

# Dartmouth Public Schools Summer Reading List Students Entering Grade 1

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in many family activities. Please continue to include reading as part of your family time together. In response to the numerous requests we have received regarding just right books, we have put together a list of book choices that you might find helpful. You will find this list includes titles that are high-interest, award winning titles recommended by Dartmouth teachers. Additionally we have included Dartmouth student's favorites.

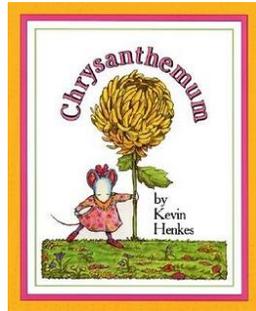
Don't forget...

- Pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at your local library this summer
- Start a kids book club
- Recognize that your child may have additional book choices
- Read to your kids, even the older ones

## **Favorite Books for Grade 1**

- **\*Chrysanthemum**

by Kevin Henkes  
Chrysanthemum thinks her name is absolutely perfect—until her first day of school. "You're named after a flower!" teases Victoria. "Let's smell her," says Jo. Chrysanthemum wilts. What will it take to make her blossom again?

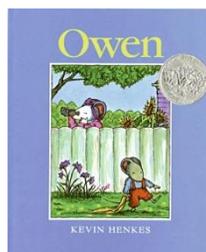


- **\*Chester's Way**

by Kevin Henkes  
There was only one way for Chester to do things - his *own way*. Wilson did things the same way; they were best friends. From double-knotting their shoes to cutting their sandwiches diagonally, Chester and Wilson were two of a kind. "They really are two peas in a pod," said Chester's mother.

- **Owen**

by Kevin Henkes  
Owen had a fuzzy yellow blanket. "Fuzzy goes where I go," said Owen. But Mrs. Tweezers disagreed. She thought Owen was too old for a blanket. Owen disagreed. No matter what Mrs. Tweezers came up with, Blanket Fairies or vinegar, Owen had the answer. But when school started, Owen's mother knew just what to do, and everyone -- Owen, Fuzzy, and even Mrs. Tweezers -- was happy.

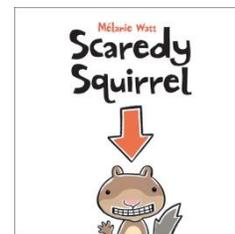


- **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**

by Mo Willems  
When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place—a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before. As he pleads, wheedles, and begs his way through the book, children will love being able to answer back and decide his fate.

- **Scaredy Squirrel**

by Melanie Watt  
Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. He could encounter tarantulas, green Martians or killer bees. But in his tree, every day is the same and if danger comes along, he's well-prepared.

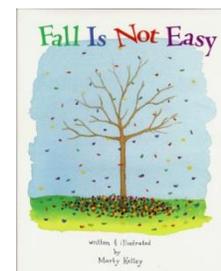


- **Red Is a Dragon**

by Grace Lin  
A young girl finds a rainbow of colors in her everyday life.

- **Fall Is Not Easy**

by Marty Kelley  
The main character in *Fall Is Not Easy* is a tree that has its share of troubles with its fall colors. No matter what pattern its leaves change into—a smiley face, a spotted cow, an "Eat at Joe's" sign—nothing seems to work out quite right. How will the tree solve its seasonal dilemma?



- **Hello First Grade**

by Joanne Ryder  
A pet rabbit helps a first grade class

love school.

- **Emily's Art**

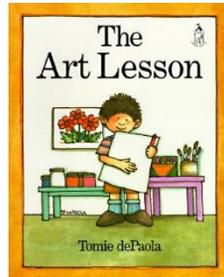
by Peter Catalanotto

Emily is a first-grade girl who loves to paint.

- **The Art Lesson**

by Tomie dePaola

Tommy starts school, and can't wait for the day when the art teacher comes, but the art teacher only lets the children have one piece of paper, on which to "copy" her drawings.



- **Recess Mess**

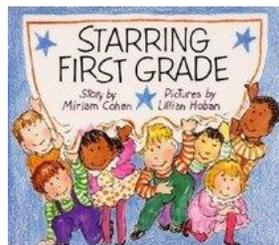
by Grace MacCarone

This is a story of Sam, who needs to go to the boys' room, but since he cannot read or spell, he worries about choosing the right door.

- **Starring First Grade**

by Miriam Cohen

Jim learns to overcome his disappointment in not getting the part he wanted in a play, but helps out a friend who has stage fright.



- **The Night Before First Grade**

by Natasha Wing

It's the night before the Big Day—first grade. Penny is excited to start the year with her best friend right beside her in the same classroom.

- **First Grade Stinks!**

by Mary Ann Rodman

Haley desperately wants to go back to Ms. Lacy's kindergarten class where things are fun, that is, until she discovers the best thing about being in first grade.

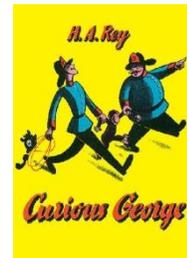
### **Favorite Series**

- **Scaredy Squirrel** series

By Melanie Watt

- **Curious George** series

by H. A. Rey



- **Corduroy** series

by Don Freeman

- **Madeline** series

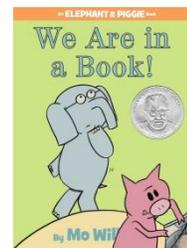
by Ludwig Bemelmens

- **Good Dog Carl** series

by Alexandra Day

- **The Elephant and Piggie** series

by Mo Willems



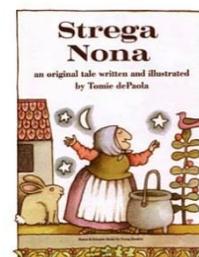
- **Biscuit** series by Alyssa Capucilli

- **Bear, Bug and Boy** series

by David McPhail

- **Knuffle Bunny** series by Mo Willems

- **Strega Nona** series by Tomie dePaola



- **We Both Read series-** books (various authors) with alternating pages of higher and lower reading levels, designed for a beginning reader to take turns reading with an adult.

### **Award Winning Books**

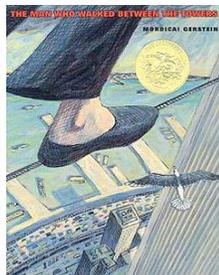
- **Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad**  
by Ellen Levine

- **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**  
by Simms Taback

- **Kitten's First Full Moon**  
**La primera luna llena de Gatita**  
by Kevin Henkes

- **The Hello, Goodbye Window**  
by Norton Juster

- **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**  
by Mordicai Gerstein



- **My Friend Rabbit**  
by Eric Rohmann

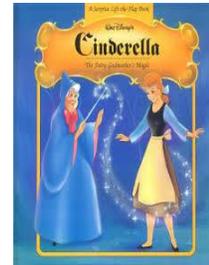
- **Tops and Bottoms**  
by Janet Stevens

- **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This ?**  
by Steve Jenkins

- **There is a Bird on your Head**  
by Mo Willems

- **Head**  
by Mo Willems  
by Norman Bridwell  
by Beatrice Potter

- **The Hello, Goodbye Window**  
by Norton Juster



### **Classics**

- **Blueberries for Sal** by Robert McCloskey

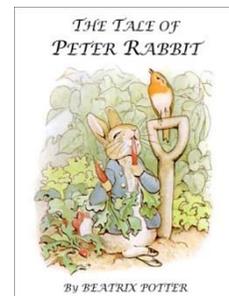
- **Cinderella** stories by multiple authors

- **Kitten's First Full Moon**

- **Madeline**  
by Ludwig Bemelmens

- **Where the Wild Things Are**  
by Maurice Sendak

- **Peter Rabbit** series  
by Beatrix Potter



# Dartmouth Kid Picks Summer 2015

## Grade 1 Kid Picks:

- Completely Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- Horrible Harry and the Wedding Spies by Suzy Kline
- Meet the Dullards by Sara Pennypacker
- Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats Hardcover by Alicia Potter
- Judy Moody and Friends: Stink Moody in Master of Disaster (Book #5) by Megan McDonald
- An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Hutts Aston
- The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
- A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Doreen Daywalt
- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- Pippi Longstocking by Astrid
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst