

**Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List  
Rising First Grade  
2013-2014**

**Nonfiction Books**

**Arnosky, Jim. *Raccoon on His Own***

A baby raccoon takes an unexpected solo ride on an abandoned dugout canoe.

**Boothroyd, Jennifer. *From Marbles to Video Games: How Toys Have Changed***

Many kids play video games today. Long ago, these didn't exist! Kids played games with jacks and marbles. What other toys and games have changed over time? Read this book to find out.

**Brown, Marc Tolan. *Buster Hunts for Dinosaurs***

When his father takes him to visit a national park about dinosaurs, Buster sends postcards to his friends back home telling them what he is learning.

**Greenfield, Eloise. *In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems***

Maybe there's a place where words live, where our minds and hearts can go and find them when we want to write or read.

**Heling, Kathryn and Deborah Hembrook. *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do***

Colorful illustrations help children determine job titles from the clothes the people wear.

**Jenkins, Steve. *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?***

A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.

**Martin, Bill Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars***

Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

**McDonnell, Patrick. *Me . . . Jane***

Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa and helping animals.

**Murphy, Stuart. *Super Sand Castle Saturday***

This book introduces the concepts of nonstandard measurement as three friends compete to see who can build the tallest sand castle, the deepest moat, and the longest wall.

**Schwartz, David. *If You Hopped Like a Frog***

Introduces the concepts of ratio by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals.

**Sill, Cathryn. *About Mammals: A Guide for Children***

Beautifully illustrated, this book explains what mammals are, how they live, and what they do.

**Wallace, Nancy. *Recycle Every Day***

Minna has to make a school poster about recycling. Her entire family spends the week practicing various kinds of recycling and suggesting ideas for her poster.

## Fiction Books

**Arnold, Tedd. *There's a Fly Guy in My Soup***

When Fly Guy is not allowed in the restaurant with Buzz's family, he follows his nose and ends up in the soup.

**Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Biscuit and the Little Pup***

Simple words and illustrations relate the adventures of Biscuit and a new puppy friend.

**Cousins, Lucy. *I'm the Best***

When Dog's constant boasting makes his friends sad, they find a way to teach him what it means to be a good friend.

**Fogliano, Julie. *And Then it's Spring***

Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything around is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.

**Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue. *Same Same but Different***

Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries--America and India--they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.

**Litwin, Eric. *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons***

Pete the cat loves the buttons on his shirt so much that he makes up a song about them, and even as the buttons pop off, one by one, he still finds a reason to sing.

**Meisel, Paul. *See Me Run***

A dog has a fun-filled day at the dog park in this easy-to-read story.

**Mora, Pat. *Gracias/Thanks***

A young multiracial boy celebrates family, friendship, and fun by telling about the everyday things for which he is thankful.

**O'Neill, Alexis. *The Recess Queen***

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

**Pinkney, Brian. *Max Found Two Sticks***

"It was a day when Max didn't feel like talking to anyone. He just sat on his front steps and watched the clouds gather in the sky." This is a story of a young boy's introduction to the joys of making music.

**Recorvits, Helen. *My Name is Yoon***

When Yoon writes her name in Korean it looks happy, like dancing figures. When she writes it in English, all the lines and circles stand alone, which is just how Yoon feels in the United States.

**Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Shapes***

Three mice make a variety of things out of different shapes as they hide from a scary cat.

**Willems, Mo. *Let's Go for a Drive!***

Elephant Gerald and Piggie want to go for a drive, but as Gerald thinks of one thing after another that they will have to take along, they come to realize that they lack the most important thing of all.