

- Dear Parents,
 - In first grade, reading is a very "big deal". We ask that you keep a cumulative record of all the books that your child reads independently this year. This includes all books that your child reads by himself (or mostly by himself); it does not include books that you read to him. These could be books from the school library, the public library, a church library, your child's own personal books or books sent home by the teacher (take-home readers).
 - **Please put this list in a safe place at home where you or your child can always find it to write down a book title. Then at the end of the school year (in May), we will ask that you return it to school.** At the Awards Assembly in late May, your child will receive a Texas Young Readers Award if he has read 10 books all by himself during the year. If he reads 25 books, the certificate will have a silver star on it. If he reads 50 or more books, there will be a gold star. And, of course, you can add sheets of paper to this list if your child reads more than 100 books.
 - Please help your first grader with this cumulative, year long activity by reminding them to write the title down when they finish a book. If your child is not reading independently yet, just hang on to this sheet until they are reading by themselves. If you lose this piece of paper, just get any sheet of paper and use it. It does not have to be on this form.
 - Thank you for your help! And we hope you are as excited about reading as we are!

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