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Books for 1st Grade

Guided Reading Level is indicated in brackets [ ]

READERS
Adler, D. Kick it, Mo! [K]
Applegate, C. Doggo and Pupper [L]
Arnold, T. Shoo, Fly Guy! [H]
Border, T. Peanut Butter’s First Day of School [L]
Buck, N. Oh, Cats! [E]
Collier, B. It’s Shoe Time [H]
Dean, J. Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach [J]
Grimes, N. A Day with Daddy [L]
Hale, B. Clark the Shark: Too Many Treats
Hayes, G. Benny and Penny in the Toy Breaker [K]
Henkes, K. Penny and Her Marble
Hooks, G. Music Time [I]
Hsu Lin, A. Splat the Cat: The Name of the Game [J]
Iwai, M. Gigi and Ojiji
Keller, L. We are Growing [I]
Lin, G. Ling and Ting [K]
Long Horse and Buggy Paint it Out [G]
Manushkin, F. Pedro, First Grade Hero
Pilkey, D. Dragon Gets By [M]
Rylant, C. Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House [J]
Silverman, E. Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days [J]
Snyder, L. Charlie and Mouse [L]
Suen, A. The Big Catch: A Robot and Rico Story [H]
Willems, M. Elephant and Piggie: I Will Take a Nap [F]
Windness, K. Worm and Caterpillar are friends
Yoo, P. Want To Play? [L]

PICTURE BOOKS
Barnett, M. Three Billy Goats Gruff
Brown, P. My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not) [I]
Falwell, C. Mystery Vine
Henkes, K. Waiting [H]
Pinkney, B. On the Ball
Scanlon, E. All the World [N]
Willems, M. Nanette’s Baguette
Dominguez, A. Maria Had a Little Llama [SPA]

FICTION
Citro, A. Zoey and Sassafras
Elliott, R. Owl Diaries
Faruqi, S. Meet Yasmin!
Flintham, T. Press Start
Griffini, A. Agnes and Clarabelle
Hale, S. Princess in Black
Quinn, J. Kingdom of Wrenly
West, K. Mia Mayhem Is A Superhero!
West, T. Dragon Masters

NON-FICTION
523.4 R112p Planet Name Game / Rabe, T.
594.3 Bor Slugs / Borgert-Spaniol, M.
597.92 M354 Turtles / Marsh L.
599.775 Bor Baby Foxes / Borgert-Spaniol, M. [G]
616.2 Her I Have a Cold / Herrington, L.
636.7 Capucilli My First Puppy
818 M2681w What Do You Hear When Cows Sing? And Other Silly Riddles / Maestro, G. [J]

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PICTURE BOOKS
Cabrera, C.  Me & Mama
Cherry, M. Hair Love
Daywalt, D. The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors
Dykman, A. Wolfie the Bunny
Forsythe, M. Mina
Goade, M. Berry Song
Hare, J. Field Trip to the Moon
Ho, J. Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
London, J. Hippos are Huge
Loomis, L. ‘Ohana means family
Maillard, K. Fry Bread
McCardie, A. Our Very Own Dog
Paschkis, J. Magic Spell
Pilutti, D. Old Rock (is not Boring)
Reynolds, A. Creepy Pair of Underwear
Shaskan, S. Toad on the Road
Silvestro, A. Bunny’s Book Club
Smith, L. A Perfect Day
Snyder, L. Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!
Spires, A. Everywhere, Wonder
Swanson, M. Watercress
Woodgate, H. Grandpa’s Camper
Zommer, Y. The Big Blue Thing on the Hill

SPA Lacámara, L. Flotando en la canción de mamá

NON-FICTION

FOLKLORE & POETRY
398.2 Ay44m2 My Grandfather’s Coat / Aylesworth, J.
398.2 H8599d The Dinner that Cooked Itself / Hsyu, J.
398.2 P656g The Grasshopper & the Ants / Pinkney
811.008 B493 Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, & BIOGRAPHY
513.211 M584a Addition / Midthun, A.
531 B728e Energy Makes Things Happen / Bradey, K.
551.2 B734e Earthquakes / Branley, F.
591.5 Lunde Whose Poop is That? / Lunde, D.
592 P4752 Wiggling Worms at Work / Pfeffer, W.
597.89 Kelly A Frog’s Life / Kelly, I.
599.79 B982s See What a Seal Can Do / Butterworth, C.
612.6 H243i3 It’s Not the Stork! : A Book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends / Harris
617.6 M613t The Tooth Book: A Guide to Healthy Teeth and Gums / Miller, E.
628.44 Arnold Fly Guy Presents: Garbage and Recycling / Arnold, T.
636.932 Lord Borrowing Bunnies / Lord, C.

Lovelace Ada’s Ideas: The Story of Ada Lovelace, the World’s First Computer Programmer
Truth, S My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth
Walker, M The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read

Why read aloud to my first grader?
• Reading aloud helps children hear and learn new, longer words as well as more complex sentences. Books with lots of pictures are especially helpful for this purpose.
• Reading aloud increases the background knowledge of children, which will help them read other books about that topic.
• Reading aloud models reading.
• Reading aloud models fluency.
• Reading fun stories aloud motivates children to keep on with the task of learning to read.
• Reading aloud gives your child a chance to spend time with you. Talking about what you read together opens doors to more conversations.

FICTION
Hanlon, A. Dory Fantasmagory
Jenkins, E. Toys Go Out
LaReau, K. The Infamous Ratsos
McKay, H. Lulu and the Cat in the Bag

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Arnold, T. Noodleheads
Bobo We love bubbles
Ebbeler, J. Kraken Me UP
Pilkey, D Dog Man
Pizzoli G Going Up! (Baloney and Friends)
Song, M. Pizza and Taco
Spires Binky the Cat
Yi Cat and Cat