



GRADE 1 SUMMER READING

Make the summer fun with books! This list is recommended for students entering Grade 1. Let these books serve as inspiration for you and your child. Spend some time together at your local bookstore and library and see what strikes your fancy. Encourage your child to choose his or her own books and watch how quickly they become engaged!

GET YOUR BOOKS

The library is the place to be this summer! Brooklyn Public Library locations can be found at www.bklynlibrary.org. If you choose to purchase books, Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene or Prospect Lefferts Gardens is a good local and independent source. Visit www.greenlightbookstore.com/northside to see all summer reading titles -- you can shop online and then pick up your purchase at the bookstore, or have it shipped to you. As our bookstore partner, Greenlight donates a percentage of all online sales of summer reading titles back to the school to help fill our library shelves! Make sure to mention "Northside" in the order comments when checking out online. You can visit the Fort Greene location at 686 Fulton Street or online at greenlightbookstore.com.



REQUIRED TEXT

I Live In Brooklyn By Mari Takabayahi
Six-year-old Michelle, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, describes some of the daily activities she, her family, and friends engage in during the different seasons of the year.

PICTURE BOOKS

Life By Cynthia Rylant
There are so many wonderful things about life, both in good times and in times of struggle. A moving meditation on finding beauty around us every day and finding strength in adversity.

Away By Emil Sher
Love shines through in the sticky notes shared between a mother and daughter in this picture book about making time for family in the midst of our busy lives.

Chee-Kee: A Panda in Bearland By Suejean Rim
The Loo family has traveled very far to start a new life. For little Chee-Kee Loo, everything is strange--he looks and feels so different. But when some bears find themselves in a jam, Chee-Kee might be just the right panda to save the day.

Dragon Was Terrible By Kelly DiPucchio
We all know dragons are terrible, but this one is *especially* terrible. The king, the knights, and the villagers are desperate to take down this beast once and for all. But sometimes it's up to the unlikely of heroes to tame a dragon this terrible.

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Hank's Big Day By Evan Kuhlman
Hank is a pill bug whose daily routine involves nibbling a dead leaf, climbing up a long stick, and playing pretend with his best friend, a human girl named Amelia.

Plants Can't Sit Still By Rebecca Hirsch
Do plants really move? Absolutely! Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move.

Every Day Birds By Amy Ludwig VanDerwater
Helps children identify and learn about common birds. After reading 'Every Day Birds,' families can look out their windows with curiosity--recognizing birds and nests and celebrating the beauty of these creatures.

REAL LIFE STORIES & CONCEPTS

Octopuses One to Ten By Ellen Jackson
Everyone knows octopuses have *eight* arms. But did you know that they have *three* hearts and *nine* brains? This intriguing exploration of octopuses goes through numbers one to ten, with a snappy rhyme and fascinating octopus facts for each number. The book also includes octopus crafts and activities for more learning fun!

All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel By Dan Yaccarino
The story of four generations of an Italian American family.

Who Done It? By Olivier Tallec
Originally published in France in 2014 under the title *Quiquiqui?* The simple text asks the reader a series of questions about the characters on each page, and the child must seek out the visual clues to answer.

EARLY READERS

I Am (Not) Scared By Anna Kang
Two fuzzy friends go to an amusement park. They try to convince each other that there are much scarier things than the roller coaster. Hairy spiders! Aliens! Fried ants! They soon discover that sometimes being scared isn't as "scary" as they thought.

Good Night Owl By Greg Pizzoli
Owl is ready for bed. But as soon as he settles in, he hears a strange noise. He'll never get to sleep unless he can figure out what's going on! Will Owl ever get a good night's sleep?

A Pig, A Fox, and a Box By Jonathan Fenske
After finding a box just the right size to hide in, a little fox tries to play some tricks on his big friend, Pig, but things do not work out exactly as he planned.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Quiero a mi mamá porque... by Laurel Porter-Gaylord

Quiero a mi papá porque... by Laurel Porter-Gaylord