



Cambridge Academy Summer Reading

Rising 1st Grade

For students entering first grade, we encourage reading at least 20 minutes per day on four out of seven days. Reading chapter books to your child increases vocabulary skills. Please note that the following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader.

“Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young.” Here are some titles for your summer reading.

Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a 4-5 words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

LEARNING TO READ SERIES

I Can Read Books

Sight Word Readers-Scholastic

Puffin Easy-to-Read

Step into Reading Series-Random House

Start to Read!- School Zone

Ready to Read-Simon Spotlight

Scholastic Readers-Scholastic

Hello Reader-Scholastic

Bank Street-Ready to Read Series

Easy to Read Puffin Books-Penguin Group

FUN BOOKS TO SHARE

And I Mean It, Stanley by Crosby Bonssall

Arthur series by Marc Brown

A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon

Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain

Clifford series by Norman Bridwell

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long

Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

ALPHABET BOOKS

Animalia by Graeme Baese

The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Palotta

Z was Zapped by Christ Van Allsburg

MATH IN PICTURE BOOKS

How Much is a Million? By David M. Schwartz

One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints by Diana Pomeroy

Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse (A Tale of Wickedness-and Worse!) by William Wise

When Sheep Cannot Sleep by Satoshi Kitamura

CLASSICS TO READ TO A FIRST GRADER

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

When Will I read? by Miriam Cohen

CALDECOTT AWARDS AND HONOR BOOKS

Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson

Ashanti to Zulu: African Tradition by Margaret Musgrove

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka

Owen by Kevin Henkes

The Polar Express by Christ Van Allsburg

A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley

****Please keep a list of the books and author you and your child read. Bring the pizza and the reading list with your child on the first day of school.****

Pizza Directions

1. Choose from the list of suggested books.
2. Write the name of the book if possible on a pepperoni. Books read by parents, as well as books children read themselves, may be listed.
3. Make a separate list of the books read and the author of each.
4. Place the pepperoni on a self-made pizza. The pizza can be made from poster board, cardboard, Styrofoam, and any kind of heavy paper.

Let your child do as much of the pizza as possible. You may want to supervise, but please don't do it for them. We will use each child's pizza on a bulletin board so we can share our fun reading experiences.