



A Book on the Beach

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

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