



Suggested Reading

Incoming/Rising 1st Graders

Students in the First Grade benefit greatly from reading aloud with parents. At this age, listening to a parent read will expand their vocabulary and broaden their interests. Help your child think about the book by asking thoughtful questions as you go. For instance, why do you think a character does what she does? What do you think they are thinking about when they do something interesting or notable? If your child is especially interested in a particular character or passage, ask him or her to repeat part of the story to the rest of your family. Visit the library and explore new subjects.

To help students think about these books/stories, here is a list of productive questions:

1. Who are the important characters?
2. What is the story's setting? In what place and time period does the story occur?
3. What are the major events of the story, and in what order do they occur?
4. What conflicts arise, and how are they resolved? Do any remain unresolved?

Suggested Books:

The Cat in the Hat - Dr. Seuss

Aesop's Fables such as:

- *The Tortoise and the Hare*
- *The Lion and the Mouse*
- *The Ant and the Grasshopper*

Curious George books - H. A. Rey

Beatrix Potter books such as:

- *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*
- *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*

Fairy tales such as:

- *The Three Little Pigs*
- *Goldilocks*
- *The Velveteen Rabbit*
- *The Ugly Duckling*