

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

~Dr. Seuss~

Dear Parents,

As another school year ends, why not add reading to your children’s summer vacation?

Summer is a great time for students to read books for pleasure and to continue their love of reading. Summer reading has been a tradition and benefit to our students for many years.

As part of the Woodbridge Reads Initiative to promote the importance of reading, the Woodbridge School District, along with the public libraries, has created a list of 50 books that will appeal to a variety of student interests. They are all available at our public libraries.

Reading is the most important skill that our children need in life and parents play an essential role in helping their children become successful readers. When parents believe in reading, show excitement about reading, and do reading activities with their children, those children will learn to love reading and will become life-long readers themselves.

Take your children to visit the library. We encourage you to participate in the summer reading program offered through the Woodbridge Public Library.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading!

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Students entering Grade 1 will read books of their choice. They will then design a bookmark for one of the books.

A fiction book bookmark should have the following:

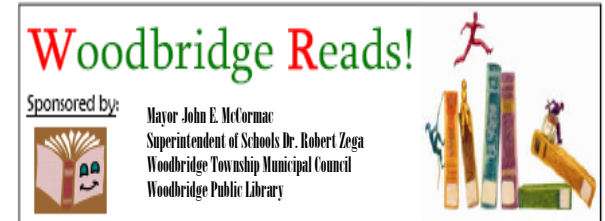
- Title of the book
- Author (person who wrote the book)
- Characters (people and animals in the story)
- Setting (where the story happens)

A nonfiction book bookmark should have the following:

- Title of the book
- Author (person who wrote the book)
- 2 Facts (what did you learn from this book)
- Diagram (drawing from this book)

Remember to color your bookmark and write your name on it.

Students can create their own bookmarks or they can visit their local library and get one there to complete. Copies will be available at every township library.



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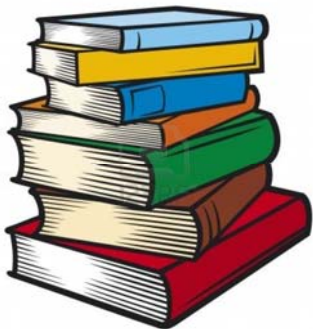
50 Books to Read in First Grade

A list developed by the Children’s Department of the Woodbridge Public Library in conjunction with Woodbridge Reads and the Woodbridge School District.

50 BOOKS TO READ IN FIRST GRADE

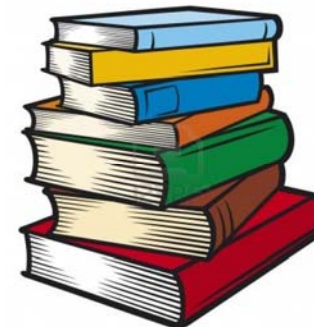
A Pair of Polar Bears, Joanne Ryder
A Seed is Sleepy, Dianna Hutts Aston
A Visitor for Bear, Bonny Becker
All Aboard the Dino Train, Deb Lund
All the World, Liz Garton Scanlon
Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals, Steve Jenkins
Amazing Grace, Mary Hoffman
Anansi's Party Time, Eric Kimmel
Chang's Paper Pony, Eleanor Coerr
Chicken Said, "Cluck!" Judyann Ackerman Grant
Come Fly with Me, Satomi Ichikawa
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa, Erica Silverman **
Dinosaurs! Gail Gibbons
Dinotrux, Chris Gall
Everybody Bonjourns! Leslie Kimmelman
Fletcher and the Falling Leaves, Julia Rawlinson
For You Are a Kenyan Child, Kelly Cunnane
Good Night, Good Knight, Shelley Moore Thomas **
Grace for President, Kelly S. DiPucchio
Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg? Mia Posada **
Hi! Fly Guy! Tedd Arnold **
I'm Mighty, Kate McMullin
Iris and Walter, Elissa Guest
Lon Po Po, Ed Young
Look to the Stars, Buzz Aldrin

Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake, Cynthia Rylant
My Mother's Sari, Sandhya Rao
One World, One Day, Barbara Kerley
Our Children Can Soar, Michelle Cook **
Owen and Mzee, Isabella Hatkoff
Panda Kisses, Alyssa Capucilli
Pedro's Burro, Alyssa Capucilli
Puppy Mudge Wants to Play, Cynthia Rylant **
Recess at 20 Below, Cindy Lou Aillaud
Shades of People, Shelly Rotner
Sisters & Brothers, Steve Jenkins
Splat the Cat, Rob Scotton
Sunshine, Moonshine, Jennifer Armstrong
Superhero School, Aaron Reynolds
The Giant and the Beanstalk, Diane Stanley
The Great Fuzz Frenzy, Janet Stevens
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Jon Scieszka **
Today I Will Fly! Mo Willems
Two Bobbies, Kirby Larson
Waiting for Wings, Lois Ehlert
Wangari's Trees of Peace, Jeanette Winter
What a Trip, Amber Brown, Paula Danziger **
When Tiny Was Tiny, Cari Meister **
Winter is the Warmest Season, Lauren Stringer
Wombat Walkabout, Carol Diggery Shield



This is a suggested list. Feel free to read any books of interest!

Titles with a ** are available as ebooks for under \$5.00 through Amazon for devices using the Kindle app.



Bookmark: Fiction

Read a fiction book and then fill out this bookmark. Cut out the front and back and glue it together to make a bookmark. Remember to write your name on it and color it. Bring your completed project to school on the first day back in September.

Front

Title

Author

Setting

Back

Characters
Name: _____

Remember to write in
complete sentences!
You can use words or
pictures! Remember
to write your name
and color.



Bookmark: Nonfiction

Read a nonfiction book and then fill out this bookmark. Cut out the front and back and glue it together to make a bookmark. Remember to write your name on it and color it. Bring your completed project to school on the first day back in September.

Front

Title

Author

Fact #1
I learned...

Back

Diagram
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Fact #2
I learned...

Name: _____

Remember to write in complete sentences!
Draw a picture from your book!
Remember to color.

