



2024

Summer Reading



Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to summer! As your child continues their educational journey at St. Luke's Episcopal School, we invite you to share with your children the joy of reading. A strong foundation of reading at home is essential to a child's success in school, and we encourage you to take the initiative and run with it!

The following list includes *recommended* book titles for your child to read, but most importantly, now is the time for them to read books that excite them! Our goal in crafting this summer reading list was to offer recommendations that allow students to see themselves represented in literature and to explore the myriad perspectives that make our world so vibrant. You are welcome to read books other than our suggested list. Both Amazon and Common Sense Media provide book reviews if you would like to review a book before your child reads it. Your local library should have many of these book selections, so go get a library card in your child's name—they will love that! *Our expectation is that students will read a minimum of 15 minutes per day to build stamina.*

This year, we are excited to announce our community reading initiative: **B I N G O!!!** All students, faculty, and staff will receive a BINGO card (back of this sheet) to fill out over the summer with all of the reading that we accomplish. When we return to school in August, our librarian, Mrs. Hawkins, will gather all of the BINGO cards and compile them into one giant BINGO card that will be on display. We will see how many BINGOs we can all get as a community!

First Grade Book Recommendations

*You and/or your students may read any books they wish to read.

These are some great suggestions brought to you by your teachers and staff.

Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary

Henry Hecklebeck by Wanda Coven

It Fell from the Sky by Terry Fan

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

My City Speaks by Darren Lebeuf

Ducks Overboard!: A True Story of Plastic in Our Oceans by Markus Motum

Book Series:

Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows

Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton

Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo

Thunder and Cluck by Jill Esbaum

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems

Flabby by J.E. Morris

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

More authors to read: Kevin Henkes, Mo Willems, and Dr. Seuss

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read under the table	read a magazine	read for 10 minutes	read a book about animals	read to a sibling
read to your mom or dad	read for 60 minutes	read in a blanket fort	read in the dark with a flashlight	read a non-fiction book
read outside	read while eating ice cream	FREE CHOICE How did you read?	read in your pajamas	read for 30 minutes
use your new bookmark to hold your place	read on a rainy day	read a mystery book	read in your swimsuit	read with a friend
read a folk or fairy tale	read a favorite book	read out loud	read for 25 minutes	read in the car