

## First Grade

Below is a list of 5 book options for every kindergarten student going into first grade to read over the summer. All students must read at least 3 books but we encourage them to read all 5. Attached is a brief story map worksheet to be filled in after reading each book and returned to your new teacher in September. All students should return to school with at least 3 story map worksheets.

A reading grade will be given for this assignment, so please take the time to focus on reading this summer!

Thank you,  
Miss Kilian and Miss Donatelli

### **Incoming First Graders Summer Reading List**

**Moses Goes to a Concert by Isaac Millman** - Moses and his schoolmates, all deaf, attend a concert where the orchestra's percussionist is also deaf. Includes illustrations in sign language and a page showing the manual alphabet. ©2014.

**Grade Level K-2**

**Nana in the City by Lauren Castillo** - A young boy spends an overnight visit with his nana and is frightened to find that the city where she lives is filled with noise and crowds and scary things. But then Nana makes him a special cape to help him be brave, and soon the everyday sights, sounds, and smells of the city are not scary—but wonderful. 2015 Caldecott Honor Book. ©2014. **Grade Level K-3**

**Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clinton** -Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do they love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together. ©2016 **Grade Level 1-4**

**Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie** Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. *New York Times* Notable Children's Book of the Year ©2016 **Grade Level 1-3**

**Truman by Jean Reidy** Truman the tortoise lives with his Sarah, high above the taxis and the trash trucks and the number eleven bus, which travels south. He never worries about the world below...until one day, when Sarah straps on a big backpack and does something Truman has never seen before. ©2019 **Grade Level 1-2**

