

Required Summer Reading for Incoming Brookfield First Graders—2024 / 2025

Developing a solid phonics base is essential to becoming a confident and fluent reader and writer. In first grade, phonics / spelling rules and patterns are a major focus, and serve as the building blocks for future academic success.

Children with a strong command of phonics / spelling patterns and rules are able to read and write words they've never read or written before. For example, if a child knows that two vowels next to each other (vowel digraphs) make one sound, he or she can spell brain, leaf, stream, boat, as well as countless other real and nonsense words (like zoot or yeak), that he or she has never seen on a weekly spelling list.

Across the first-grade curriculum and throughout the school year, phonics and spelling rules and patterns are taught and reviewed, resulting in more confident, happy, and fluent readers and writers.

Please have your child work through "**Spectrum Phonics, Grade 1**" this summer. This is an important review, as your child was taught the patterns in this book in pre-first. This is available on **Amazon.com**. Please check your child's work, and provide help as needed. The completed book should be turned in on the first day of school.

[Spectrum Grade 1 Phonics Workbook, Ages 6 to 7, Phonics Workbook Grade 1, Vowel, Consonant, Ending Sounds and Pairs, Letters, Words, and Sentence Writing Practice - 160 Pages: Spectrum: 9781483811826: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Finally, please order, "**A to Z Mysteries The Unwilling Umpire**" by Ron Roy from either **Amazon or Barnes and Noble.com**. Please have your child read this book to you, and help only when needed. Then, please help her or him write a basic book report that should also be turned in on the first day of school. We will begin the year discussing this fun and popular book in class. Thank you!

An example template is provided below.

It would be beneficial to have your child work on Math. **Spectrum Math 1** is on amazon.

[Spectrum 1st Grade Math Workbooks, Ages 6 to 7, Grade 1 Math Workbook, Adding and Subtracting Through 100, Place Value, Fact Families, 2-D and 3-D Shapes - 160 Pages \(Volume 42\): Spectrum: 9781483808697: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Regards,
Mai Xiong

Book Report

By _____ Date _____

TITLE _____

AUTHOR _____

RATING ★★☆☆☆ (circle)

Summary _____

Who is your favorite character and why?

Where does the book take place?

Favorite Scene

What was the best part of the book and why? _____

Would you recommend this book to a friend? YES NO