BOOKS FOR FIRST GRADE
The following books are enthusiastically recommended as good reading for kids in first grade. The list contains new books which the youth librarians have especially enjoyed, as well as old favorites, which have proven popular over the years with first grade boys and girls. Remember to ask your librarian for additional book suggestions by these and other favorite authors.

PICTURE BOOKS
(All books are located in the EPIC area)

ACE LACEWING, BUG DETECTIVE
by David Biedrzycki
Queenie Bee is missing and Ace Lacewing, a mosquito, combs the city with his trusty sidekick for clues.

ANNUSHKA'S VOYAGE
by Edith Tarbescu
Annushka and Tanya, Russian immigrant girls, journey to America to join their papa.

BEBO P EXPRESS
by H. L. Panahi
A toe-tapping journey that introduces children to the history of jazz.

THE COLOR OF HOME
by Mary Hoffman
Hasson, a Muslim boy, leaves his war-torn country with his family to find a new place to call home.

COMING ON HOME SOON
by Jacqueline Woodson

DINNER AT AUNT CONNIE'S HOUSE
by Faith Ringgold
While visiting Aunt Connie's for dinner, Melody meets 12 famous African-American women who step out of her aunt's paintings.

HENRY AND THE KITE DRAGON
by Bruce Edward Hall
Italian American and Chinese American children clash over Grandfather Chin's beautiful kites, but find out they can share the skies.

HOW DO DINOSAURS EAT THEIR FOOD?
by Jane Yolen
These dinosaurs teach children good eating habits.

ISABEL'S HOUSE OF BUTTERFLIES
by Tony Johnston
Isabel, a young Mexican girl, comes up with a plan to save her greatest treasure, an oyamel tree where butterflies come to winter.

JALAPEÑO BAGELS
by Natasha Wing
Combining his Mexican mother and Jewish father's cultures, Pablo brings jalapeño bagels to school for International Day.

PIG ON THE TITANIC: TRUE STORY
by Gary Crew
Maxine, a musical pig, soothes the fears of the children on the sinking Titanic.

SUNDAY OUTING
by Gloria Jean Pinkney
Ernestine finally realizes her dream by taking a train trip to visit her family in the South.

THANK YOU, MR. FALKER
by Patricia Polacco
Trisha overcomes a learning problem with the help of Mr. Falker, an understanding teacher.

WILD ABOUT BOOKS
by Judy Sierra
Librarian Mavis McGraw introduces the zoo animals to the joys of reading.

BEGINNING READER BOOKS
(All books are located in the EBEG area)

THE CASE OF THE BAFFLED BEAR
by Cynthia Rylant
Animal detectives Bunny and Jack look for Bernard Bear's missing whistle.

CROCODILE AND HEN: A BAKONGO TALE
by Joan M. Lexau
Clever hen outwits the hungry crocodile in this hilarious folk tale.

THE DINOSAURS MEET DR. CLOCK
by Martha Weston
Dr. Clock invents a time machine with unexpected results.

GOOD NIGHT, GOOD NIGHT
by Shelley Moore Thomas
Three little dragons get help going to sleep from the Good Knight.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL WITH PIRATE PETE AND PIRATE JOE
by A.E. Cannon
Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe, looking for some pirate fun, enjoy wacky adventures.

MAMA, DON'T GO!
by Rosemary Wells
Yoko enjoys school but worries that if her mama leaves her at school she won't return.

MS. TURTLE THE BABYSITTER
by Valeri Gorbachev
Ms. Turtle entertains three lively turtles when their parents go out for the evening.

NATE THE GREAT ON THE OWL EXPRESS
by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Nate the Great and his dog use all their detective skills to find a missing owl.
THE OUTSIDE DOG
by Charlotte Pomerantz
Marisol's grandfather does not like dogs until a stray starts hanging around his door.

PEARL AND WAGNER: THREE SECRETS
by Kate McMullan
Best friends Pearl and Wagner learn and share secrets.

PET STORIES YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK
by Reading Rainbow Readers
A collection of pet stories and poems in one little book.

TU R TLE DREAMS
by Marion Dane Bauer
In preparation for a long winter's sleep, turtle searches for a few dreams.

NON-FICTION

CATS
by Seymour Simon
This book discusses cats and their playful, acrobatic and ruthless moods.

CHICKIE RIDDLES
by Katy Hall & Lisa Eisenberg
The authors are "eggsperts" at riddles.

CREATURE CARNIVAL
by Marilyn Singer
A mermaid, a frog prince and tricksters are some of the creepy and funny creatures in this poetry collection.

ELEPHANTS CAN PAINT TOO!
by Katya Arnold
The amazing story of elephants that are taught to paint.

THE MAN WHO WALKED BETWEEN THE TOWERS
by Mordicai Gerstein
Philippe Petit, a young French aerialist threw a tightrope between the Twin Towers and walked and danced across them. Caldecott Medal Book

RED-EYED TREE FROG
by Joy Cowley
Come along with the red-eyed tree frog as he looks for his dinner.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A TAIL LIKE THIS?
by Steve Jenkins
Play an interactive guessing game that explains amazing things animals can do. Caldecott Honor Book.

FOLK TALES

C LEVER BEATRICE:
An Upper Peninsula Conte
by Margaret Willey
Little Beatrice beats a giant in a contest with her feats of strength.

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER
by Jim LaMarche
A new version of an old favorite where two elves finish the shoemaker's shoes and make him prosperous.

FABLES FROM AESOP
by Tom Lynch
These gentle lessons are brought to life through exquisite illustrations.

MYSTIC HORSE
by Paul Goble
A young American Indian boy finds and cares for an old horse that soon shows magical powers.

WHY EPOSSUMONDAS HAS NO HAIR ON HIS TAIL
by Coleen Salley
Epossumondas' great-great grandfather became the first possum to have a hairless tail.

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Crosby Bonsall, Marc Brown, Russell Hoban, Leonard Kessler, Arnold Lobel, Else Holmelund Minarik, Peggy Parrish, Dr. Seuss, Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, Audrey Wood

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