

First Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your first grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for first grade children.

Although these titles were chosen mainly to be read aloud, first graders will be able also to read some of these titles independently. Many children will also “pretend-read” these stories, particularly ones they have heard over and over. If this happens, give your child lots of praise and encouragement, since “pretend reading” is an important early step on the road to “real reading.”

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. If a book is a “hit” with a child, parents may well end up reading it again and again. It’s much more pleasant to reread books we really like!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child’s teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don’t have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children’s sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction

- Aylesworth, Jim **Old Black Fly**
 Beaumont, Karen **I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More**
 Brett, Jan **The Hat**
 Brunhoff, Jean de **The Story of Babar the Little Elephant**
 Carle, Eric **Grouchy Ladybug**
 Carlson, Nancy **First Grade, Here I Come!**
 Capucilli, Alyssa Satin **Biscuit (series)**
 Christelow, Eileen **Five Little Monkeys**
 Cronin, Doreen **Giggle, Giggle, Quack**
 Dannenberg, Julie **First Day Jitters**
 Dooley, Norah **Everybody Cooks Rice**
 Freeman, Don **Pocket for Corduroy**
 Gelman, Rita Golden **More Spaghetti, I Say!**
 Heide, Florence Parry **The Day of Ahmed’s Secret**
 Henkes, Kevin **Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse**
 Hutchins, Pat **Good-Night Owl!**
 Keats, Ezra Jack **Whistle for Willie**
 Kellogg, Steven **Johnny Appleseed**
 Kleven, Elisa **Hooray, a Pinata!**
 Lionni, Leo **Swimmy**
 Lobel, Arnold **Frog and Toad (series)**
 Long, Melinda **How I Became a Pirate**
 Marshall, James **Fox Outfoxed**
 Mozelle, Shirley **Zack’s Alligator**
 Numeroff, Laura **If you Take a Mouse to School**
 Polacco, Patricia **Thunder Cake**
 Rathmann, Peggy **Officer Buckle and Gloria**
 Sendak, Maurice **Pierre: A Cautionary Tale in
 Five Chapters and a Prologue**
 Seuss, Dr. **Green Eggs and Ham**
 Schachner, Judith **Skippyjon Jones**
 Shannon, David **Duck on a Bike**

Book List *continued*

- Sierra, Judy **Wild about Books**
 Soto, Gary **Too Many Tamales**
 Steig, William **Amos & Boris**
 Sturges, Philemon **The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza**
 Taback, Simms **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**
 Thomas, Shelly Moore **Good Night, Good Knight**
 Waber, Bernard **Lovable Lyle**
 Waddell, Martin **Owl Babies**
 Walsh, Ellen Stoll **Mouse Paint**
 Williams, Vera **A Chair for My Mother**
 Willems, Mo **Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late**
 Wood, Don **Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry,
 and the Big Hungry Bear**
 Zion, Gene **No Roses for Harry!**

Non-Fiction

- Crews, Nina (illustrator) **Neighborhood Mother Goose**
 Crews, Donald **Harbor**
 Galdone, Paul **Monkey and the Crocodile**
 Hong, Lily Toy **Two of Everything**
 McDermott, Gerald **Zomo the Rabbit:
 A Trickster Tale from West Africa**
 Morales, Yuyi **Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book**
 Snyder, Dianne **The Boy of the Three-Year Nap**

Little Toot
 Pictures and Story by Hardie Gramatky
 Published by G.P. Putnam’s Sons, New York



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MAIN LIBRARY570-7500
101 Pacific Avenue	
ALAMITOS570-1037
1836 E.Third Street	
BACH570-1038
4055 Bellflower Blvd.	
BAY SHORE570-1039
195 Bay Shore Avenue	
BREWITT570-1040
4036 E.Anaheim Street	
BURNETT570-1041
560 E. Hill Street	
DANA570-1042
3680 Atlantic Avenue	
EL DORADO570-3136
2900 Studebaker Road	
HARTE570-1044
1595 W.Willow Street	
LOS ALTOS570-1045
5614 Britton Drive	
MARK TWAIN570-1046
1325 E.Anaheim Street	
NORTH570-1047
5571 Orange Avenue	

Los Angeles County Library

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4990 N. Clark Avenue, Lakewood	



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The Story of Babar the Little Elephant
 by Jean De Brunhoff, Published by Random House