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Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We are looking forward to a great school year with your child. Our curriculum is largely centered around the Open Court Reading Series. As we prepared this suggested summer reading list, we are listing books that coincide with each Unit; however, the ultimate thing to keep in mind is ... just make sure you read to your child or your child reads to you!



The purpose of this suggested reading list is to expose your child to different types of literature and the themes we will be focusing on during the school year. *The most important thing is reading to your child each day and have her/him do some reading, whatever their level is.*

Unit 1 Games

The Great Ball Game by Joseph Bruchac
Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind by Cynthia Rylant.
Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat by Patricia Reilly Giff.
What Game Shall We Play? By Pat Hutchins

Unit 2 Folktales

Anansi The Spider by Gerald McDermott.
Hosni the Dreamer: An Arabian Tale by Ehud Ben-Ezer.
How Rabbit Lost His Tail by Ann Tompert.
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens.

Unit 3 Keep Trying

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman.
Fox on the Job by James Marshall.
Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully.

Unit 4 Being Afraid

Anna Banana and Me by Lenore Blegvad.
Granddaddy's Place by Helen Griffith.
I Hear a Noise by Diane Goode.
Strom in the Night by Mary Stolz.

Unit 5 Homes

The Big Orange Splot Daniel Pinkwater.
The Journey Home by Alison Lester.
My House Has Stars by Megan McDonald.
Our Home is the Sea by Riki Levinson.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Berak and Mrs. Rushing