



The Charleston Catholic School 2026 Summer Work Rising First Grade

All students who are enrolled for the upcoming school year will receive the Summer Simple Solutions books for Math and E.L.A. to complete over the summer break.

These books are to be completed and returned to school on the first day of the new school year. The completion of the Summer Simple Solutions Book is required and will be considered a **quiz grade for the first 9 weeks for students entering 1st – 8th grade only**. Along with the Summer Simple Solutions books, teachers encourage students to read.

Reading with your child will help give a good start for first grade and will help develop an appreciation for books. The public library is a wonderful source for stories and books that you can explore. There, you can also participate in a summer reading program. Experts recommend that parents read aloud to children, and as they grow, have your child read aloud to you and to each other. Daily reading, especially from a variety of materials, is a healthy habit for a lifetime. Children going into first grade can benefit from concept books that help identify colors, alphabet, counting, sequencing and feelings. Good beginning reading series includes the “Step into Reading” Step 1 books or “Rookie Readers” series.

Keep a record of what your child reads, or what you read together over the summer; turn in the record on the first day of school. Your library will have age specific suggestions for summer reading. Happy Reading!

<u>The Runaway Bunny</u> (Brown)	<u>The Gingerbread Boy</u> (Galdone)
<u>Clifford the Big Red Dog</u> (Bridwell)	<u>Whistle for Willie</u> (Keats)
<u>Freight Train</u> (Crews)	<u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> (Kovalski)
<u>Gilberto and the Wind</u> (Ets)	<u>The Giant Jam Sandwich</u> (Lord)
<u>Corduroy</u> (Freeman)	<u>The Foot Book</u> (Seuss)
<u>Piggies</u> (Wood)	<u>Ira Sleeps Over</u> (Waber)
<u>Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear</u> (Carlstorm)	<u>The Plant Sitter</u> (Zion)
<u>Half a Moon and One Whole Star</u> (Dragonwagon)	<u>Look I Can Read</u> (Hood)

Concept Books

Color: <u>Little Blue and Little Yellow</u> (Lionni)	<u>Color Zoo</u> (Ehlert)
Alphabet: <u>26 Letters and 99 Cents</u> (Hoban)	<u>Alison's Zinnia</u> (Lobel)
<u>The Disappearing Alphabet</u> (Wilbur)	<u>Alphabet Mystery</u>
(Wood)	
<u>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</u> (Ehlert)	
Counting: <u>One Snail and Me</u> (McLeod)	<u>Ten Black Dots</u> (Crews)
Sequence: <u>One Monday Morning</u> (Shulevitz)	<u>Rosie's Walk</u> (Hutchins)
Feelings: <u>Leo the Late Bloomer</u> (Kraus)	<u>Something Special</u> (McPhail)
<u>On Mother's Lap</u> (Scott)	<u>Mean Soup</u> (Everitt)