2020 Summer Reading, Entering First Grade

During early childhood, the emphasis is on reading to your child and sharing the joy of stories. These read-alouds are suggestions; feel free to pick and choose based on your child’s interests. Share with your child as you make memories that will prepare them for life!

Resource Lists and Websites

- Texas 2x2 Books 2020: https://txla.org/tools-resources/reading-lists/2x2/current-list/
- Lee and Low Books: https://www.leeandlow.com/
- We Need Diverse Books: https://diversebooks.org/
- Geisel Award: http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward
- Colours of Us: https://coloursofus.com/multicultural-childrens-books-lists/
- Branches Books: http://www.scholastic.com/branches/

Fiction

Ah Ha!, Jeff Mack
Best Frints at Skrool, Antoinette Portis
Can I Be Your Dog? Troy Cummings
Dino Soccer (or others in series), Lisa Wheeler
The Dinosaur Expert, Margaret McNamara
First Grade Dropout, Audrey Vernick
Fergal and The Bad Temper, Robert Starling
Watch Out for Wolf! Anica Mrose Rissi
Good Night Owl, Greg Pizzoli
Give Me Back My Bones! Kim Norman
Truman, Jean Reidy
Vamos! Let’s Go to the Market, Raul the Third
What to Do with a Box, Jane Yolen
The Night is Yours, Abdul-Razak Zachariah

Nonfiction

Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-Sea Submersible Alvin, Michele Cusolito
Dinosaur Feathers, Dennis Nolan
Beware of the Crocodile, Martin Jenkins
Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos, Monica Brown
Ordinary People Change the World (series), Brad Meltzer
Look Again: Secrets of Animal Camouflage, Steve Jenkins
Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animal Poems for Two or More Voices, Georgia Heard

Early Chapter Books

Big Words Small Stories series, Judith Henderson
Bink and Gollie, Kate DiCamillo/Alison McGhee
Duck, Duck, Porcupine series, Salina Yoon
Elephant and Piggie, Mo Willems
Fergus and Zeke at the Science Fair, Kate Messner
Infamous Ratsos, Kara LaReau
Katie Woo/Pedro series, Fran Manushkin
The Critter Club series, Callie Barkley
Mercy Watson series, Kate DiCamillo
Molly Mac series, Marty Kelley
Noodleheads series, Ted Arnold
Rabbit and Robot, Cece Bell
Yasmin series, Saadia Faruqi

Chapter Book Series

All-of-a-Kind Family, Sydney Taylor
The Dino Files series, Stacy McAnulty
The Boxcar Children Mysteries, Gertrude Chandler Warner
Juana & Lucas, Juana Medina
The Princess in Black, Shannon Hale
Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Kate DiCamillo
Little Rhino, Ryan Howard
Zoey and Sassafras, Asia Citro
A to Z Mysteries, Ron Roy