# First Grade Summer Reading Assignment

As we all know, reading is important for all children. Whether you are reading to your child, taking turns reading with them, or they are reading independently with some support, the benefits are amazing!

Please take every opportunity you can over the summer to cuddle up with a good book with your child. **First grade students are expected to practice reading at home daily for 15-20 minutes**. Use the attached reading log to record your child's books and minutes read. These can be read independently or together. The log will be turned in on the first day of class.

I strongly urge you to sit down with your child and listen to him or her read each day. Help your learning reader to sound out words form left to right, identify letters, and look for smaller parts of words (called "chunking"). Repeated reading practice makes fluent readers. Set a timer and have your child practice what they can in 15 minutes. Make predictions about the book, talk about the characters or topic of the book in full sentences, ask your child to explain his/her favorite part or something new he/she learned. Visit your local library or make it a special treat to purchase new books that they help choose.

Remember, reading is a skill, not just a subject and it is important for your child to choose books and topics that interest them. Books should be just the right fit for their skills (not too hard, not too easy!). Please see the following list for suggestions of books that most first graders enjoy.

Happy reading and have fun!

Warmly,

Ms. Carlson