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Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We are looking forward to a great 2005-2006 school year with your child. Our curriculum is largely centered around the Open Court Reading Series. As we prepared this suggested summer reading list, we are listing books that coincide with each Unit.

Unit 1 Games

The Great Ball Game by Joseph Bruchac

Why do birds fly south for the winter? This tale tells all.

Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind

by Cynthia Rylant. Find out how Dad turns a scary storm into a fun game for Henry and his dog, Mudge.

Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat by Patricia Reilly Giff. Ronald can't hit and Ronald can't catch, but his team needs him just the same.

What Game Shall We Play? By Pat Hutchins What game does Wise Owl say that animal friends should play?

Unit 2 Folktales

Anansit The Spider by Gerald McDermott. Something you see at night is the reward Anansi gave his sons. What is it?

Hosni the Dreamer: An Arabian Tale by Ehud Ben-Ezer. Could buying a verse save your life and bring you happiness?

How Rabbit Lost His Tail by Ann Tompert. Why is Rabbit up a willow tree? What does he leave there?

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens. Find out what Hare is up to while Bear snoozes in this favorite chair.

Unit 3 Keep Trying

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman. Grace's determination to be Peter Pan will amaze you.

Fox on the Job by James Marshall. Fox needs a new bike and the means he has to get a job.

Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully. Join Mirette, high above Paris, when she learns to walk the high wire.

Unit 4 Being Afraid

Anna Banana and Me by Lenore Blegvad. Find out how Anna helps her friend to be brave.

Granddaddy's Place by Helen Griffith. Janetta's afraid of the animals on Granddaddy's farm.

I Hear a Noise by Diane Goode. What happens when a monster gets scared and needs his mother?

Strom in the Night by Mary Stolz. On a dark and stormy night, Grandfather tells Thomas about another storm long ago.

Unit 5 Homes

The Big Orange Splot Daniel Pinkwater.

What would a house that looked like your dreams be like?

The Journey Home by Alison Lester. Where do Wild and Woolly end up when they dig a huge hole in their Australian sandpit? How do they get home?

My House Has Stars by Megan McDonald.

Find out what all the houses in the world have in common when night falls.

Our Home is the Sea by Riki Levinson. A young boy rushes home from school through the streets of Hong Kong. Why is he in such a hurry?

The purpose of this suggested reading list is to expose your child to different types of literature and the themes we will be focusing on during the school year. *The most important thing is reading to your child each day and have her/him do some reading, whatever their level is.*

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rushing and Ms. Read