



A Book on the Beach

NECSD Recommended / Suggested Summer Reading List for **GRADE 1**

| AUTHOR | TITLE | LEXILE |
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| Ada, Alma Flor | <u>Friend Frog</u> Field mouse can't jump or swim like the frog he meets at the pond, but they become friends. | 460 |
| Alborough, Jez | <u>Captain Duck</u> Duck's meddlesome antics cause trouble on the high seas. | |
| Benjamin, Cynthia | <u>Footprints in the Sand</u> Desert animals leave footprints in the sand as they head for home. | 160 |
| Bunting, Eve | <u>Whales Passing</u> A boy and his father watch a pod of whales as they surface and breach. | 330 |
| Campbell, Monica Bang | <u>Little Rat Sets Sail</u> Sailing lessons help Little Rat overcome some of her fear of the water. | |
| Casanova, Mary | <u>One-Dog Canoe</u> A girl and her dog are joined by an escalating number of animals when they set out on a canoe trip. | 310 |
| Cole, Henry | <u>On the Way to the Beach</u> A girl spots all kinds of creatures as she walks through four different ecosystems on her way to the beach. | |
| Coxe, Molly | <u>Hot Dog</u> On a hot day on the farm, a small brown dog gets into trouble. | BR |
| Curry, Don L. | <u>My Counting Book</u> Photographs show animals from one polar bear to ten fish engaged in different activities. | |
| DeMunn, Michael | <u>The Earth Is Good</u> A simple chant teaches children to appreciate the earth and all its gifts. | BR |
| dePaola, Tomie | <u>Four Friends in Summer</u> Four animal friends look forward to summer, but their plans don't always turn out as expected. | |
| Fleming, Denise | <u>In the Small, Small Pond</u> Lively pond creatures wade, hover, swoop, and splash in this rhyming Caldecott Honor story. | NP |
| Glaser, Linda | <u>Fabulous Frogs</u> Simple text describes the characteristics of frogs and their habitats. | 280 |
| Grobler, Piet | <u>Hey, Frog!</u> When gluttonous frog drinks all the water on the African savanna, only tickling him helps solve the problem. | |
| Horowitz, Ruth | <u>Crab Moon</u> On a June night, Daniel and his mother go to the beach to see horseshoe crabs spawning. | 460 |
| Krankling, Kathleen | <u>The Ocean Is . . .</u> Playful verse and stunning photographs reveal the ocean as much more than a big body of water. | |
| Levinson, Nancy Smiler | <u>Death Valley: A Day in the Desert</u> Death Valley, one of the hottest places on earth, is home to many animals and plants. | |
| Levinson, Nancy Smiler | <u>North Pole, South Pole</u> Readers learn about the geography, climate, and inhabitants of the earth's polar regions. | 530 |

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| Lionni, Leo | Swimmy Swimmy teaches a school of red fish to swim close together to avoid danger. | AD640 |
| Long, Earlene | Gone Fishing A boy describes a day he spends fishing with his father. | 150 |
| McCloskey, Robert | Time of Wonder In this Caldecott Medal story, a family on a Maine island discover seashells and wildlife and experience a hurricane. | 940 |
| O'Brien, Patrick | Megatooth Megalodons were giant ancient sharks big enough to prey on whales. | AD730 |
| Pollard, Nick | The River Rain falling on a mountain hiker fills a stream and eventually makes its way to the sea. | |
| Rankin, Laura | Swan Harbor: A Nature Counting Book From one to twenty swans, animals are found everywhere, in every season, around a coastal town. | |
| Rau, Dana Meachen | My Red Rowboat A boy and his father take their rowboat across the lake to get groceries. | |
| Riley, Linda Capus | Elephants Swim Rhyming text presents how different animals behave in the water. | |
| Roosa, Karen | Beach Day Families of all kinds build sandcastles, play in the water, and picnic at the beach. | |
| Sayre, April Pulley | One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab At the beach, people and critters get their feet counted in silly combinations. | |
| Sobol, Richard | Adelina's Whales Gray whales spend the winter months and calve in a lagoon near a girl's Mexican home in this photo essay. | |
| Stadler, John | One Seal One seal and other animals form a pyramid on the beach to retrieve a child's kite. | BR |
| Taylor, Theodore | Hello, Arctic! Polar Bears, seals, and other arctic animals greet the changing seasons. | |
| Thong, Roseanne | Red is a Dragon A girl provides a rhyming description of all colors she sees around her. | NP |
| Tresselt, Alvin | Hide-and-Seek Fog For three days in a Cape Cod village, children romp and play in a heavy fog. | 850 |
| Wallace, Karen | Tale of a Tadpole In his pond home, a tadpole grows into a golden-skinned frog. | 450 |
| Ward, Jennifer and T.J. Marsh | Somewhere in the Ocean A counting song modeled after "Over the Meadow" presents sea animals and their offspring. | AD470 |
| Weisner, David | Hurricane After a hurricane, two brothers use a felled tree in their play. | |
| Wolff, Ferida | A Year for Kiko From catching snowflakes in January to chasing fireflies in July, Kiko enjoys the seasons. | 170 |
| World Wildlife Fund | Animal ABC's Stunning color photographs show animals of the land and sea. | |
| Yee, Shannon Brenda | Sand Castle A group of children at the beach work together to build a sand castle. | AD140 |



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| AD | Adult Directed |
| BR | Beginning Reader |
| NP | Non-prose (poetry) |
| Lexile Level | Difficulty of Text |