

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

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| 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) |

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| 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) |
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Beginning Chapter Books & Series

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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