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Dear Partners in Learning,

As summer vacation is quickly approaching, we have been preparing for the upcoming school year and summer reading experience! We have enclosed copies of If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff and Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak. Please read or have your child read these stories to you over the summer. We will be working on activities about these stories during the first few weeks of school; so it is important that your child becomes familiar with them.

It would be helpful to us if your child wrote the title/authors(s) of the books that he/she reads on the enclosed "Books I've Read" list. If they choose to compose a list of books, please return it to school in September.

We have also provided a list of appropriate grade level books for your child to choose from. Learning the essential tools to become a successful reader will encourage your child to appreciate reading much more. Therefore, it would be helpful to set aside 10-20 minutes of "reading time" each day. During this time, you may read to your child or have your child read to you. Both of these strategies will help him/her become a more confident, fluent reader.

Please return all of the enclosed books in September. Enjoy sharing this wonderful reading experience with your child!

See you in September!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Swanson

First Grade Teachers

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Dear Partners in Learning,

Here is a list of books that are appropriate for first graders to either read independently or listen to with a fluent reader. This list is compiled with our knowledge and the help of other teachers.

When choosing a book for your child, remember the **FIVE FINGER RULE**: **IF YOUR CHILD MAKES 5 OR MORE MISTAKES ON ANY GIVEN PAGE, THE MATERIAL IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO READ ON AN INDEPENDENT LEVEL.** If this is the case, they may enjoy reading the story with an adult or older sibling.

For other helpful information in finding the right book for your child, check out the following websites:

- [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)
- [www.riverdalelibrary.org](http://www.riverdalelibrary.org)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

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