for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade?



Something old - At Washington, we always like to recommend books students might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. We know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 1<sup>st</sup> graders to read three of the four titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

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## Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel  
May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice De Regniers  
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin  
The Ant Bully by John Nickle

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Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

### Guided Reading Level H

We Are Best Friends by Aiki  
Seven Little Monsters by Maurice Sendak  
Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff  
Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire  
Just Me and My Babysitter by Mercer Mayer  
Goodnight, Moon  
George Shrinks

### Guided Reading Level J

Amber Brown books  
Max Malone books  
Herbie Jones  
The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster  
The Clue in the Blue  
Julian, Dream Doctor  
The Leftovers: Catch Flies

### Guided Reading Level I

There's a Nightmare in My Closet  
Dragon's Fat Cat  
Just a Mess  
My Best Friend  
Albert the Albatross  
Are You My Mother?  
Lost in the Museum by Miriam Cohen

### Guided Reading Level K

A Bargain for Frances  
The Popcorn Book by Tomie dePaola  
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle books  
Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes  
No Tooth, No Quarter! by Jon Buller  
Chipmunk at Hollow Tree Lane  
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash

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[http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington\\_Reading.htm](http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm) - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas