



10 Must Have 1st Grade Books

First grade is a great time in a child's life; they are officially big kids and in school all day, and most importantly, they begin the exciting process of learning to read! Learning to read, however, does not come easily to all children, and while their enthusiasm may be high at the beginning, new reader can easily become frustrated with learning to read.

Regardless of teaching methods, one of the best ways to help your beginning reader keep their enthusiasm for learning is to keep them supplied with books they enjoy. Beginning reader books should contain repetitive words and represent a topic with which they are familiar. Many children will respond well to favorite television characters or literary heroes they've previously been exposed to, like Biscuit, Marley, Sesame Street, etc. Let the child choose the topic of the book while you guide them to the right reading level. If the child feels like they have control over their knowledge, they are more likely to maintain their enthusiasm.

Here are 10 must have 1st grade books to keep your beginning reader enthused:

- LEGO NINJAGO
- Star Wars
- Batman & Superman (All Marvel or DC heroes)
- Big Hero 6
- Any Princess books (Sophia the First, Frozen, etc)
- Dora
- National Geographic Kids (snakes, dinosaurs, etc): Kids love nonfiction!
- Biscuit
- Dr. Seuss
- My Little Pony

Right now we're not so much worried about the quality of the literature, just the repetitive words and the child's willingness to read the book repeatedly until they master it. My top two picks in this genre are the books about princesses, because at that age most girls love princesses and LEGO because it appeals to boys AND girls. There are so many LEGO books to choose from, there is a Lego book for everyone!

Happy Reading!

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