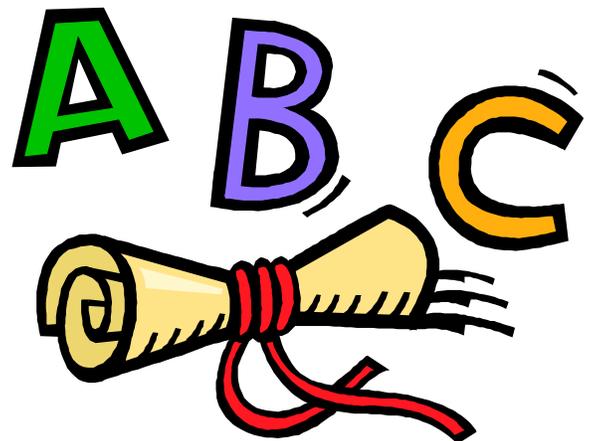


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# Recommended Reading for 1st Graders



## Picture Books

### *In the Popular Topics Picture Book Section*

#### **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**

**Bill Martin** JPIC CONCEPTS ALPHABET MARTIN

An alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **How Do You Count a Dozen Ducklings?**

**In Seon Chae** JPIC CONCEPTS NUMBERS CHAE

Faced with keeping track of twelve ducklings, Mama Duck finds different ways to group them so that they are easier to count.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Where's My T-R-U-C-K?**

**Karen Beaumont** JPIC TRANSPORT BEAUMONT

Tommy looks everywhere in the house for his lost toy truck.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Beep and Bah**

**James Burks** JPIC BURKS

A robot who hungers for adventure and a goat who wants to avoid trouble set out to find the missing mate to a single sock.

**Reading Level: Q**

#### **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type**

**Doreen Cronin** JPIC CRONIN

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

**Reading Level: M**

#### **Blue Chicken**

**Deborah Freedman** JPIC FREEDMAN

An enterprising chicken attempts to help an artist paint the barnyard and accidentally turns the whole picture blue.

**Reading Level: M**

#### **Bread and Jam for Frances**

**Russell Hoban** JPIC HOBAN

Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal--until to her surprise--her parents grant her wish.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes**

**Eric Litwin** JPIC LITWIN

Pete the cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Baseball Ballerina**

**Kathryn Cristaldi** JEASY CRISTALDI red dot

A baseball-loving girl worries that the ballet class her mother forces her to take will ruin her reputation with the other members of her baseball team.

**Reading Level: J**

#### **Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown**

**Paula Danziger** JEASY DANZIGER red dot

Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **A Poor Excuse for a Dragon**

**Geoffrey Hayes** JEASY HAYES red dot

When Fred the dragon leaves home he learns that he is not very good at roaring or breathing fire and swallowing people only makes him ill, but with help from a witch, a giant, and a wise boy he finds his true calling.

**Reading Level: M**

#### **The Little Brute Family**

**Russell Hoban** JEASY HOBAN red dot

Members of the Brute family, who live on a diet of stick and stone stew, suddenly find their lives changed for the better.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle**

**Jennifer Jacobson** JEASY JACOBSON red dot

Andy Shane hates school, mainly because of a tattletale know-it-all named Dolores Starbuckle, but Granny Webb, who has taken care of him all his life, joins him in class one day and helps him solve the problem.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Zelda and Ivy: Keeping Secrets**

**Laura McGree Kvasnosky** JEASY KVASNOSKY red dot

A secret is a hard thing to keep for little sister Ivy, especially when it involves a fantastic prank her big sister, Zelda, is planning for April Fool's Day.

**Reading Level: K**

#### **Tugg and Teeny**

**Patrick Lewis** JEASY LEWIS red dot

Tugg, a gorilla, helps his best friend Teeny, a monkey, in her attempts to become a musician, an artist, and a poet.

*\*Part of the Tug & Teeny Series*

**Reading Level: L**

#### **Squirrel's Fun Day**

**Lisa Moser** JEASY MOSER red dot

Squirrel is determined to have a very fun day with each of his animal friends.

**Reading Level: K**

**Fox on Wheels****Edward Marshall**                      **JEASY MARSHALL blue dot**

Fox babysits for his sister Louise, learns to climb a tree for some grapes, and wins a shopping cart race.

**Reading Level: J****Father Bear Comes Home****Else Minarik**                              **JEASY MINARIK blue dot**

Again Little Bear gets into mischief, especially when he promises his friends that Father Bear will bring home a mermaid.

*\*Part of the Little Bear Series***Reading Level: I****Amelia Bedelia By the Yard****Herman Parish**                              **JEASY PARISH blue dot**

It's time for a yard sale! Amelia Bedelia loves her yard. So why is it for sale? A silly family story full of funny misunderstandings.

**Reading Level: K****Nate the Great and the Fishy Prize****Marjoire Sharmat**                              **JEASY SHARMAT blue dot**

Though it means Nate can't get his dog ready for the smartest pet contest, he agrees to search for the missing prize for the contest.

*\*Part of the Nate the Great Series***Reading Level: K****Happy Go Ducky****JEASY URBANOVIC blue dot**

Jackie Urbanovic

Spring has arrived, and Max the duck comes down with a giant case of spring fever. When Irene is gone for the day and leaves Max in charge, things get a little...quacky.

**Reading Level: M****Harry and the Lady Next Door****Gene Zion**                                      **JEASY ZION blue dot**

Harry the dog goes to fantastic lengths to make his neighbor stop singing.

**Reading Level: J***Red Dot — advanced***Bronco Charlie and the Pony Express****Marlene Targ Brill**                              **JEASY BRILL red dot**

Relates how, in 1861, a boy named Charlie Miller became the youngest rider for the Pony Express, a mail service that linked the east and west coasts of the United States.

**Reading Level: M****Splish, Splash, Splat!****Rob Scotton**                                      **JPIC SCOTTON**

Splat does not want to have a playdate with Spike and both are afraid to learn how to swim. When the rest of their classmates rush straight into the pool, Splat and Spike find that they may have more in common than they thought.

**Reading Level: L****David Goes to School****David Shannon**                                      **JPIC SHANNON**

David's activities in school include chewing gum, talking out of turn, and engaging in a food fight, causing his teacher to say over and over, "No, David!"

**Reading Level: G****Little Mouse and the Big Cupcake****Thomas Taylor**                                      **JPIC TAYLOR**

Little Mouse discovers an extraordinary cupcake, but how will he ever carry it home?

**Reading Level: K****Bear Says Thanks****Karma Wilson**                                      **JPIC WILSON**

Bear thanks his friends for bringing food dishes to his dinner party and finds a way of sharing something of his own.

**Reading Level: L****Bear Wants More****Karma Wilson**                                      **JPIC WILSON**

When spring comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and is treated to great food by his friends.

**Reading Level: H****Easy Readers***Purple Dot — easiest***Road Race****Melinda Crow**                                      **JEASY STONE purple dot**

Follow truck buddies in a big race.

**Reading Level: L****Flip-A-Word Series****Harriet Ziefert**                                      **JEASY ZIEFERT purple dot**

Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce short vowel sounds, consonant blends, and word families in this flip-a-word book.

**Reading Level: M**



*Yellow Dot — easy*

**The Berenstain Bears and Mama for Mayor!**

**Jan Berenstain**                      **JEASY BERENSTAIN yellow dot**

When Mama Bear runs for mayor on a platform that resolves to fix roads, clean trash, and replace broken streetlights, her campaign is compromised by Bear County voters who argue that she cannot fulfill her promises.

**Reading Level: L**

**Pete the Cat and the Surprise Teacher**

**James Dean**                      **JEASY DEAN yellow dot**

When Pete discovers that his teacher is sick and his mom is the substitute, he must teach her the ins and outs of his school.

**Reading Level: F**

**Drop It, Rocket!**

**Tad Hills**                      **JEASY HILLS yellow dot**

Rocket loves to collect words for his word tree with his teacher, the little yellow bird. Watch as the pup finds new words like leaf, hat, star, boot, and many more.

**Reading Level: F**

**Mittens, Where is Max?**

**Lola Schaefer**                      **JEASY SCHAEFER yellow dot**

Mittens the kitten searches for his friend Max, a dog, so they can play together.

**Reading Level: G**

**Hop on Pop**

**Dr. Seuss**                      **JEASY SEUSS yellow dot**

Pairs of rhyming words are introduced and used in simple sentences, such as "Day. Play. We play all day. Night. Fight. We fight all night."

**Reading Level: J**

**Strawberry Shortcake's Show and Tell Surprise**

**Kelli Curry**                      **JEASY STRAWBERRY yellow dot**

Strawberry Shortcake finds a special surprise for her show-and-tell presentation at school.

**Reading Level: L**



*Blue Dot — medium*

**Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game**

**David Adler**                      **JEASY ADLER blue dot**

When fifth-grader Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count.

*\*Part of the Young Cam Jansen Series*

**Reading Level: J**

**Sleeping Bootsie**

**Maribeth Boelts**                      **JEASY BOELTS blue dot**

A former stray, Bootsie is the beloved royal cat until a spell cast by a mean fairy causes her to fall into a deep sleep, and only "her happiest sound" will awaken her.

**Reading Level: K**

**Dixie and the School Trip**

**Grace Gilman**                      **JEASY GILMAN blue dot**

Emma and her dog, Dixie, get into a mess when Dixie decides to join her on her class trip to the dinosaur museum.

**Reading Level: I**

**My Weird School Goes to the Museum**

**Dan Gutman**                      **JEASY GUTMAN blue dot**

A.J. and Andrea go on a class trip to the museum, where their guide has been warned about their possible misbehavior.

**Reading Level: L**

**Back in the Saddle**

**Cathy Hapka**                      **JEASY HAPKA blue dot**

When Annie falls off her pony Splash at a riding lesson, she must decide whether or not to get back in the saddle.

**Reading Level: I**

**Pinkalicious and Planet Pink**

**Victoria Kann**                      **JEASY KANN blue dot**

Learning about Planet Pink, Pinkalicious imagines what would happen if an alien Pinktonian paid her a visit.

**Reading Level: J**

**Ling & Tiny Share a Birthday**

**Grace Lin**                      **JEASY LIN blue dot**

Identical twins Ling and Ting celebrate their birthday by sharing gifts and making wishes.

**Reading Level: K**

**Frog & Toad All Year**

**Arnold Lobel**                      **JEASY LOBEL blue dot**

Five enchanting tales about the friendship of Frog and Toad depict the lovable creatures engaging in varied activities throughout the seasons of the year.

*\*Part of the Frog & Toad Series*

**Reading Level: K**

**Grasshopper on the Road**

**Arnold Lobel**                      **JEASY LOBEL blue dot**

As Grasshopper sets out to follow a road, he meets some unusual characters.

**Reading Level: K**