

# Summer Reading Activities



	<b>First Grade – Activity #7</b>
<b>Title</b>	Joy of Reading
<b>Parent Information</b>	<p>Reading aloud and exploring literature together is an important part of building early literacy skills. Developing print concepts, understanding story elements, learning vocabulary, and building background knowledge are just a few skills that can come from reading with your child. Listening to and talking about the books you read together also supports social emotional learning. Choose books with your child and let their interests guide your selections. Try creating a reading time routine with your child.</p> <p>The first grade is year filled with amazing literacy growth. Children are becoming more independent with their reading skills and are eager to read a variety of text. There are many wonderful decodable texts and “chapter book” series that are geared for younger audiences. As children become more fluent with their reading, they can become the “reader” during the reading time routine.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	Read, share, and enjoy books together
<b>Time</b>	15 -20 minutes daily
<b>Materials</b>	Variety of books – fiction and non-fiction
<b>Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set aside a time each day to read with your child.</li><li>• Have your child choose a book to read. Preview the text for vocabulary, story elements, or concepts that might be interesting or challenging so you can support as needed.</li><li>• Decide who will be the “reader” or take turns reading the text.</li><li>• Introduce the title, author, and illustrator if applicable.</li><li>• Read the text and support your child by monitoring, providing feedback, and having conversations about the more complex story plots or informational concepts.</li><li>• After reading, talk about the book and ask questions to check for understanding.</li><li>• For longer texts, break the reading time up by chapters or natural stopping points.</li><li>• Once you have shared the text together, encourage your child to reread the text independently.</li></ul>

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Additional Resources and Information	<p>Visit your local library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Sno-Isle Libraries</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Everett Public Library</a></li></ul> <p>Visit Reading Rockets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">How to Read with a Beginning Reader</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Decodable Text Sources</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Nonfiction for Kids</a></li></ul> <p>Fictional text suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Frog and Toad</i> Books by Arnold Lobel</li><li>• <i>Little Bear</i> Books by Else Holmelund Minarik</li><li>• <i>Yasmin</i> Books by Saadia Faruqi</li><li>• <i>Henry and Mudge</i> Books by Cynthia Rylant</li><li>• <i>Poppleton</i> Books by Cynthia Rylant</li><li>• <i>Fox and His Friends</i> Books by Edward Marshall</li><li>• <i>Fly Guy</i> Books by Tedd Arnold</li><li>• <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> Books by Herman Parish</li><li>• <i>Bad Kitty</i> Books by Nick Bruel</li><li>• <i>Mercy Watson</i> Books by Kate DiCamillo</li><li>• <i>Nate the Great</i> Books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat</li><li>• <i>Pedro</i> Books by Fran Munushkin</li><li>• <i>Young Cam Jansen and Cam Jansen</i> Books by David Adler</li><li>• <i>Magic Treehouse</i> Books by Mary Pope Osborne</li><li>• <i>Junie B. Jones</i> Books by Barbara Park</li></ul> <p>Nonfiction text suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Geographic Kids Readers</li><li>• Rookie Read-About™ Geography Books</li><li>• Emergent Science Readers by Scholastic</li></ul>