

GET READY FOR FIRST GRADE!

A SUMMER READING LIST FOR OUR FUTURE FIRST GRADERS

Reading together over the summer is a wonderful way to build vocabulary, spark imagination, and help your child feel confident and excited about the school year ahead!



- 1 First Day Jitters** by Julie Danneberg
A fun story that reminds students everyone can feel nervous about school.



- 2 Chrysanthemum** by Kevin Henkes
Teaches kindness, confidence, and celebrating differences.



- 3 David Goes to School** by David Shannon
A humorous way to review classroom behavior and expectations.



- 4 The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!** by Mo Willems
Great for discussing feelings about starting school.



- 5 Marker** by Anna Kang
Encourages creativity, teamwork, and learning to appreciate others' ideas.



- 6 How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids** by Tom Rath & Mary Reckmeyer
Encourages kindness and positive actions toward others.



- 7 The Name Jar** by Yangsook Choi
Promotes inclusion, respect, and learning about classmates.



- 8 The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
Encourages students to be brave, share their stories, and appreciate differences.



- 9 Be You!** by Peter H. Reynolds
Inspires students to be confident, kind, and true to themselves.



- 10 What Does It Mean to Be Kind?** by Rana DiOrio
Helps students understand everyday acts of kindness and empathy.

**PARENTS,
YOU MAKE A
BIG DIFFERENCE!**



Sharing books and talking about the stories you read together helps your child grow in so many important ways.

Thank you for helping your child start first grade with confidence, kindness, and a love of reading!

REFLECTION

These books are perfect for the first weeks of first grade! They help children feel welcomed, build friendships, learn about kindness and respect, and understand what to expect at school. Starting the year with these stories helps build a positive classroom community and a love of learning!

Happy reading and wonderful adventures await!
We can't wait for a fantastic year together!

MY SUMMER READING CHECKLIST

NAME: _____



- First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

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