Readers   *shelved by the author's name*

Adler, D.	**Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery**
Anderson, P.	**Joe on the Go**
Arnold, T.	**Ride, Fly Guy, Ride**
Berenstain, S.	**The Berenstain Bears Clean House**
Buck, N.	**Oh, Cats!**
Byars. B.	**My Brother Ant**
Capucilli, A.	**Bathtime for Biscuit**
Catrow, D.	**Max Spaniel : Best in Show**
Chaconas, D.	**Cork and Fuzz**
Coudray, P.	**Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking**
Cristaldi, K.	**Baseball Ballerina**
Clements, A.	**Ringo Saves the Day!**
Cohen, C.	**How Many Fish?**
Cosby, B.	**The Meanest Thing to Say**
Cushman, D.	**Inspector Hopper**
Eastman, P.	**Are You My Mother?**
Guest, E.	**Iris and Walter and the Birthday Party**
Hayes, G.	**Benny and Penny in the Toy Breaker**
Hill, S.	**Ruby Bakes a Cake**
Hoff, S.	**Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur**
Little, J.	**Emma's Strange Pet**
Marshall, J.	**Three Up a Tree**
Marzollo, J.	**I am Water**
McKissack, P.	**Try Your Best**
Medearis, A.	**Lights Out**
Moran, A.	**Popcorn**
Nodset, N.	**Go Away, Dog**
O'Connor, J.	**Fancy Nancy: The 100th Day of School**
Parish, H.	**Amelia Bedelia, Bookworm**
Paterson, K.	**Marvin One Too Many**
Pilkey, D.	**Dragon Gets By**
Ries., L.	**Aggie and Ben : Three Stories**
Rylant, C.	**Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night**
Schaefer, L.	**Loose Tooth**
Seuss, Dr.	**Mr. Brown Can Moo Can You?**
Silverman, E.	**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Horse in the House**
Thomas, S.	**Good Night, Good Knight**
Weeks, S.	**Drip, Drop**
Weston, M.	**Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill**
Willems, M.	**Elephant and Piggie: Can I Play Too?**

Non-Fiction   *shelved by call number (subject)*

591.3 Si55b	**Baby Animals** / Simon, S.
577 Z72w	**What's Alive?** / Zoehfeld, K.
582 J763h 1992	**How a Seed Grows** / Jordan, H.
598.92 Sa99v	**Vulture View** / Sayre, A.
621.8 Si55g	**Giant Machines** / Simon, S.
818 M2681w	**What Do You Hear When Cows Sing? And Other Silly Riddles** / Maestro, G.

Is my first grader is developing these six early reading skills?

- **Sound awareness** – Hears the sounds of letters, rhyming words, and syllables. *What you can do:* Read books with rhymes or songs
- **Word decoding** – Knows how to sound out words. *What you can do:* Encourage your child to write notes, e-mails, and letters using what s/he knows about sounds and letters.
- **Fluency** – Reads smoothly and in a natural rhythm. *What you can do:* Read aloud or listen to a tape while following along with the book.
- **Vocabulary** – Knows the names of things before encountering them in print. *What you can do:* Give your child a wide variety of experiences. Sample 30 Bay Area museums and cultural venues with passes through **Discover and Go**. (discover.berkeleypubliclibrary.org)
- **Comprehension** –Thinks deeply about the content of the book. Can explain why things happened in the book. *What you can do:* Make connections between what s/he is reading and experiences s/he has felt, has seen in a movie, or read in another book.

Find more things that parents or caregivers can do at Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org/helping/target

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For more ideas and information:

- Other books in the same series as those listed here are also available.
- See our flyer, ***Books to start with: A guide to Early Readers***
- Ask us about **Reading Recovery** books and **Bob Books**. These are available at most BPL library locations. These sets of books are designed for children who are very beginning readers.

READ ALOUD BOOKS FOR FIRST GRADERS

Picture Books

Averbeck, J.	**Except If**
Formento, A.	**This Tree Counts**
Geisert, A.	**Hogwash**
Howe, J.	**Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores**
Lin, G.	**The Ugly Vegetables**
McCully, E.	**Mirette on the High Wire**
Myers, W	**Looking Like Me**
Schwarz, V.	**Timothy and the Strong Pajamas**
Sias, R.	**Zoe and Robot: Let's Pretend**
Van Dusen, C.	**If I Built a Car**
Zia, F.	**Hot Hot Roti for Dada-ji**

Fiction

Birney, B.	**Adventure According to Humphrey**
DiCamillo, K.	**Bink & Gollie**
Harrington, J.	**The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County**
Marshall, J.	**Swine Lake**
SPA Anzaldua, G.	**Friends from the Other Side = Amigos del otro lado**

Graphic Novels

Spires, A.	**Binky the Space Cat**

Non-Fiction
Folklore and Poetry

398.2 M145t3	**Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!** / MacDonald, M.
398.2 G131k	**King of the Cats : a Ghost Story** / Galdone, P.
398.2 G882tr	**Twelve Dancing Princesses** / Grimm retold by Ray, J.
398.2 B832h2	**How Chipmunk Got His Stripes** / Bruchac, J.
811.008 B493	**Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry** / Martin, B.
811 P4402v	**Volcano Wakes Up** / Peters, L.

Science and Social Studies

535 C633i	**I See Myself** / Cobb, V.
531 B728e	**Energy Makes Things Happen** / Branley, F.
551.2 B734e	**Earthquakes** / Branley, F.
591.46 As86e	**An Egg is Quiet** / Aston, S.
591.564 K296e	**Even an Octopus Needs a Home** / Kelly, T.
595.44 B541s	**Spiders** / Bishop, N.
612 Sh82dr	**A Drop of Blood** / Showers, P.
617.6 M613t	**The Tooth Book : A Guide to Healthy Teeth and Gums** / Miller, E.
621.4 B224m	**My Light** / Bang, M.
633 M79y	**Yum! mmmm! qué rico! : Americas' Sproutings** / Mora, P.
635 Z72s	**Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web** / Zoehfeld, K.
636.7 C675m	**My Puppy is Born** / Cole, J.
020.98 W734b	**Biblioburro** / Winter, J.
332.4 L517f	**Follow the Money** / Leedy, L.
363.728 W211w	**What Happens to Our Trash?** / Ward, D.J.
912 Sw35m	**Me on the Map** / Sweeney, J.
979.447 R727c	**The Camping Trip that Changed America** / Rosenstock, B.

Why should I read aloud to my first grader?

- Reading aloud helps children hear and learn new, longer words as well as more complex sentences. Books with lots of pictures are especially helpful for this purpose.
- Reading aloud increases the background knowledge of children, which will help them read other books about that topic.
- Reading aloud models reading.
- Reading aloud models fluency.
- Reading fun stories aloud motivates children to keep on with the task of learning to read.
- Reading aloud gives your child a chance to spend time with you. Talking about what you read together opens doors to more conversations.

For chapter book read-aloud suggestions, also see our flyer, *Read to Me Early Chapter Books*