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Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,

We know how excited all of you are about summer vacation! Your children have completed kindergarten and are ready to take on the world of first grade! With that in mind, we don't want your children to lose any of the new knowledge they acquired in kindergarten. So...

For your reading enjoyment this summer, we are attaching an ACSI suggested summer reading list; however, you are not limited to this list. Please help your child fill out the attached reading log as soon as he/she finishes a book. If the reading log, completely filled out, is returned to school during the first week of first grade, your child will receive a dress down pass!

We also suggest that you purchase a Summer Bridge Workbook for additional practice. The website is:
<http://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/>.

We are looking forward to the commencement of a new school year in August! Meanwhile, have a fabulous summer!

For His Glory,

First Grade Team

"People who understood the value of literacy and had the tools to instill that value in their children could create a remarkable community of readers. A country of readers. A planet of readers."

From How to Get Your Child to Love Reading by Esme' Raji Codell

Therefore, take up the **FULL ARMOR OF GOD**, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on **THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the **GOSPEL OF PEACE**; in addition to all, taking up the **SHIELD OF FAITH** with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the **HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**, which is the **WORD OF GOD**.

ACSI Recommended Reading Lists

First and Second Grade

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale by
Aardema, Verna
Madeline by Bemelmans, Ludwig
Miss Nelson is Missing by Allard, Harry
The Velveteen Rabbit by Bianco, Margery Williams
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Burton, Virginia Lee
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle, Eric
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Cleary, Beverly
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalglish, Alice
Woof Finds a Family by Dobson, Danae
Corduroy by Freeman, Don
Ox-Cart Man by Hall, Donald
Danny and the Dinosaur by Hoff, Syd
The Snowy Day by Keats, Ezra Jack
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Lobel, Arnold
Make Way for Ducklings by McCloskey, Robert
The Mystery of the Carousel Horse by Murphy, Elspeth Campbell
Amelia Bedelia by Parrish, Peggy
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter, Beatrix
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maurice
Meet Kirsten, An American Girl by Shaw, Janet Beeler Caps for Sale by
Slobodkina, Esphyr
The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale by Tresselt, Alvin R.
Ira Sleeps Over by Waber, Bernard
The Boxcar Children Series by Warner, Gertrude
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Zion, Gene

Additional Books for Grades One and Two

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
Song and Dance Man
The Emperor's New Clothes
Billy and Blaze Series
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Five Chinese Brothers
Clifford Series
Arthur Series
Stone Soup
The Chocolate Touch
Ramona Series
Miss Rumphus
Abraham Lincoln
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
Helen Keller
Christopher Churchmouse Series
The Christian Mother Goose
Flip
Petunia Series
Are You My Mother
The Story About Ping
Dandelion
Millions of Cats
Adventures in the Big Thicket
Little Toot
The Big Snow Frances Series
Amazing Grace
Leo the Late Bloomer
Alex Series
The Chronicles of Narnia Series
Frederick
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Little Bear Series
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Curious George Series

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