Summer Reading for Rising First Graders

Welcome to First Grade! Over the summer please read *Pete the Cat at the Beach*. We will discuss this book when you return in the fall. You may read independently, or with an adult. Listed below are suggested books for summer reading. The *stared* titles are suggest from the Texas Bluebonnet list.

Happy Reading!

Required Reading:

*Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach.* James Dean. 2013
Pete is at the beach with his family. The water looks scary. What will Pete do?

Suggested Reading:

*Its Only Stanley.* Jon Agee. 2015
A strange noise wakes the Wimbledon family every night. The noise maker is Stanley the dog. He is secretly making something for space.

A bilingual read aloud, everyone has kisses for baby.

Retelling a favorite folksong with rhyme, Aylesworth describes a coat that was recycled many times.

*Meet the Parents.* Peter Bently.
Parents may seem to be a little bossy, but Bently describes what parents are actually good for. A great read aloud.

*Z is for Moose.* Kelly Bingham. 2012
Moose is unhappy when M is for mouse not Moose in this alphabet book.

*My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I Am Not.)* Peter Brown. 2014
It seems to Bobby that his teacher is really a monster in school. When he runs into her at the park, things change between them. They actually become friends.
Sylvie discovers a magical door in her bedroom that leads to an imaginary zoo. What if she just brought home one baby animal? It would be ok, right?

A young boy declares he is a HUGGING MACHINE. He hugs everything in sight. At the end of the day, he is so exhausted; he lets his mom do the hugging.

Charlie has a dog named Norman. And wow, is Norman lucky. He never has to do homework, never cleans his room, you know the drill. What if Charlie could become a dog like Norman?

*Some Bugs. Angela DiTerlizzi.
Attention all bug lovers! This rhyming picture book is jam-packed with backyard bugs and their habitat.

*Dog vs. Cat. Chris Gall. 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Button each bring home a pet. The problem is that one pet is a cat and the other is a dog. Problems? Yes!!

*It's an Orange Aardvark! Michel Hall. 2014
Five wood ants make a home in a tree trunk and feel they are safe. But wait, there's a noise outside. What could it be? One of the ants drills holes through the truck in order to see what's up.

The Barnaby Beluchi Circus has lots of talented animals. But Jane the dog doesn't believe she is as important as her brothers. For gracious sakes, they get shot out of cannons. Jane could never do that!

*Flight School. Lita Judge. 2014
Penguin believes he can fly. So now he's off to flight school. On his first lesson, Penguin ends up in the ocean rather than the air. What's a determined Penguin to do?

All for Me and None for All. Helen Lester. 2012
Gruntly Hog shares nothing with his friends. He soon finds out that sharing has its rewards.

*Maple. Lori Nichols. 2013
Maple's parents planted a tree in her honor before she was born. Maple grew up loving the tree. Things changed and Maple soon had a baby sister. Maple and her tree knew just what to do.
*The Girl and the Bicycle.* Mark Pett. 2014  
Pett’s wordless book is about a young girl who sees a bicycle in a store window. The girl wants the bike but doesn’t have enough money. She works for an older lady and learns a lesson in kindness.

*The Watermelon Seed.* Greg Pizzoli. 2013 (Geisel Award winner)  
What will happen when crocodile swallows a watermelon seed?

*You’re Wearing That to School?* Lynn Plourd. 2013  
Penelope can’t wait to wear her rainbow sparkly outfit on the first day of school.

*Bear and Bee.* Sergio Ruzzier. 2013  
Friendships don’t always have a happy beginning.

*Water Can Be…* Laura Purdie Sallas.  
A rhyming picture book about the many forms of water and what water can actually become.

*Chengdu Could Not, Would Not Fall Asleep.* Barney Saltzberg. 2014  
It is time for bed and Chengdu, the panda, is trying to find a good spot on the tree to sleep. He just can’t seem to get comfortable!

*Three Bears in a Boat.* David Soman. 2014  
The bears break one of their mother’s favorite seashells, but rather than explain what happened, they set sail in a sailboat to find another one.

*Waiting is not easy.* Moe Williams. 2015  
Piggie has a surprise for Gerald, but guess what? Gerald has to wait and wait for the surprise.

*Found.* Salina Yoon. 2014  
Taking a walk in the woods, Bear finds a lonely stuffed Bunny. Knowing that he must belong to someone, Bear posts signs everywhere while searching for its owner. After some time, Bear becomes attached to Bunny and begins to wonder if he should look for the owner after all.

*Early Bird.* Toni Yuly. 2014  
Because he’s up early in the morning, Early Bird thinks he will be the first Bird to get the worm. Now comes the problem. What will Early Bird do with that worm?
From New York Times bestselling artist and author James Dean, Pete the Cat is sure to make reading fun for early readers. With five super-cool stories in one box for reading on the go, this collection of My First I Can Reads is perfect for shared reading with a child. Included in this box are five favorite Pete the Cat I Can Read books: Pete the Cat: Play Ball! Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch. Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach. Pete the Cat: A Pet for Pete. Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School show more.

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Rating details. 99 ratings. In Pete the Cat, Pete talks about what he does/sees at the beach in this story (dialog) and there are color illustrations on each page showing Pete "in action" when he tries surfing, collects shells, etc. Like picture books, easy readers have pictures/illustrations, but pictures may be smaller and text may take more space in the book. In this book there are 4-5 sentences per page vs in a picture book there may only be one, allowing for more space for the illustrations. In what ways and how well does the book as a whole serve its intended audience? School Library Journal, 2013. I Can Read. Pete the Cat is on a hot, summer day trip to the beach with his mom and brother, Bob. He does as many activities as possible with his mom on land while burning up and watching Bob surf the great big waves. Pete the Cat is one groovy cat at finding shells! New York Times bestselling author and artist James Dean brings Pete the Cat fans some fun in the sun! Pete the Cat is one groovy cat at finding shells and building sand castles at the beach. But when it gets too hot, there's only one way to cool off—jump into the ocean! Except Pete might be a scaredy-cat when it comes to the water. Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach is a My First I Can Read book, which means it's perfect for shared reading with a child. Audio Animals & Nature Kids. Impression.
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