

## First Grade Summer Reading

Choose one of the following Friendship and Kindness books.

*If your child is unable to read the book independently, feel free to read it to him/her.*

Sharing Time by Elizabeth Verdick and Marieka Heinlen

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Read as many choice books as you can!

### Recommended Authors for Choice Reading

Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, Virginia Lee Burton, Mother Goose, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, Robert McCloskey, Beatrix Potter, H.A Rey, Vera Williams, Mem Fox, Alika, Jack Prelutsky, David McPhail, Charlotte Zolotow, Grace Lin, Tomie DePaola, Rosemary Wells, Jan Brett, Mo Willems, Jan Yolen, Jan Brett, Kevin Henkes, Ezra Jack Keates, Arnold Lobel, Bill Martin Jr., and David Shannon

### Summer Reading Tips

1. Set a **daily reading routine** to read at the same time each day. Usually this time is right before bed. But in the summer months, bedtime routines are not as consistent and this may not be the best time to read. A great time to read during the summer is right after lunch. Kids have had the morning to relax and play, they have just settled into lunch, and have not begun any afternoon activities yet.
2. **Model good reading.** If your child's reading is sounding monotone or choppy, the best thing you can do is model what the reading should sound like and then have your child try reading the passage again. Rereading is a great way to help kids become more fluent readers.
3. Model good reading can also mean reading aloud an entire book (even a chapter book). Children's **listening comprehension** is usually stronger than their reading comprehension until around the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Have multiple children at home? Use this summer as an opportunity to do a family read-aloud.
4. Keep in mind that reading books that seem slightly below a child's reading level or books that have become "old favorites" can help a developing reader to **build confidence and fluency**.
5. Families should make regular visits to **the library** and allow children to explore different reading materials. Librarians can offer suggestions that might be a good match for a child's interests and reading level. Most libraries also hold Summer Reading Programs that can help keep you and your child stay motivated.