

First Grade Summer Engagement Activities

Suggested Stories For Summer Reading:

The Cart That Carried Martin by Eve Bunting
Eat Like a Bear by April Pulley Sayre
Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons by Jon J. Muth
The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig
Lion vs. Rabbit by Alex Latimer
The Snatchabook by Helen Docherty
Sparky! By Jenny Offill
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown
Pacho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh

Use the QR codes below to watch some of our favorite First Grade books being read aloud!

More Stories to Enjoy: Read by WJCC Teachers



The Cookie Fiasco
By Dan Santat



The Most Magnificent Thing, By Ashley Spires



The Relatives Came
By Cynthia Rylant



The Cart That Carried Martin, By Eve Bunting



Questions to Promote Discussion:

- What choices did a character have to make?
- How did a character change in the story? What made them change?
- What did the members of the community have/believe in common?
- What connections can you make to the character or events?
- How did the setting affect the relationships between characters and their actions?
- Describe an event that surprises you.
- Summarize what's happened in the story.
- Explain a new word you discovered in the text.
- What is the main idea in this text?
- What are key facts about the topic?
- What is the most important thing you've learned?
- Did the story make you want to learn or do something new? What/why?
- What could happen after the end of the story? What evidence makes you think this will happen?

Science Extensions:

Ask questions, wonder, explore, observe!

- Get outside - Go on a nature walk with family
- Collect data - Plant a seed, then measure and observe growth
- Weather journal – Track the temperature and cloud cover weekly
- Sky watch – Observe, track, and draw the moon nightly
- Sink or float – Predict and test with items around your house if they will sink or float in water
- Classification – Collect 10 items from nature, sort them based on similarities
- Observe – Create drawings of what you observe in nature
- Model – Use objects around your house to build and create an animal, then describe it
- Learn & Grow with WHRO- extended learning video segments aligned to VA SOLs: <https://emediava.org/>

Math Extensions:

Summer Math Challenge - a free math program designed to help students who have just completed grade 1 through 8 retain math skills learned during the previous year.

<https://tinyurl.com/SmmrMth>

PBS Math Ideas – Use everyday errands as learning opportunities. Transform routine chores into fun lessons for young children. And follow your child's interests to guide learning. <https://tinyurl.com/pbsmathideas>

Bedtime Math – Summer of Numbers Olympics <http://bedtimemath.org/>

Summer Math Journal - Where do you see math in your world?

Dreambox your student account is active over the summer.

Active and Creative Summer Choices

- Eat veggies as often as you can! Try to have one with every meal
- Practice balancing. Gallop, Hop, Jump, Leap, Skip, Side-Slide
- Create a "Top 5 Ways You'll Be Active This Summer" list with your family
- Push-Up Practice: try to complete 10 perfect push-ups throughout the day
- Make up a dance to your favorite song and perform for your family
- Make a band with your family using items from your kitchen
- Water Painting: Grab a cup of water and a brush or sponge. Paint outside
- Clay Day: Build your favorite animal using playdoh. Find a recipe online
- Window/Door Decorations: Make something beautiful for your neighbors to see
- Toy Shadow Drawing: collect some of your favorite toys and trace their shadows on the sidewalk

Williamsburg Regional Library will also create customized lists of resources for added summer engagement. Visit www.wrl.org for more details.