



First Grade 2010-2011



Welcome to first grade! We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation filled with great memories, adventures and some great books! Our summer reading program is intended to help you find some good books and continue to improve your independent reading skills.

The following are the summer reading requirements for students entering first grade:

- Read 30 minutes a day
- Record each book read in the *Reading Log*
- Complete a summary activity (*Summary Sam*) for one book

Within the first two weeks of school, each student will give his or her new teacher their completed *Reading Log* and their completed *Summary Sam*. All completed *Summary Sam* projects will be displayed on the cork strips outside the classrooms.

Recommended Reading List:

Lower elementary students are encouraged to read Caldecott Medal books.

Since 1938, the Association for Library Service to Children selects the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Students are challenged to read as many Caldecott books as possible; however, other quality literature is also acceptable.

Remember that books read for our summer reading program may also be used toward goals and prizes for other programs such as:

- Public Library Summer Reading
- RIF's Reading Planet at www.rif.org/readingplanet
- Book Adventure at www.bookadventure.com

Summary Sam (or Samantha) Activity
*Due within the first two weeks of school



Objective: To demonstrate an understanding of literature
To provide students a means to feel part of a new classroom

- Instructions:**
1. At the end of the summer, select a favorite book that you read.
 2. Tell your parent the following:
 - a. What is the title of the book?
 - b. Who is the author of the book?
 - c. Who were the characters in the story?
 - d. Where did the story take place (setting)?
 - e. What exactly happened in the story (summary)?
 3. Get materials and make Summary Sam or Samantha. This character will show others what your book was about. You may dress him/her in any way you like. He/she can be one of the book's characters, may be dressed according to the setting in the book or any other way that would help you explain the story. Paper plates make good anchors for these projects. You can make your project any size you like, but remember that it will be displayed hanging on the cork strips outside the classrooms.
 4. Neatly write the following book information on Summary Sam:
 - book title and author (somewhere on the head)
 - book summary (somewhere on the body)
 - book setting (on an arm or hand)
 - book character(s) description (on arms, hands or feet)
 5. Bring in your project within the first two weeks of school
 6. Be prepared to share your project with the class.



Caldecott Medal Winner Selections from 2001-2010

*Additional selections may be found at the American Library Association website: www.ala.org.

2010 Medal Winner:

The Lion and the Mouse illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney (Little, Brown & Co.)

Honor Books:

- *All the World* illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon (Beach Lane Books)
- *Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors* illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman (Houghton Mifflin)

2009 Medal Winner:

The House in the Night illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson (Houghton Mifflin)

Honor Books:

- *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* written and illustrated by Marla Frazee (Harcourt)
- *How I Learned Geography* written and illustrated by Uri Shulevitz (Farrar Straus Giroux)
- *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* illustrated by Melissa Sweet, written by Jen Bryant (Eerdmans)

2008 Medal Winner:

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (Scholastic)

Honor Books:

- *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter)
- *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Ellen Levine (Scholastic)
- *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* written and illustrated by Mo Willems (Hyperion)
- *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* written and illustrated by Peter Sis (Farrar/Frances Foster)

2007 Medal Winner:

Flotsam by David Wiesner (Clarion)

Honor Books:

- *Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet* by David McLimans (Walker)
- *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Carole Boston Weatherford (Hyperion/Jump at the Sun)

2006 Medal Winner: *The Hello, Goodbye Window* illustrated by Chris Raschka and written by Norton Juster (Michael di Capua Books/Hyperion Books for Children)

Honor Books:

- *Rosa* illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Nikki Giovanni (Henry Holt and Company)
- *Zen Shorts* illustrated and written by Jon J. Muth (Scholastic Press)
- *Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride* illustrated and written by Marjorie Priceman. (An Anne Schwartz Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster)

- ***Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems*** illustrated by Beckie Prange, written by Joyce Sidman (Houghton Mifflin Company)

2005 Medal Winner: *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollinsPublishers)

Honor Books:

- ***The Red Book*** by Barbara Lehman (Houghton Mifflin Company)
- ***Coming on Home Soon*** illustrated by E.B. Lewis, written by Jacqueline Woodson (G.P. Putnam's Son's/Penguin Young Readers Group)
- ***Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*** illustrated and written by Mo Willems. (Hyperion Books for Children)

2004 Medal Winner: *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein (Roaring Brook Press/Millbrook Press)

Honor Books:

- ***Ella Sarah Gets Dressed*** by Margaret Chodos-Irvine (Harcourt, Inc.)
- ***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*** illustrated and written by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. (Houghton Mifflin Company)
- ***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*** by Mo Willems. (Hyperion)

2003 Medal Winner: *My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohmann (Roaring Brook Press/Millbrook Press)

Honor Books:

- ***The Spider and the Fly*** illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi, written by Mary Howitt (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- ***Hondo & Fabian*** by Peter McCarty (Henry Holt & Co.)
- ***Noah's Ark*** by Jerry Pinkney (SeaStar Books, a division of North-South Books Inc.)

2002 Medal Winner: *The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner (Clarion/Houghton Mifflin)

Honor Books:

- ***The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*** illustrated by Brian Selznick, written by Barbara Kerley (Scholastic)
- ***Martin's Big Words: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Doreen Rappaport (Jump at the Sun/Hyperion)
- ***The Stray Dog*** by Marc Simont (HarperCollins)

2001 Medal Winner: *So You Want to Be President?* Illustrated by David Small, written by Judith St. George (Philomel)

Honor Books:

- ***Casey at the Bat*** illustrated by Christopher Bing, written by Ernest Thayer (Handprint)
- ***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*** illustrated by Betsy Lewin, written by Doreen Cronin (Simon & Schuster)
- ***Olivia*** by Ian Falconer (Atheneum)