



Suggested Summer Reading 2026-2027

Rising First Graders

We recommend that you read to your child a minimum of five times a week for at least 15-20 minutes. Below is a suggested list of authors and series for reading. **Please fill out the Summer Reading Log and bring it on the first day of school.** Remember to take your child to the public library and take advantage of their summer reading program!

Please work with your child on **Dolch Sight Vocabulary Words** over the summer. A hard copy has been sent home with your child.

Any Level 1 book from the following series:

- All Aboard Reading
- I Can Read
- Ready to Read Series
- Step into Reading
- Acorn Scholastic

Suggestions of books from these series:

Cam Jansen - David Adler
Madeline - Ludwig Bemelmans
Arthur- Marc Brown
Frog and Toad - Arnold Lobel
Amelia Bedelia - Peggy Parish
Henry and Mudge - Cynthia Rylant
Dragon - Dav Pilkey
Nate the Great - Majorie Sharmat

Suggestions of Authors:

Dav Pilkey
Jarrett Lerner
Jan Brett
Dr. Seuss
Eric Carle
David McPhail
Mark Teague
Paul Zelinsk

Dolch Pre-Primer Sight Vocabulary

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____
Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

a	I	run
and	in	said
away	is	see
big	it	the
blue	jump	three
can	little	to
come	look	two
down	make	up
find	me	we
for	my	where
funny	not	yellow
go	one	you
help	play	
here	red	

Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of November.
Thanks for your help in practicing at home.
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Dolch Primer Sight Vocabulary

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____

Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

all	into	that
am	like	there
are	must	they
at	new	this
ate	no	too
be	now	under
black	on	want
brown	our	was
but	out	well
came	please	went
did	pretty	what
do	ran	white
eat	ride	who
four	saw	will
get	say	with
good	she	yes
have	so	
he	soon	

Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of January of 1st Grade.
Thanks for your help in practicing at home.

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Dolch Sight Words 1

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____

Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

after	has	over
again	her	put
an	him	round
any	his	some
ask	how	stop
as	just	take
by	know	thank
could	let	them
every	live	then
fly	may	think
from	of	walk
give	old	were
going	once	when
had	open	

Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of May of 1st Grade.
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Dolch Sight Words 2

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____
Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

always	gave	these
around	goes	those
because	green	upon
been	its	us
before	made	use
best	many	very
both	off	wash
buy	or	which
call	pull	why
cold	read	wish
does	right	work
don't	sing	would
fast	sit	write
first	sleep	your
five	tell	
found	their	

Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of March of 2nd Grade.
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Dolch Sight Words 3

Name: _____ Date Pretest: _____ % Correct: _____
Date of test: _____ % Correct: _____

about

hold

seven

better

hot

shall

bring

hurt

show

carry

if

six

clean

keep

small

cut

kind

start

done

laugh

ten

draw

light

today

drink

long

together

eight

much

try

fall

myself

warm

far

never

full

only

got

own

grow

pick

Your child identifies all circled words. Our goal is 100% by the end of March of 3rd Grade.
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(This passage contains all of the 220 Dolch Basic Sight Words.)

The Best Thing In The World

Once upon a time, there were four brothers who lived in a far away land. Their father was an old king. One day he said, "I will not live long now. Today you must start out into the world. In a year, bring back the best thing you have found. The one who can pick the best thing shall be the new king." The first brother said, "I will look in every city or town. I will buy the best thing I can for my father." The next two brothers said, "We will both go on fast ships over the sea. We will find something better." The last brother said, "I am going to ask the people here in our own land to tell me the best thing." The other three brothers began to laugh. "Then you will never be king!" They said.

The last brother started off. When he had gone about six miles, he met a man. "What do you carry in those big bags?" he asked. "The best thing in the world," said the man. "These are full of the good nuts which fall from my five nut trees." "I don't think that would work," said the brother to himself, "I must try again." The brother went on another seven miles. He found a small brown bird. It had been hurt, so he put it in his coat where it could keep warm. As he went on, he saw a little girl crying. He ran to meet her. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "I want to get some water from the well," she said. "We use so much. We drink cold water. We wash the

clothes clean with hot water. But I do not know how to pull it up. Please show me." The brother said, "Hold this bird and I will help you. It does not fly around any more because it got its wing cut." "Thank you. What a pretty bird!" she said. "I wish you would give it to me. If you will let me keep it, I will always be very kind to it. I will take care of it myself. I will make it grow well again." "Yes, you may have it," said the brother. So he gave her the bird and went on.

At night, he went to sleep under a round yellow haystack. When it was light again he walked on. Every day he would walk eight or ten miles. He asked the people about the best thing in the world. Some said it was best to sing. Some said it was best to run and jump and play. Some said the green grass was best. Some liked the red and blue and white flowers best. One man said the best thing was to ride a black horse. He always stopped to help people who needed it. Soon he made many friends. All the people began to like him. They would say, "See there goes the king's son. He would be just the right kind of king for us." Every door was open to him. The people would call to him to stop. They would ask him to come and eat with them. After he ate, he would sit down and read to the children. After he read, he showed them how to draw and write. Months went by. He still had no beautiful thing to take to his father. Just before the year was done, he went home again.

The time came when the king called his sons together. "What did you bring?" He asked them all. The other brothers had many beautiful things. "And what did you bring?" said the king to the last brother. "This is too funny!" said the other brothers. "He has nothing!" But the king was kind to the last brother. "What did you bring me?" the king asked again. "I bring only the friendship of your people," said the last brother. "That is the best thing!" cried his father. "You shall be the new king."

The End