

**WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ELEMENTARY DIVISION  
REQUIRED SUMMER READING  
Entering First Grade**

**Language Arts Summer Reading**

Students entering First Grade are required to read **ten books** of their choice with a parent. Students should choose from books or authors found in the list below. Students should select a variety of authors.

*“Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,” Said the Sloth* by Eric Carle  
*Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel  
*Frederick or An Extraordinary Egg* by Leo Lionni  
*One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale* by Demi  
*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears* by Verna Aardema  
*Kiss for Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik  
*Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff  
*Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One* by Kate Duke  
*The Problem With Prickles* by Barbara Davoll  
*The Emperor’s Egg: Read and Wonder* by Martin Jenkins  
*Chickens Aren’t the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller  
*Grandfather’s Journey* by Allen Say  
*The Quilt Story* by Tony Johnston  
*Arthur’s Loose Tooth* by Lillian Hoban  
*Sheep Out to Eat* by Nancy E. Shaw  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
*The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  
*Grimm Brothers’ Fairy Tales*  
*The Story of Jumping Mouse* by John Steptoe  
*How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have?* by Julius Lester  
*Lilly’s Big Day* by Kevin Henkes  
*Pecos Bill: A Tall Tale Retold* by Steven Kellogg  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst  
*Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russel Hoban  
*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen  
*Town Mouse/Country Mouse* by Jan Brett  
*Just Grandma and Me* by Mercer Mayer  
*The Art Lesson* by Tommy dePaola  
*Arthur’s Eyes* by Marc Brown

**Parental Guidelines:** Please read books to/with your child. Even if your child is already a reader, this is an activity completed with an adult. For greater understanding as you read, discuss the details of character/setting/ problem/ solution. Also, encourage your child to make and explain predictions throughout the story. Example: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?

Students are required to complete a project from the following page for **one** of



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**Bible Summer Reading**

Help your child develop an enthusiasm for God's Word. Please choose at least three of the following Bible passages to read aloud to your child:

Creation	Genesis 1
Adam and Eve	Genesis 2
Moses' Birth	Exodus 2:1-11
Jesus' Birth	Luke 2:1-20
Jesus Obeys His Parents	Luke 2:41-52
Jesus Feeds the 5,000	John 6:1-14

\*Please see the Elementary Library Webpage for participation in Elementary Library Summer Reading Program