

**TIMOTHY HOUSE**

**DWIGHT SCHOOL**

**SUMMER READING 2017**

Kindergarten into First Grade

Reading over the summer reinforces reading skills and encourages children to become life-long learners.

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Dear Parents,

Reading books aloud with children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

In order to foster a love of reading in our first graders, it is important that they listen to stories read to them as well as reading independently both new and familiar texts.

In order to maintain the skills they have developed in kindergarten, and to prepare them for first grade, students should be reading as much as possible during the summer—at least 10-20 minutes every day. Attached, you will find a book review sheet. Over the summer, each student should complete at least four book reviews documenting some of the books he or she is reading. These should be submitted to the student’s first grade teachers at the start of the school year.

Attached is our suggested summer reading list. Please note that many of the titles below are part of a series or by well-known authors of children’s books. You are encouraged to explore these additional titles by using the resources listed on the last page of this list.

**Recommended reading:**

**Picture Books:**

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beatty

Airport Book by Lisa Brown

*Are We There Yet?* By Dan Santat

*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett

*Flora and the Flamingo* by Molly Idle

*How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hill

*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff*

Journey by Adam Becker

Leave Me Alone! by [Vera Brosgol](https://www.google.com/search?safe=strict&sa=X&espv=2&biw=1573&bih=802&q=Vera+Brosgol&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LVT9c3NEwqLygyMktOV-LUz9U3MLOMrzDXkslOttJPys_P1i8vyiwpSc2LL88vyrZKLC3JyC8CAEjtlIQ6AAAA&ved=0ahUKEwjlm-Hm2qvTAhVB2GMKHS_hAacQmxMIowEoATAR)

*Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

My Rhinoceros by Jon Agee

School’s First Day of School by Adam Rex

This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker

You Will Be My Friend! By Peter Brown

Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems (series)

**Early Chapter Books:**

(most of these are series)

*­Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff

Fly Guy by Ted Arnold

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Go, Otto, Go by David Milgrim

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Little Mouse by Jeff Smith

**Teacher favorites:**

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss

Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard

Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola

Sylvester and the Magic Pebbleby William Steig

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

Books by Eric Carle, Maurice Sendak, and Bill Martin

I**nformational/Nonfiction Book Suggestions:**

*Among a Thousand* Fireflies by Helen Frost

Animals by the Numbers by Steve Jenkins

*Beetle Book* by Steve Jenkins

Blizzard by John Rocco

*Circle* by Jeannie Baker

*Desert Giant* by Barbara Bash

*Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Ehlert

*Moon Book* by Gail Gibbons

*Neighborhood Sharks* by Katherine Roy

*Ocean Animals from Head to Tail* by Stacey Roderick

*Otters Love to Play* by Jonathan London

*A Rock Is Lively* by Dianna Hutts Aston

*The Secret Subway* by Shana Corey

*When Green Becomes Tomatoes* by Julie Fogliano

*You Never Heard of Casey Stengel?*  by Jonah Winter

Feel free to explore additional books that are not on the list provided.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

1. Books can be purchased at:
* Bank Street College Book Store

2780 Broadway (between 107th and 108th Street)

* Book Culture on Columbus

450 Columbus Avenue (between 81st and 82nd Street)

* Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Most Locations

1. Books can be borrowed from the New York Public Library ([www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org))

Summer Book Review

After reading or listening to a book, complete the review below.

Book Title\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite part of the book? You may write or draw.

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| One Star (Not that interesting) | Two Stars (Somewhat Interesting) | Three Stars (Very Interesting) |

I give this book (circle one):



**Color one book for every day that you meet your goal**

10 minutes\_\_\_\_\_

15 minutes\_\_\_\_\_

20 minutes\_\_\_\_\_

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**SUMMER READING LOG**

**NAME**

**BOOKS I’VE READ: Name**

**Book Title Author**

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