

June 5, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I know that your child has been very hard at work learning to recognize letters, numbers, shapes, colors and many other skills and concepts. Now that summer is here, it's hard to think about school work; instead relaxation and fun is in the forefront of our minds. To help your child retain as much as possible while enjoying the summer months, Pre-kindergarten skills and concepts should be reviewed throughout the summer. The Summer Bridge Workbook is an excellent resource as it covers a wide variety of curriculum areas. It may be purchased at such stores as Learning How, Staples and Office Depot or on-line for about \$13.00.

Reading is another important key to a smooth transition into Kindergarten. Over the summer, each child should have a minimum of ten (10) books read to him/her. The student should choose two of those books and draw a picture to illustrate each and dictate a sentence to explain. A grown-up should write the sentence on the paper. Attached you will find a suggested book list. You may, however choose other books not listed. Please try to read books from a variety of genres listed, not just fictional picture books (fun, make believe stories).

On Meet Your Teacher Day, Tuesday August 25 please bring your completed Summer Bridge Workbook as well as your book list (10 books read), and two illustrations!

May this summer bring each of you happiness and health! I look forward to working with you this fall!

Thank you,

Mrs. Budny

Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started!

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Books About Me

- *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *My Five Senses* by Aliko
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

Family Stories

- Just Me Books by Mercer Mayer
- *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joesse

Predictable Books (Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm.)

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág
- *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone

Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

Color and Counting Books

- *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
- *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
- *Frog Counts to Ten* by John Liebler
- *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
- *Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue?* by Tana Hoban
- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
- *Ten Bears in My Bed: A Goodnight Countdown* by Stanley Mack
- *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
- *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban

Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *More, More, More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes

- *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
- *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie and Rosemary Wells
- *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola

Folktales and Fairy Tales

- *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
- *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
- *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
- *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
- *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
- *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppé
- *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

Stories in Rhyme

- *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
- *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk

Friends

- *Benjamin and Tulip* by Rosemary Wells
- *We Are Best Friends* by Aliko
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Syd Hoff

Fabulous Science Books

- *Cars and How they Go* by Joanna Cole
- *Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads* by Barry Clarke
- *Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor* by Joanna Cole

Enjoy!

