

Welcome to First Grade Summer Reading!

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Mahoney

This summer we are encouraging rising first-graders to read *any* type of book “*like a detective*” and solve the mystery of summer reading! **There is no written assignment for rising first-graders. We provide questions to foster talking about any story you are reading with your child.** As many children enjoy keeping a list of books read, an optional reading log is provided and here is the link to Montgomery County Public Libraries summer program:

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids> offering many online resources for you to explore!



What does it mean to “read like a detective”?



Put on your detective hat and start by *thinking* like a detective:

- Find a good book.
- Choose a good reading buddy.
- Discover a comfy place to read.

Look closely at the book’s cover: use picture clues to guess about the story.



Ask questions while you are reading:

- Who is the main character?
- Where does the story take place? When does the story happen?
- What is the problem in the story?
- How does the character solve the problem?



Put the story’s event in order:

- What happens first?
- What happened next? What happened in the middle?
- What happened at the end?



Wonder about the story:

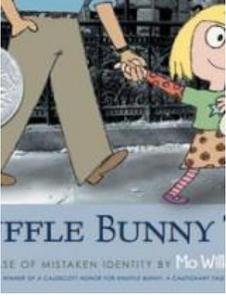
- What will happen next?
- How would you solve the problem?
- How else could the problem have been solved?
- Who would you be in the story?



Why not start with a fun mystery story?

A fun mystery story offers wonderful opportunities to talk about pretend characters who face a problem and have to solve it. Detectives (aka Readers and Listeners) have to ask questions as they explore the crime scene (read/listen to the story). **Here are some suggestions of books to share:**

MYSTERY PICTURE BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

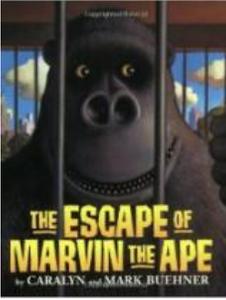


Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity

by: *Mo Willems* - (Hyperion Books for Children, 2007) 48 pages.

Anyone who has ever treasured a special doll or stuffed animal will understand Trixie's feeling as she trots off to school to share "Knuffle Bunny." They also will understand her unhappiness when the day doesn't turn out as she expected, and why she cannot sleep at night until the case of mistaken identity is solved.

Read Aloud Fun — Other titles in the series and by this author
Guided Reading Level N

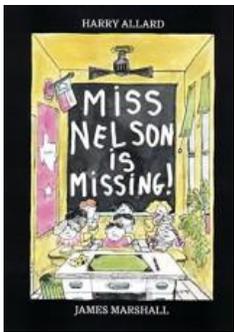


Escape of Marvin the Ape

by: *Caralyn and Mark Buehner* - (Puffin, 1992) 32 pages.

Marvin the ape has escaped from the zoo and is fitting into everyday life quite nicely. Dining at the finest New York restaurants, strolling through museums, commuting with the crowds and rooting for the local baseball team, Marvin fits right in with the natives. Will the zoo find him before one of the other animals follows suit? Humor makes this an entertaining read-aloud for kids of all ages.

Read Aloud Fun—Other titles by this author



Miss Nelson Is Missing

by: *Harry Allard Sandpiper*, illustrated by: *James Marshall* - (Houghton Mifflin, 1977) 32 pages.

Take a trip down memory lane while introducing your child to this classic tale. The kids in Room 207 continually take advantage of their teacher's kindness until the day a mean, witch-like substitute name Viola Swamp shows up. Your child will enjoy getting to the bottom of this mystery.

Great Read Aloud! Guided Reading Level L



Detective LaRue, Letters from the Investigation

By: *Mark Teague* (Scholastic, 2004) 32 pages.

Ike LaRue returns as a shrewd sleuth in this sequel to Dear Mrs. LaRue. Ike is now in prison—accused of catnapping! With Mrs. LaRue away in France, Ike must lead the investigation to prove his innocence. Children from K-Grade 5 will enjoy the madcap comedy and the fantastic illustrations.

Great Read Aloud!
Guided Reading Level N



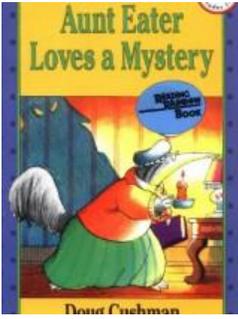
Private I. Guana: The Case of the Missing Chameleon

by: *Nina Laden* - (Chronicle Books, 1995) 32 pages.

Leon the chameleon didn't come home for dinner last night and his wife is worried! Private I. Guana is on the case. After searching high and low, talking to lizards and salamanders, there's only one place left to look — the wild and crazy Lizard Lounge. Parents and older siblings will enjoy the humor.

Great Family Read Aloud! Guided Reading Level P/Q

MYSTERY BEGINNER READER BOOKS TO SHARE



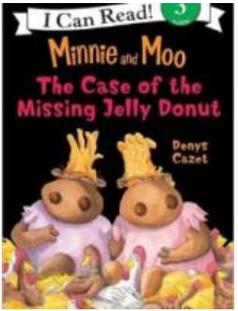
Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery

by: Doug Cushman - (Harper Trophy, 1987) 64 pages.

This is a great introduction to the world of mysteries for a proficient beginning reader. In each of these four chapters, Aunt Eater delights in solving mysteries for her friends. Fun illustrations throughout help provide the clues.

Other titles in this series

Guided Reading Level J/K



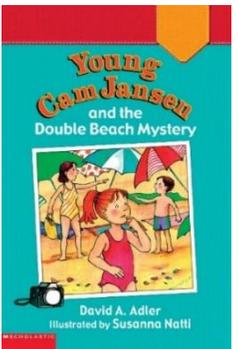
Minnie and Moo and the Case of the Missing Jelly Donut

by: Denys Cazet - (Harper Trophy, 2005) 48 pages.

In this installment of the popular Minnie and Moo cow series, a jelly donut is missing and all that's left behind is a blue feather. Well, the only things around on the farm with feathers are chickens! And so it goes that Minnie and Moo disguise themselves as chickens to get that jelly donut back.

Other titles in this series

Guided Reading Level J/K



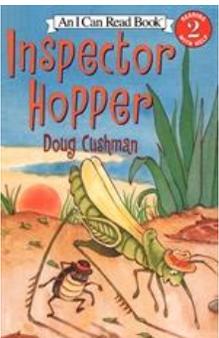
Young Cam Jansen and the Double Beach Mystery

by: David A. Adler

Young Cam Jansen has a great time looking for shells on the beach with her friend, Eric, and her Aunt Molly. When they're done, though, Cam's mother is nowhere in sight! She was just sitting under a red umbrella. How could she have disappeared? With a click, Cam puts her photographic memory to work to find her mom.

Other titles in this series—Be sure to look for **Young Cam Jansen**

Guided Reading Level J



Inspector Hopper

by Doug Cushman (Harper Collins, 2001, Reprint)

Inspector Hopper is a detective with a feel -- and feelers -- for mysteries. With the help of his partner, McBugg, this tiny supersleuth can crack any case!

Other titles in series and by this author

Guided Reading Level K



Big Max

by Kin Platt (Harper Collines, 1978)

The world's greatest detective" follows the clues that lead to the King of Pooka Pooka's missing prize elephant. The character of Big Max, a kind of miniature Sherlock Holmes, is well drawn in both words and pictures.

Other titles in series.

Guided Reading Level E/F



RISING FIRST GRADE READING LOG

(NOT REQUIRED)



	TITLE	AUTHOR
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		