

Books for Beginning Readers Entering 1st Grade

This list includes suggested authors and titles to assist parents in choosing books that reflect their child’s reading level, interests, and family values. Included here are concept books, pre-primers and primers for developing readers, picture books enjoyed by a wide audience, and beginning chapter books suitable for advancing readers.

Book lists with current popular titles are also widely available on the Internet. Check these sites for titles that may interest your student:

[Children’s Book Council - Children’s Choice Awards](#)

[Texas Library Association 2x2 Reading Lists](#)

[Dallas ISD - Luminarias list](#), PK-3rd grade, Bilingual and Spanish. Many authors listed below also publish in Spanish.

Picture Books

Baker, Keith	Quack and Count, LMNO Peas (and other titles)
Barnett, Mac	Sam and Dave Dig a Hole, Triangle (and other titles)
Barrett, Judi	Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing (and other titles)
Barton, Chris	Shark vs.Train
Brett, Jan	Gingerbread Baby (and other titles by this author)
Brown, Marc	Arthur and D.W. books
Brown, Margaret Wise	The Big Red Barn (and other titles)
Campbell, Scott	Hug Machine
Carle, Eric	The Very Busy Spider (and other titles)
Carlson, Nancy	ABC I Like Me! (and other titles)
Child, Lauren	I Am Too Absolutely Small for School, The New Small Person (and other titles)
Clanton, Ben	It Came in the Mail
Collins, Ross	There’s a Bear on My Chair
Crews, Donald	Freight Train
Crews, Nina	The Neighborhood Mother Goose
Cronin, Doreen	Click Clack Moo, Diary of a Spider (and other titles)
De la Peña, Matt & Christian Robinson	Last Stop on Market Street
Dewdney, Anna	Llama Llama Red Pajama (and other titles)
Eaton, Jason Carter	How to Train a Train
Ehlert, Lois	Growing Vegetable Soup (and other titles)
Falconer, Ian	Olivia (and other titles)
Feiffer, Jules	Bark George
Fleming, Denise	In the Tall, Tall Grass (and other titles)
Fox, Mem	The Magic Hat (and other titles)
Gall, Chris	Dog vs. Cat
Gormley, Greg	Dog in Boots
Graves, Keith	Chicken Big
Hall, Michael	Perfect Square
Henkes, Kevin	Kitten’s First Full Moon (and other titles)
Hoberman, Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You (and other titles)
Johnson, Stephen	Alphabet City
Kann, Victoria	Pinkalicious (and other titles)
Keats, Ezra Jack	Whistle for Willie (and other titles)

Keller, Laurie	We Are Growing
Kettelman, Helen	Armadilly Chilli
Klassen, John	This Is Not My Hat (and other titles)
Lester, Helen	Hooway for Wodney Wat, Tacky the Penguin (and other titles)
Lionni, Leo	Swimmy, A Color of His Own, Frederick (and other titles)
London, Jonathan	Froggy stories
Martin, Jr., Bill	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (and other titles)
McGhee, Alison	Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth (and other titles)
McMillan, Bruce	Growing Colors
McMullan, Kate	I Stink! (and other titles)
Munsch, Robert	The Paper Bag Princess (and other titles)
Neitzel, Shirley	The Jacket I Wear in the Snow
Novak, B.J.	The Book With No Pictures
Numeroff, Laura Joffe	If You Give a Moose a Muffin (and other titles)
O'Connor, Jane	Fancy Nancy (and other titles)
Palatini, Margie	Moo Who?
Rex, Adam	School's First Day of School
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Mice and Beans
Rosenberg, Liz	What James Said
Santat, Dan	The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend, Are We There Yet?
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are
Shannon, David	David Gets in Trouble, Duck on a Bike, (and other titles)
Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep (and other titles)
Stead, Philip	A Sick Day for Amos McGee
Vamos, Samantha R.	The <i>Cazuela</i> that the Farm Maiden Stirred
Waddell, Martin	any by this author
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Paint
Wells, Rosemary	"Max and Ruby" stories, (and other titles)
Wiesner, David	Tuesday, (and other titles)
Willems, Mo	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Knuffle Bunny (and other titles)
Williams, Sue	I Went Walking
Wilson, Karma	A Frog in the Bog, Bear Snores On (and other titles)
Wood, Audrey and Don	The Napping House (and other titles)
Yolen, Jane	How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? (and other titles)

Beginning Chapter Books & Series

Adler, David	Cam Jansen Mysteries
Applegate, Katherine	Roscoe Riley Rules
Arnold, Tedd	Fly Guy!
Barrows, Annie	Ivy and Bean
Brown, Marc /Stephen Krensky	Arthur (chapter books)
Brown, Monica	Marisol McDonald
Bruel, Nick	Bad Kitty
Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit
Cazet, Danys	Minnie and Moo
Christopher, Matt	Soccer Cats
Cole, Joanna	Bug in a Rug

DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Polk Street School
Greenburg, Dan	The Zack Files
Gutman, Dan	My Weird School
Hale, Shannon and Dean	The Princess in Black
Hoban, Lillian	Arthur's Camp Out (and other titles)
Howe, James	Pinky and Rex
Litwin, Eric / Dean, James	Pete the Cat
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad
Medina, Juana	Juana & Lucas
Minarik, Else H.	Little Bear (and other titles)
O'Ryan, Ray	Galaxy Zack
Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Tree House
Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia
Pennypacker, Sara	Clementine
Pilkey, Dav	Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot
Runton, Andy	Owly
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge, Mr. Putter and Tabby, Poppleton, Cobble Street Cousins
Dr. Seuss	Cat in the Hat (and other titles)
Sharmat, Marjorie	Nate the Great
Thomas, Shelley Moore	Get Well, Good Knight, Good Night, Good Knight
Van Leeuwen, Jean	Oliver and Amanda (and other titles)
Willems, Mo	Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, Elephant and Piggie Like Reading (series)
Various authors	LEGO City

Bilingual Spanish

Arena, Jen	Marta! Big & Small
Brown, Monica	Marisol McDonald and the Clash Bash: Marisol McDonald y La Fiesta Sin Igual
Canetti, Yanitzia	El Patito Bello (and other titles)
Dewdney, Anna	La Llama Llama Rojo Pijama
Elya, Susan Middleton	La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños
Falconer / Mlawer	Olivia (and other titles)
Kann, Victoria	Pinkalicious
Klein, Adria	Max Come al Aire Libre (and other titles)
Numeroff, Laura	Si Llevas un Raton a la Escuela
Dr. Seuss	Huevos verdes con jamon (and other titles)
Stead, Philip	Un Día diferente para el Señor Amos
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Paint / Pintura de ratón
Wells, Rosemary	Los 100 Primeros dias de Colegio de Emilia

Poetry

Bagert, Brod	Shout! Little Poems That Roar
Brown, Margaret Wise	I Like Stars
Carle, Eric	Animals Animals
Florian, Douglas	Bow Wow Meow Meow