

Summer Reading Challenge Book List
Rising First Grade 2026

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
A Chair For My Mother		Vera B. Williams
Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books		Kay Winters
Alfie: The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook		Shirley Hughes
Andy and the Lion		James Daugherty
Blueberries for Sal		Robert McCloskey
Brave Irene		William Steig
Child's Garden of Verses		Robert Louis Stevenson
Chrysanthemum		Kevin Henkes
Cinderella		Charles Perrault
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs		Judi Barrett
Cookies		Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Dr. DeSoto		William Steig
Fables	Caldecott Medal	Arnold Lobel
Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke		Pamela Duncan Edwards
Fly High, Fly Low		Don Freeman
George Washington's Teeth		Deborah Chandra
Goldilocks and the Three Bears		Jan Brett
Hansel & Gretel		Brothers Grimm
If Jesus Came to My House		Joan Gale Thomas
I'll Be You and You Be Me		Ruth Krauss
Imagine a Day		Sarah Thompson
Inch by Inch		Leo Lionni
Island Boy		Barbara Cooney
It Could Always Be Worse		Margot Zemach
Jack and the Beanstalk		Paul Gadone
Jumanji	Caldecott Medal	Chris Van Allsburg
Katy and the Big Snow		Virginia Lee Burton
Lenny & Lucy		Philip Stead
Lentil		Robert McCloskey
Leo the Late Bloomer		Robert Kraus
Library Lion		Michelle Knudsen
Lightship		Brian Floca
Little Red Cap		Brothers Grimm
Make Way for Ducklings	Caldecott Medal	Robert McCloskey
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel		Virginia Lee Burton
Millions of Cats		Wanda Gag
Miss Fannie's Hat		Jan Karon
Mother Goose		Gyo Fujikawa
Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers		Karen B. Winnick

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Now I Am Six		Collection of Authors
Obadiah the Bold		Brinton Turkle
Once a Mouse		Marcia Brown
One Hundred Hungry Ants		Elinor Pinczes
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed		Emily Pearson
Owen	Caldecott Honor	Kevin Henkes
Owl Moon	Caldecott Medal	Jane Yolen
Petunia		Roger Duvoisin
Puss in Boots		Charles Perrault
Rapunzel	Caldecott Medal	Paul Zelinsky
Robert the Rose Horse		Joan Heilbroner
Roxaboxen		Alice McLarren
Rumpelstiltskin		Paul Galdone
Simple Pictures Are Best		Nancy Willard
Stone Soup		Marcia Brown
Strega Nona	Caldecott Honor	Tomie de Paola
The Big Snow	Caldecott Medal	Berta & Elmer Hader
The Biggest Bear	Caldecott Medal	Lynd Ward
The Giving Tree		Shel Silverstein
The Josefina Story Quilt		Eleanor Coerr
The Little Fur Family		Margaret Wise Brown
The Little House	Caldecott Medal	Virginia Burton
The Little Red Hen		Paul Gadone
The Man Who Didn't Wash His Dishes		Phyllis Krasilovsky
The Milkman		Carol Foskett Cordsen
The Princess and the Pea		Janet Stevens
The Rooster Crows	Caldecott Medal	Maud & Miska Petersham
The Selfish Giant		Oscar Wilde
The Seven Silly Eaters		Mary Ann Hoberman
The Story of Ferdinand		Munro Leaf
The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots		Beatrix Potter
The Three Sillies		Paul Galdone
The Velveteen Rabbit		Margery Williams
Thy Friend, Obadiah	Caldecott Honor	Brinton Turkle
Tikki Tikki Tembo		Arlene Mosel
Time of Wonder	Caldecott Medal	Robert McCloskey
Warm as Wool		Scott Sanders
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge		Mem Fox

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SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)		
Amelia Bedelia		Peggy Parish
Angus and the Ducks		Marjorie Flack
Anne Arrives		Kallie George
Babar		Jean de Brunhoff
Bedtime for Frances		Russell Hoban
Billy and Blaze		CW Anderson
Curious George		H.A. and Margret Rey
Dick and Jane	Caldecott Honor	Grosset & Dunlap
Do Great Things for God		various
Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers	Level 1	various
Easy Reader Classics (Dr. Dolittle and others)		various
Elephant and Piggie		Mo Willems
Ella the Elegant Elephant		Carmella & Steven D'Amico
Flicka, Ricka, Dicka		Maj Lindman
Franklin		Paulette Bourgeois
Frog and Toad		Arnold Lobel
Green Eggs And Ham	Any Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss
Grimm's Fairy Tales		Brothers Grimm
Harry the Dirty Dog		Gene Zion
Hello Reader	Level 1, 2	various
Henry and Mudge		Cynthia Rylant
I Can Read Books	Level 1, 2	various
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie		Laura Numeroff
Little Bear		Else Holmelund Minarik
Madeline		Ludwig Bemelmans
Mercy Watson		Kate DiCamillo
Mr. Putter and Tabby		Cynthia Rylant
My First Little House Books	7 titles	Laura Ingalls Wilder
National Geographic Kids Level 1, 2		various
Now I'm Reading!		Nora Gaydos
Orris and Timble: The Beginning		Kate DiCamillo
Puffin Easy-to-Read	Level 1, 2	various
Read with Usborne	Level 1	various
Reader's Clubhouse	Level 1, 2	various
Ready to Read	Level 1	various
Snip, Snap, Snurr		Maj Lindman
Step Into Reading	Level 1, 2	various
Usborne Beginners		various

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Usborne Phonics Readers		various
Usborne Very First / First Reading		various
Winnie the Pooh		A.A. Milne
ART & MUSIC APPRECIATION		
Bach's Big Adventure		Sallie Ketcham
Famous Children	Bach	Ann Rauchlin
Famous Children	Haydn	Ann Rauchlin
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Norman Rockwell	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Grant Wood	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Monet	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers	Bach	Mike Venezia
READ-ALOUDS		
A Bear Called Paddington		Michael Bond
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		Roald Dahl
McBroom's Wonderful One Acre Farm		Sid Fleischman
The Berenstain Bears		Stan & Jan Berenstain
The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook		Joyce Lankester
The Mrs. Piggle Wiggle Treasury		Betty MacDonald
The Tales of Olga da Polga		Michael Bond
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz		L. Frank Baum