

## Rising Kindergarteners

Below is a list of books and authors to consider for your child that is just starting kindergarten. It is helpful to give your kindergartener choices that interest him/her and read with your child often. Don't overlook fabulous nonfiction books with engaging text and pictures! BOB books are good first reader books. The LEAP FROG series or other books that expose them to letter sounds is a good option as well. Make games out of letter sounds (I am thinking of an animal that starts with an A). Most importantly, have fun reading!

### Kindergarten Books

### Kindergarten Authors

Harold and the Purple Crayon / Crockett Johnson	Denise Fleming
Round is a Mooncake / Roseanne Thong	Donald Crews
Ten Red Apples / Pat Hutchins	Dr. Suess and P.D Eastman
The Kissing Hand / Audrey Penn	Eric Carle
Octopus Opposites / Stella Blackstone	Ezra Jack Keats
I Wanna Iguana / K. Orloff	Jane Moncure
Little Nelly's Big Book / Pippa Goodhart	Jane Yolen
Baby Elephant Goes for a Swim / Mia Coulton	Keven Henkes
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten / Joseph Slate	Lois Ehlert
A Garden of Opposites / Nancy Davis	Margaret Wise Brown
Mouse Paint / Ellen Stoll Walsh	Maurice Sendak
The Napping House / Audrey Wood	Mo Willems
Christian the Hugging Lion / Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell	Nancy Tafuri
Wow! Said the Owl / Tim Hopgood	Tana Hoban
A Seed is Sleepy / D. Aston	<b>Series: Biscuit, Curious George, Clifford, Froggy, Arthur</b>

## Book Suggestions for Rising First Graders

Below is a list of books and authors to consider for your rising first grade student. First graders need you to read engaging stories to them and they may also be reading simple “reader” books independently. It is sometimes a challenge to get children to **want** to read on their own. If you have a child that needs encouragement, ask your child to read aloud a simple reader book (with help). Then reward your child by letting him/her pick out a book for you to read aloud. Simple reward systems can also motivate children to read. Most importantly, give your rising first grader a lot of choices and have fun reading!

### First Grade Books

### First Grade Authors

### Book Series

The Great Fairy Tale Disaster / David Conway	Laura Numeroff	Biscuit
Maybe Something Beautiful / Isabel Campoy	Karma Wilson	Berenstein Bears
Blueberries for Sal / Robert McCloskey	Denise Fleming	Danny and the Dinosaur
The Spider and the Fly / Tony DiTerlizzi	Janet Stevens	Elephant and Piggie
Pierre the Penguin: A True Story / Jean Marzallo	David Adler	Froggy
Dog vs. Cat / Chris Gall	Doreen Cronin	Pete the Cat
A Beach Tail / Karen William	Candace Fleming	Scaredy Squirrel
Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories / Laura Vaccaro Seeger	Syd Hoff (readers)	Splat the Cat
Leave Me Alone! / Vera Brosgol	Tomie Depaola	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You
Millions of Cats / Wanda Gag	Kevin Henkes	Lego Readers
Snow / Uri Shulevitz	Anne Rockwell	Fancy Nancy
Lion Lessons / Jon Agee	David Adler	Pinkalicious
Dogku / Andrew Clements	Frank Asch	Fly Guy
This is not My Hat / Jon Klassen	Karma Wilson	Cat in the Hat's Learning Library
Caps for Sale / Esphyr Slobodkina	Jane Moncure (readers)	National Geographic Readers – Level 1
Blackout / John Rocco	Jean Marzollo (readers)	
Little Nelly' Big Book / Pippa Goodhart	Pat Hutchins	
Before Morning / Joyce Sidman	Harriett Ziefert (readers)	
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich / Julia Sarcone - Roach	Lois Ehlert	
Once a Mouse / Marcia Brown	Marc Brown	

## Book Suggestions for Rising Second Graders

Students can be on very different reading levels entering second grade. Many books listed may be too easy or too difficult for your child. Choose books that fit your child and that are not too frustrating to read. If you have a reluctant reader, try some nonfiction books with engaging pictures: animal books, weird insects, folktales (located in the 398 section of the library) or graphic novels. Kids' sports magazines or nature magazines are also great options. Although second graders should be reading some books independently, parents should continue to read higher level books and high interest books to promote a lifelong love of reading.

### Picture and Short Chapter Books

### Book Series for Independent Reading

I'm Trying to Love Spiders... / Bethany Barton	National Geographic Readers (Level 1 and 2)
Fog Island / Tomi Ungerer	Judy Moody and Friends
The Big Mistake / Blake A. Hoena	Dragon Masters
Henry's Freedom Box / Ellen Levine	Narwhal
The Fox in the Library / Lorenz Pauli	Monkey and Me
Little Bad Riding Hood / Julia Jarman	Mercy Watson
Six Dots/Jen Bryant	The Masterpiece Adventures
Follow the Moon Home/ Philippe Cousteau	Lego Friends
The Matchbox Diary / Paul Fleischman	Lunch Lady
Stars / Mary Lyn Rae	Humphrey's Tiny Tales
Diary of a Worm / Doreen Cronin	Nate the Great
Bad Kitty / Nick Bruel	Roscoe Riley Rules
Dog vs. Cat / Chris Goll	Henry and Mudge
Stick Kid / Peter Holwitz	Polk Street School
A Child of Books / Sam Winston	Tales from Maple Ridge
Help Me Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems / Janet Stevens	The Adventures of Benny and Watch (Early Reader Boxcar Children)
My Pet Human / Yasmine Surovec	Poppy the Pirate Dog
Mr. George Baker / Amy Hest	Young Cam Jansen
Bunjitsu Bunny / John Himmelman	Bink and Gollie
A Voyage in the Clouds/Matthew Olshan	The Owl Diaries
About Hurricanes / Kris Bonnell	Bramble and Maggie series
Ferocious Fluffity / Erica Perl	Teacher from the Black Lagoon / Mike Thaler

## Book Suggestions for Rising Third Graders

Most third graders are comfortable reading chapter books and have developed specific genre preferences. It is important to let them read what they enjoy, but occasionally encourage your child to read something a little different and give them opportunities to read nonfiction text. For students intimidated by longer chapter books, folktales and fables (located in the 398 section of the library) offer shorter in depth stories with higher level reading. Kids sports and nature magazines are also great options.

### Books

### Book Series

Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year / Bill Harley	National Geographic Readers (Level 2 and up)
Juana and Lucas / Juana Medina	Bink and Gollie
Freckle Juice / Judy Blume	Tales from Maple Ridge
Invisible Inkling / Emily Jenkins	Horrible Harry
White Fur Flying / Patricia MacLachlan	Ranger in Time
Ruffleclaw / Cornelia Funke	Nancy Clancy
Fly Away / Patricia MacLachlan	The Secret of Droon
The Courage of Sarah Noble / Alice Dalgliesh	Speedbump and Slingshot Misadventures
The Blue Ghost / Marion J. Bauer	Judy Moody /Stink
Snowed in with Grandmother Silk / Carol Fenner	A to Z Mysteries
Sarah, Plain and Tall / Patricia MacLachlan	The Magic Treehouse
Uncle Pirate / Douglas Rees	Marvin Redpost
On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein / Jennifer Berne	Ivy and Bean
The One and Only Ivan / Katherine Applegate	Captain Awesome
Cody and the Fountain of Happiness / Eliza Wheeler	The Zach Files
Dude, Where's My Spaceship? / Dan Greenburg	Capital Mysteries
Building Our House / Jonathan Bean	Geronimo Stilton
The Curse of Snake Island (Pirate School) / Brian James	Greetings From Somewhere
On Earth / G. Brian Karas	The Chicken Squad / Doreen Cronin
Like Bug Juice on a Burger / Julie Sternberg	Hardy Boys are the Clues Bothers
The Truth of Me / Patricia MacLachlan	The Ballpark Mysteries
Waylon: One Awesome Thing / Sara Pennypacker	<b>Third Grade Authors – Jan Brett, Betty Birney, Beverly Cleary, Ronald Dahl, Sara MacLachlan, Sara Pennypacker, Dave Pilkey, Sharon Creech</b>

# Book Suggestions for Rising Fourth Graders

Books	Book Series
Because of Shoe and Other Dog Stories / Ann M Martin	National Geographic Kids
Moo / Sharon Creech	American Girl
Applesauce Weather / Helen Frost	Beastologist
Real Friends / S. Hale and P. LeUyen	The Treehouse Books- by Griffiths
Sarah, Plain and Tall / Patricia Maclachlan	Friends for Keeps
How to Eat Fried Worms / Thomas Rockwell	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Crenshaw / Katherine Applegate	I Survived
Baseball Genius / Tim Green	Stick Dog
Jacky Ha-Ha / James Patterson	The Last Kids on Earth
Pie / Sarah Weeks	Hamster Princess
May B. / Caroline Starr Rose	39 Clues
My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish / Mo O'Hara	Choose Your Own Adventure
The Chocolate Touch / Patrick Catling	Ulysses Moore
The Cricket in Times Square / George Selden	Big Nate
The Wizard's Dog / Eric Kahl The Good Dog / Avi	Dying to Meet You
The Hundred Dresses / Elenor Estes	Poppy
Baily's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel / Cameron Bruce	Bone
Save Me a Seat / Sarah Weeks	The Baby-Sitters Club
The One and Only Ivan / Katherine Applegate	
Because of Mr. Terupt / Rob Buyea	
The Island of Dr. Libris / Chris Grabenstein	
Word of Mouse / James Patterson	
Wildfire! / Elizabeth Starr Hill	
	<b>Fourth Grade Authors – Andrew Clements, Beverly Cleary, Matt Christopher, Dan Gutman, Suzanne Selfors, Ronald Dahl, Wendy Mass</b>

# Book Suggestions for Rising Fifth Graders

**\*Not to be used for the cereal box project**

Books

Book Series

Soar / Joan Bauer	National Geographic Kids – Level 4
Abel's Island / William Steig	Who Was... (Biographies)
Always October / Bruce Coville	Disaster Survivors (nonfiction)
Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story / Nora Baskin	Fablehaven
Frindle / Andrew Clements	Baseball Card Adventure
Holes / Louis Sachar	Infinity Ring
How to Catch a Bogle / Catherin Jinks	The Missing
Island of the Blue Dolphin / Scott O'Dell	Inkheart
Jinx / Sage Blackwood	I Survived
Nerds / National Espionage Rescue and Defense Society/ Michael Buckley	Warriors
Pickle: the (formerly) anonymous prank of Fountain Point Middle School / Kimberly Baker	The Great Brain
Dash / Kirby Larson	The Unwanteds
Roller Girl / Victoria Jamieson	Alex Rider
Sahara Special / Esme Raji Codell	Big Nate
Soldier Bear / Bibi Dumon Tak	Timmy Failure
Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution	Dork Diaries
Malcolm at Midnight / W. H. Beck	Choose Your Own Adventure
Full of Beans / Jennifer Holm	
The Candy Shop War / Brandon Mull	
The Center of Everything / Linda Urban	
The Cheshire Cheese Cat: a Dickens of a Tale / Carmen Agra Deedy	
The Lost Boy / Greg Ruth	
The Mighty Miss Malone / Christopher Paul Curtis	
The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of School – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Ken Derby	
The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp / Kathi Appelt	
I Funny / James Patterson	
Pax / Sara Pennypacker	