

## Required Summer Reading for Incoming Brookfield First Graders—2020 / 2021

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 zoat 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** for \$10.47. Please check your child's work, and provide help as needed. The completed book should be turned in on the first day of school.

Finally, please order, "**Junie B. Jones, First Grader at Last**" by Barbara Park from either **Amazon or Barnes and Noble.com**. Please read this book with your child. 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!

1. Include the book title, author, and number of pages.
2. Write a brief story summary.
3. Include an illustration of a favorite scene.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Regards,  
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