

Summer Reading 2020
Incoming 1st Grade

Dear Parents,

For summer 2020, 1st grade students are expected to read at least 5 books and a poetry collection and complete the attached work pages (also posted on the SMEDS Website). The titles below are suggested selections. As children read during the summer, they are also asked to record titles of **all** the books they read on the Reading Log and rate the books (1-4 stars). The completed work is to be brought to their teacher on the first day of school in September.

Please also consider participating in the Sacramento Public Library Summer Reading Program. It offers great activities, incentives, and programs for all ages. For more information visit www.saclibrary.org. Happy reading!

Books for independent reading:

<i>I, 2, Buckle My Shoe</i> , by Anna Grossnickel Hines	The simple nursery rhyme is given vibrant life in this concept book. Hines, a gifted quilt artist, illustrates with her fabric art.
<i>Biscuit</i> , by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Many titles available)	Biscuit, a small dog, makes his needs known by barking. His young owner thinks she can interpret his barks but Biscuit has his own ideas. An appealing story with a minimum of words will encourage new readers.
<i>Cat the Cat, Who is That?</i> , by Mo Willems	Cat the Cat sure likes her friends. Children will too! This spunky feline introduces the very youngest readers to her world, where a surprise is waiting in every book!
<i>Dad and the Dinosaur</i> , by Gennifer Choldenko	Nicholas wants to be as brave as his dad, but he needs help. That's why he needs a dinosaur. After all, dinosaurs like the dark, bugs are nothing to them, and they eat manhole covers for lunch. With his toy dinosaur, Nicholas can scale tall walls, swim in deep water, even score a goal against the huge goalie everyone calls Gorilla. But when the dinosaur goes missing, everything is scary again.
<i>Elephant and Piggie</i> (Series), by Mo Willems	A collection of surprising stories that feature the interaction between two lovable and funny characters, an optimistic and sometimes reckless pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant.
<i>It's Shoe Time! Elephant and Piggie Like Reading</i> (Series) by Brian Collier	A new entry in the <i>Elephant and Piggie Like Reading</i> series created by Mo Willems. This offers a clever premise, witty wordplay, and intriguing art. Introduced by Elephant and Piggie (who also appear in several interspersed cameos), Collier's story features a young African American girl selecting just the right shoes to wear on an outing with Dad.
<i>The Pigeon Has to Go to School</i> , by Mo Willems (Series)	Why does the Pigeon have to go to school? He already knows everything! And what if he doesn't like it? What if the teacher doesn't like him? What if he learns TOO MUCH!?! See the other Pigeon books!

<i>Splat the Cat</i> (Series), by Amy Hsu Lin	The Splat books feature the hilarious and heart-warming adventures of Splat and his furry cohorts.
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Books to read with your child.

<i>The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend</i> by Dann Santat	Imaginary friend Beekle waits and waits for a child to think him into existence. When it doesn't happen, Beekle sails off to the real world – a city full of boring adults – to find her.
<i>All Are Welcome!</i> by Alexandra Penfold	Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.
<i>The Book With No Pictures</i> by B.J. Novak	I dare you to read this out loud and not laugh with your child!
<i>Click, Clack, Moo, I Love You</i> by Doreen Cronin	Little Duck is planning a Valentine's Day party for the farm when a fox on the hill hears the music. Unfortunately, foxes aren't always welcome company on farms and the rest of the guests hide. But maybe a newcomer is just what the farm needs?
<i>Come on Rain!</i> By Karen Hess	Recreates the body and soul-renewing experience of a summer downpour after a sweltering city heatwave.
<i>The Day You Begin</i> by Jacqueline Woodson	Venezuelan immigrant Rigoberto looks crestfallen when the class laughs at his name; other classmates feel left out when friends make fun of their lunch foods. And the (unnamed) African American protagonist has trouble finding her voice when her classmates recount their summer vacations until she realizes books have afforded her boundless travel.
<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i> by Adam Rubgin	Hooray! You're hosting your very first party for dragons! Here's what you'll need – great bit tacos, little bitty tacos, beef tacos, fruit punch, more tacos. After all, dragons love tacos. And if you have plenty of tacos, nothing could possibly go wrong at your party. Right?
<i>Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel</i> , by Adam Rubgin	News alert! It has just been discovered that there are NO MORE TACOS left anywhere in the world. This is a huge problem because, as you know, dragons love tacos. If only there was a way for the dragons to travel back in time, to before tacos went extinct.
<i>The End</i> , by David LaRochelle	When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight.
<i>Fly Guy</i> (Series) by Ted Arnold	A boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship... a very funny friendship.

<i>Giraffe Problems</i> , by Jory John Companion to <i>Penguin Problems</i>	Edward the giraffe is very self-conscious about his super long neck. It's too unwieldy, too bendy, and overall just too "necky."
<i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> by Matt De La Pena	CJ and his nana depart church and make it to the bus stop just in time to avoid an oncoming rain shower. They board the bus, and while CJ is full of questions and complaints (why don't they have a car? why must they make this trip every week?), Nana's responses highlight the glories of their rich, vibrant life in the city, as presented by the bus' passengers and passages.
<i>Lovely</i> by Jess Hong	Big, small, curly, straight, loud, quiet, smooth, wrinkly. <i>Lovely</i> explores a world of differences that all add up to the same thing: we are all lovely!
<i>Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth</i> , by Alison McGhee	A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.
<i>Olivia</i> , by Ian Falconer	Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.
<i>Penguin Problems</i> , by Jory John	This penguin has come to tell you that life in Antarctica is no paradise. For starters, it is FREEZING. Also, penguins have a ton of natural predators. Plus, can you imagine trying to find your mom in a big ol' crowd of identical penguins? No, thank you.
<i>Sam and Dave Dig a Hole</i> by Mark Barnett	Sam and Dave are digging a hole and they will not stop until they find something spectacular.
<i>Yoko</i> , by Rosemary Wells	When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats - until one of them tries it for himself.
<i>You are (Not) Small</i> by Anna Kang	A heated debate ensues when two furry creatures can't agree on who is big and who is small.

Poems and Rhymes

<i>Feel the Beat: Dance Poems that Zing from Salsa to Swing</i> by Marilyn Singer	An irresistible book of poems about dancing that mimics the rhythms of social dances from cha-cha to two-step. Each selection is written to the beat of that dance style without a single misstep. The text simply begs to be read aloud.
<i>Fresh Picked Poetry: a Day at the Farmer's Market</i> by Michelle Schaub	This collection takes children to a day at an urban farmers' market. Who to see, what to eat, and how produce is grown--it's all so exciting, fresh, and delicious. Readers are invited to peruse the stands and inspect vendors' wares with poems like "Farmer Greg's Free-Range Eggs," "Summer Checklist," and "Necessary Mess."
<i>A Great Big Cuddle, Poems for the Very Young</i> , Michael Rosen	This is a collection of silly rhymes and poems. They are very short poems, and although they are often nonsense, they are notable for their joyful rhymes and bouncy rhythm.

<i>Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry</i> by Polly Dunbar	This is a superb collection of more than sixty poems by a wide range of talented writers, from Margaret Wise Brown to Gertrude Stein, Langston Hughes to A. A. Milne. Greeting the morning, enjoying the adventures of the day, cuddling up to a cozy bedtime - these are poems that highlight the moments of a child's world from dawn to dusk.
<i>In the Wild</i> by David Elliot	Presents an assortment of 14 mammals introduced in short, reflective poems and bold, energetic woodblock scenes.
<i>Poem Runs: Baseball Poems</i> by Doug Florian	A collection of baseball poems featuring humorous wordplay.
<i>Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young</i> selected by Jack Prelutsky	More than one hundred authors are represented in this carefully crafted collection of two hundred plus-verses for the youngest listeners. The poems, all truly easy to read aloud, vary in meter and rhyme scheme as well as in length of line. The illustrations relate perfectly to the verses.
<i>A Stick Is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play</i> , Marilyn Singer	This is a celebration of timeless play activities. The poems highlight a group of children as they play on a summer day.

Book Report #1

Name _____

Draw a picture about each one and write a sentence about the book.

Title of my book:
Author of my book:
My picture:
A sentence about my book:

Book Report #2

Name _____

Title of my book:
Author of my book:
My picture:
A sentence about my book:

Title of my book:
Author of my book:
My picture:
A sentence about my book:

Name _____

What poetry book did you read?

Title _____


Author _____

Draw a picture about a poem you liked. Write the name of the poem.

Name of the poem _____

Name _____

My Reading Log

Title	Author	Rating 

Parent Signature _____