

## Rising First Grade Summer 2026 Reading List

Reading is a foundational skill for education. During a child's first grade year at The Geneva School, he/she will be exposed to many genres of quality literature. Throughout the summer, leading up to this year, we recommend that parents spend time reading aloud to their child. We would like to offer the following recommendations to assist you in developing the love of reading in your child.

*The Complete Brambly Hedge* by Jill Barklem  
*Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen Taylor  
*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame  
*James Herriot's Treasury for Children* by James Herriot  
*Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery  
*Matilda* by Roald Dahl  
*Smoky the Cowhorse* by Will James  
*Pipi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*The Railway Children* by Edith Nesbit  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain  
*A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond  
*Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls  
*Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink  
*Peter and the Wolf* (with music) by Sergei Prokofiev  
*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood  
*A New Coat for Anna* by Harriet Ziefert  
*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon  
*City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems  
*The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas  
*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka  
*Classic Fairy Tales* illustrated by Scott Gustafson  
*Classic Bedtime Stories* illustrated by Scott Gustafson  
*Aesop's Fables, The Classic Edition* illustrated by Charles Santore  
Books by Virginia Lee Burton, Leo Lionni, Jan Brett, Dr. Seuss, and Eric Carle

### **Lots of classics that Disney recreated are wonderful in their original form, including:**

*Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie  
*Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers  
*101 Dalmatians* by Dodie Smith  
*The Rescuers* by Margery Sharp  
*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling  
*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* by Ian Fleming  
*The Story of Doctor Dolittle* by Hugh Lofting

### **For reading practice:**

The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant  
Little Bear series by Else Holmelund  
Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant  
Curious George series by H. A. Rey