

1st Grade  
Summer Reading  
Assignment  
2024



# 1st Grade Summer Reading Assignment

## ASSIGNMENT:

- ★ Read a total of 10 books over the summer.
- ★ Complete the attached Reading Log to document 10 books that you've read.
- ★ Choose 2 books to read and write a book report about.
  - 1 book must be fiction
  - 1 book must be nonfiction

There are two copies of each kind of book report attached so you can be sure to have what you need depending on the books you choose to read.

This assignment is due on the first day of school in September and will count as your first writing grade. There is a grading rubric attached so you can see the expectations for this assignment.

Please use the free resources below if you're unable to go to the library or purchase books.

The Bergen County Cooperative Library Service offers ebooks you can borrow and read. Just go to [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org) to sign up for an online library card.

[Scholastic Storio](#)

<https://www.wilbooks.com/free-resources>

<https://www.readacrossamerica.org/>

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://storytimefromspace.com/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email:

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See you in September!

### Reading List

#### Easy Readers

If your 1st grader is looking for silly books, read:

- *My Toothbrush is Missing* by Jan Thomas
- *What is Chasing Duck?* by Jan Thomas
- *We Are in a Book* by Mo Willems (all Elephant and Piggie books are fantastic!)
- *The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow* by Andy Griffiths

If your 1st grade child likes stories about real life and friendship, try:

- *Who Is That, Cat the Cat?* by Mo Willems
- *We Are Growing* by Laurie Keller
- *Don't Worry, BEE Happy* by Ross Burach
- *Big Cat* by Ethan Long
- *The Cookie Fiasco* by Dan Santat
- *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin
- *Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear* by Kevin Bolger
- *Trucktown* by Jon Scieszka

If your 1st grader likes animal stories, try reading:

- *Slow, Slow Sloths* by Bonnie Bader
- *Little Big Horse* by Dave Horowitz
- *We Dig Worms* by Kevin McCloskey

**Easiest Chapter Books** - Easy chapter books have pictures with words. The easiest chapter books have just a few sentences per page. Try these first grade favorites..

- *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold – FUNNY
- *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle – FUNNY
- *Hi, Jack! (A Jack Book)* by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli – FRIENDSHIP
- *Do You Like My Bike? (Hello, Hedgehog!)* by Norm Feuti – FRIENDSHIP
- *An Elephant & Piggie Biggie!* by Mo Willems – FUNNY
- *Aggie the Brave* by Lori Ries – FRIENDSHIP
- *Caterpillar to Butterfly* by Laura Marsh – NONFICTION
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog* by Cynthia Rylant – FRIENDSHIP
- *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel – FRIENDSHIP
- *Penny and Her Marble* by Kevin Henkes – REALISTIC
- *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton – FRIENDSHIP

Easy Chapter Books - Easy chapter books have bigger text with pictures every few pages. These books listed range from middle of 1st grade to beginning of second-grade reading levels.

If your first grader likes animal main characters, read:

- [\*Kitty and Dragon\*](#) by Meika Hashimoto
- [\*Pug Blasts Off \(Diary of a Pug\)\*](#) by Kyla May
- [\*Kung Pow Chicken\*](#) by Cindi Marko
- [\*Owly: The Way Home and The Bittersweet Summer\*](#) by Andy Runton

If your 1st grade children like funny books, try:

- [\*Smell My Foot \(Chick and Brain\)\*](#) by Cece Bell
- [\*Moldylocks and the Three Beards\*](#) by Noah Z. Jones
- [\*Meet Mo and Jo: The Boulder Brothers\*](#) by Sarah Lynn
- [\*The Infamous Ratsos\*](#) by Kara Lareau
- [\*Geeger the Robot Goes to School\*](#) by Jarret Lerner

If your 1st grade kids like realistic books, read:

- [\*Meet Yasmin!\*](#) by Saadia Faruqui
- [\*Happy Paws: Layla and the Bots\*](#) by Vicky Fang
- [\*The Party and Other Stories \(Fox and Chick\)\*](#) by Sergio Ruzzier
- [\*Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue\*](#) by Paula Harrison
- [\*Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero!\*](#) by Kara West

If your 1st graders like adventure & fantasy books, try:

- [\*Bo's Magical New Friend \(Unicorn Diaries\)\*](#) by Rebecca Elliott
- [\*The Princess in Black\*](#) by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
- [\*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #1\*](#) by Dav Pilkey
- [\*Notebook of Doom #1\*](#) by Troy Cummings
- [\*Rise of the Earth Dragon #1\*](#) by Tracey West

More Challenging Chapter Books

If your reader loves graphic novels, try these choices:

- [\*Cat Kid Comic Club\* by Dav Pilkey](#)
- [\*Bird and Squirrel on Ice\* by James Burks](#)
- [\*Mr. Wolf's Class: Mystery Club\* by Aron Nels Steinke](#)
- [\*Cat Ninja\* by Matthew Cody](#)
- [\*King of the Birds\* by Elise Gravel](#)
- [\*Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye\* by Colleen AF Venable](#)

If your reader likes funny books, they'll love:

- [\*Planet Omar\* by Zanib Mian](#)
- [\*The Dragonsitter\* by Josh Lacey](#)
- [\*Stick Dog\* by Tom Watson](#)
- [\*The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken\* by Doreen Cronin](#)
- [\*Real Pigeons Fight Crime\* by Ben Wood](#)
- [\*Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits\* by Julian Gough & Jim Field](#)

If your child likes magic and mythical creatures, they'll love:

- [\*Dragons and Marshmallows: Zoey and Sassafras\* by Asia Citro](#)
- [\*Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home\* by Christina Soontornvat](#)
- [\*Rise of the Earth Dragon\* by Tracey West](#)
- [\*Magical Animal Adoption Agency\* by Kallie George](#)
- [\*The Fabled Stables Willa the Wisp\* by Jonathan Auxier](#)

If your child likes adventure stories, they'll love:

- [\*Zita the Spacegirl\* by Ben Hatke](#)
- [\*Magic Tree House\* by Mary Pope Osborne](#)
- [\*Galaxy Zack\* by Ray O'Ryan](#)
- [\*The Notebook of Doom\* by Troy Cummings](#)
- [\*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot\* by Dav Pilkey](#)
- [\*Rescue on the Oregon Trail\* by Kate Messner](#)

If your reader likes mysteries, they'll love:

- [\*The Haunted Library\* by Dori Hillestad Butler](#)
- [\*The Whodunit Detective Agency\* by Martin Widmark](#)
- [\*A to Z Mysteries\* by Ron Roy](#)

- [\*Secret Spy Society The Case of the Missing Cheetah\*](#) by [Veronica Mang](#)
- [\*Mac Undercover \(Kid Spy #1\)\*](#) by [Mac Barnett](#)
- [\*Crime Biters: My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog\*](#) by [Tommy Greenwald](#)

If your child loves realistic stories, try:

- [\*Amelia Bedelia Means Business\*](#) by [Herman Parish](#)
- [\*Too Small Tola\*](#) by [Atinuke](#)
- [\*Dory Fantasmagory\*](#) by [Abby Hanlon](#)
- [\*Stink\*](#) by [Megan McDonald](#)
- [\*Bark Park\*](#) by [Brandi Dougherty](#)
- [\*The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane\*](#) by [Nikki Shannon Smith](#)

Name:



Date:



## Fiction Book Report

Title:

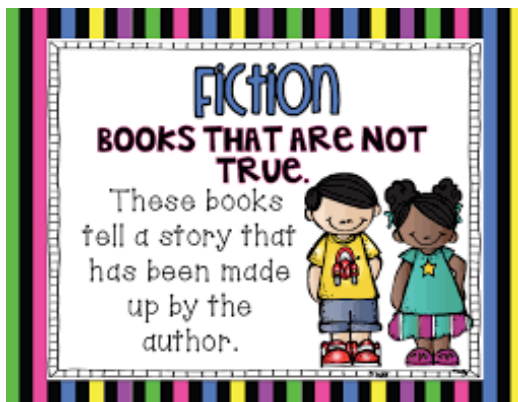
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What happened in the middle of the story?

What happened at the end of the story?

Did you like the story? Why or why not?





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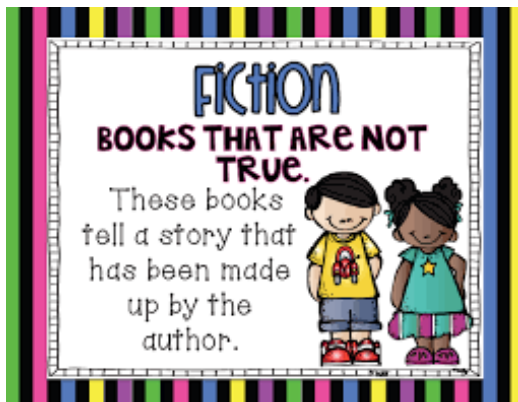
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## Nonfiction Book Report

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Author:

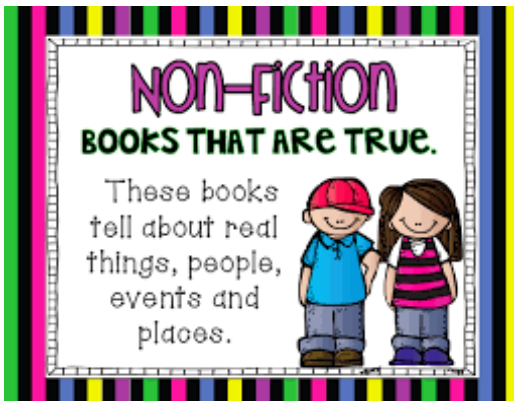
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Fact 2:

Fact 3:

Vocabulary word:

Definition:



Name:



Date:



## Nonfiction Book Report

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Author:

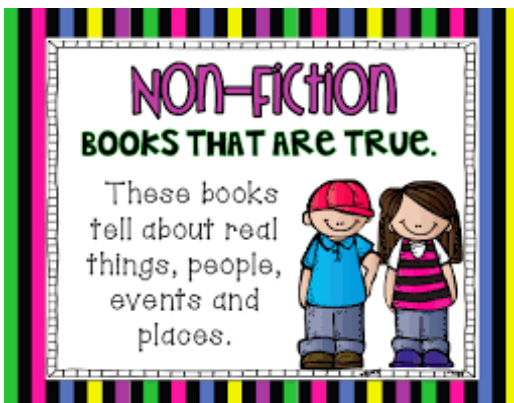
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Vocabulary word:

Definition:





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reading Log Summer 2022



Complete the Reading Log to show 10 books that you read this summer.

Book Title	Author	Parent Initials

## Grading Rubric (All Reports)

Category	3	2	1	Points
Content - Fiction Book Report(s)	Writing clearly and correctly tells what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story	Writing tells what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story, but some parts may not be clear	Writing is unclear and/or some parts are not filled in.	
Content - Nonfiction Book Report(s)	Facts clearly and correctly relate to the subject of the book  Vocabulary definition is accurate	Facts somewhat relate to the subject of the book  Vocabulary sentence is somewhat accurate	Facts do not relate to the subject of the book  Vocabulary sentence does not make sense	
Conventions	Writing shows excellent control of writing conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation)	Writing shows fair to good control of writing conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation)	Writing shows poor control of writing conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation)	
Appearance	Handwriting is very neat and legible	Handwriting is somewhat neat and legible	Handwriting is not neat and is difficult to read	

Scale: 12 - 100%

11 - 92%

10 - 83%

9 - 75%

8 - 67%

7 - 58%

6 - 50%

5 - 42%

4 - 33%