

Why It's Important

The purpose of this challenge is to **initiate discussion** between you and your child, which helps develop their **reading comprehension**. The more opportunities you provide for your 1st grader to have positive reading experiences, the more likely you are to raise a lifelong reader. While reading, consider alternating who reads every other page. Or, if they're comfortable, let them read to you. Discuss what happens in the books, ask your child what they like or dislike about a book, make predictions together about what might happen next.

Enjoy Reading with your Child

Here are some helpful literacy tips:

- Choose a special time to read with your child. After school or dinner, or before bed are popular choices, but choose what works best for your family.
- Read slowly, with expression. Try using different voices for different characters.
- Give your child a clue -- If your child is stumbling while trying to sound out a word, use your finger to point to the next letter and ask what the letter usually sounds like.
- Dig deeper into the story -- Ask your child about the story you've just read together. Try questions that require your child to draw conclusions. Say something like, "Why do you think Fly Guy did that?"
- As your child's reading progresses, take turns reading pages to each other.
- Visit **Reading is Fundamental (rif.org)** for more tips on reading aloud with your child. Or ask your library staff-- we're happy to help!

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1st Grade Reading Challenge

This is a Reading Challenge you can complete with your child during their first grade year. We've chosen 50 books we think 1st graders (and their parents/guardians) will love. Your child may already be able to read some of the books on their own, while some are meant to be read aloud by an adult with their child. You may even find that your child needs help reading some books at the beginning of the year but can read all of them independently by the end!

Books on this list will be visible throughout our children's collection-- to find one look for the books marked with a **green star**. Once you have selected a few books, schedule a specific time each day/week that you can dedicate entirely to reading together.

How to Participate

Select a book from our Challenge List and as your first grader completes each book, color in the star next to its title. Remember to ask for one of our Challenge packets and get registered at the library to get the latest news. Once you've completed reading all 50 books, stop by the library to receive a certificate of completion, a **free book**, and a special Challenge Sticker.



50 IN 1ST GRADE READING CHALLENGE

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

I accept the challenge!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

- ☆ ***Are you my mother?*** by P.D. Eastman
Call #: J/R EASTMAN LEVEL-2
- ☆ ***Blue chicken*** by Deborah Freedman
Call #: E F
- ☆ ***Boy, were we wrong about dinosaurs!*** by Kathleen V Kudlinski
Call #: J 567.9 K
- ☆ ***Bruce's Big Fun Day*** by Ryan T Higgins
Call #: J/R HIGGINS LEVEL-1
- ☆ ***Danny and the dinosaur*** by Syd Hoff
Call #: J/R HOFF LEVEL-1
- ☆ ***Diary of a worm*** by Doreen Cronin
Call #: E C
- ☆ ***Dinosaurs before dark*** by Mary Pope Osborne
Call #: J FICTION OSBORNE
- ☆ ***Don't throw it to Mo!*** by David A Adler
Call #: J/R ALDER LEVEL-2
- ☆ ***Dragons love tacos*** by Adam Rubin
Call #: E R
- ☆ ***Enemy pie*** by Derek Munson
Call #: E M
- ☆ ***Equality's call*** by Deborah Diesen
Call #: J 324.62 D
- ☆ ***Exclamation Mark*** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Call #: E R
- ☆ ***Five flying penguins*** by Barbara Barbieri McGrath
Call #: E M
- ☆ ***From head to toe*** by Eric Carle
Call #: E C
- ☆ ***Garden day!*** by Candice F Ransom
Call #: J/R RANSOM LEVEL-1
- ☆ ***Henry and Mudge take the big test*** by Cynthia Rylant
Call #: J FICTION RYLANT
- ☆ ***Hi, Fly Guy!*** by Tedd Arnold
Call #: J FICTION ARNOLD

- ☆ ***How do dinosaurs learn to read?*** by Jane Yolen
Call #: E Y
- ☆ ***If you lived here : houses of the world*** by Giles Laroche
Call #: J 392.36 L
- ☆ ***Jules vs the ocean*** by Jessie Sima
Call #: E S
- ☆ ***June jam*** by Ron Roy
Call #: J FICTION ROY
- ☆ ***Max & Mo make a snowman*** by Patricia Lakin
Call #: J/R PATRICIA LEVEL-1
- ☆ ***Mercy Watson to the rescue*** by Kate DiCamillo
Call #: J FICTION DICAMILLO
- ☆ ***Nana Akua goes to school*** by Tricia Elam Walker
Call #: E W
- ☆ ***Not your nest!*** by Gideon Sterer
Call #: E S
- ☆ ***Oh, no!*** by Candace Fleming
Call #: E F
- ☆ ***One odd day*** by Doris Fisher
Call #: E F
- ☆ ***One*** by Kathryn Otoshi
Call #: E O
- ☆ ***Please, Mr. Panda*** by Steve Antony
Call #: E A
- ☆ ***Polar bear in the snow*** by Mac Barnett
Call #: E B
- ☆ ***Rescue & Jessica: life-changing friendship*** by Jessica Kensky
Call #: E K
- ☆ ***Rise of the earth dragon*** by Tracey West
Call #: J FICTION WEST
- ☆ ***See the cat : three stories about a dog*** by David LaRoche
Call #: E L
- ☆ ***Sheep in a jeep*** by Nancy Shaw
Call #: E S

- ☆ ***Rosie Revere, engineer*** by Andrea Beaty
Call #: E B
- ☆ ***Star of the class play*** by Margaret McNamara
Call #: J/R MCNAMARA LVL-1
- ☆ ***Stick and stone*** by Beth Ferry
Call #: E F
- ☆ ***Tacky the penguin*** by Helen Lester
Call #: E L
- ☆ ***Tangled : a story about shapes*** by Anne Miranda
Call #: E M
- ☆ ***The day the crayons quit*** by Drew Daywalt
Call #: E D
- ☆ ***The frogs wore red suspenders*** by Jack Prelutsky
Call #: J 811.54 P
- ☆ ***The Itchy Book!*** by Mo Willems
Call #: J/R WILLEMS LEVEL-2
- ☆ ***The little red fort*** by Brenda Maier
Call #: E M
- ☆ ***The princess in black*** by Shannon Hale
Call #: J FICTION HALE
- ☆ ***The sandwich swap*** by Rania
Call #: E R
- ☆ ***The very impatient caterpillar*** by Ross Burach
Call #: E B
- ☆ ***Too cool for school*** by James Dean
Call #: J/R DEAN PRE-READ
- ☆ ***We're all wonders*** by R. J. Palacio
Call #: E P
- ☆ ***What is inside THIS box?*** by Drew Daywalt
Call #: J/R DAYWALT LEVEL-1
- ☆ ***You read to me and I'll read to you : Very Short Stories to Read Together*** by Mary Ann Hoberman
Call #: J 811.54 H