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Dear Parents and Incoming Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten and the West Milford Township Public Schools! As you begin to enjoy summer, we encourage you to continue to make reading an important part of your family's activities. While reading instruction will be emphasized by your child's teacher throughout the school year, children need to continue to read during the summer months, not only for enjoyment, but also to sustain and strengthen skills they have already developed. We have provided a list of **suggested** titles appropriate for Kindergarten age children to get you started with ideas, but **please feel free to read beyond** them!

Upon request, a Chromebook can be made available to your incoming Kindergarten student for reading digital texts if needed. Please reach out to the elementary school at which your child is registered to make arrangements.

To support families on their annual Summer Reading journeys, we partner with the West Milford Township Public Library. You can access Summer Reading information on their website at wmtl.org

Reading over summer vacation may not be a priority for children, but parents and teachers should make it one. Why? Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and **critical thinking skills** for the coming year. Literacy expert Julie Wood believes that it is necessary for children to **read on a daily basis** in order to maintain literacy skills learned in the previous school year.

All of this information can be accessed on the District's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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Suggested Titles:

Alexander, Lloyd. *How the Cat Swallowed Thunder*

Andreae, Giles. *Giraffes Can't Dance*

Barton, Chris. *Shark vs. Train*

Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *Bears in the Night*

Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Chodos-Irvine. *Ella Sarah Gets Dressed*

Cousins, Lucy. *Maisie Series*

Fleming, Candace. *Muncha, Muncha, Muncha*

Fox, Mem. *The Magic Hat*

Freeman, Don. *Corduroy Series*

Guarino, Deborah. *Is your Mama a Llama?*

Haseley, Dennis. *A Story for Bear*

Henkes, Kevin. *Kitten's First Full Moon*

Hutchins, Pat. *Rosie's Walk*

Jenkins, Steve. *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

Johnson, Crockett. *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*

Keller, Holly. *Pearl's New Skates*

Kirk, David. *Miss Spider's Tea Party*

Knudsen, Michelle. *Library Lion*

Kraus, Robert. *Leo the Late Bloomer*

Lehman, Barbara. *The Red Book*

Lies, Brian. *Bats at the Library*

Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*

Long, Melinda. *How I Became a Pirate*

MacLachlan, Patricia. *The Sick Day*

Marshall, James. *George and Martha*

Martin, Bill Jr. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*

McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal, Make Way for Ducklings, One Morning in Maine*

Munch, Robert. *Love You Forever*

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. *If You Give Series*

Palatini, Margie. *Piggie Pie*

Penn, Audrey. *The Kissing Hand*

Piper, Watty. *The Little Engine That Could*

Polacco, Patricia. *G is for Goat*

Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons*

Schaefer, Lola M. *An Island Grows*

Scieszka, Jon. *Cowboy and Octopus*

Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

Seuss, Dr. *The Cat in the Hat*

Silverstein, Shel. *A Giraffe and a Half*

Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Caps for Sale*

Steig, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

Stevens, Janet. *Tops and Bottoms*

Taback, Simms. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *Good Knight Series*

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

Wells, Rosemary. *My Kindergarten*

Willems, Mo. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale, Today I Will Fly*

Williams, Margery. *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Wood, Audrey. *Alphabet Rescue, Alphabet*

Adventure, Alphabet Mystery

Yolen, Jane. *How do Dinosaurs Go to School?*

Family Read-Aloud

Author

Atwater, Richard
Blume, Judy
DiCamillo, Kate
Gannett, Ruth Stiles
Jenkins, Emily
McKay, Hilary
White, E.B.

Title

Mr. Popper's Penguins
Freckle Juice
Bink and Gollie
My Father's Dragon
Toys Go Out
Lulu series
Charlotte's Web

Nonfiction Titles

The best part about nonfiction is being able to explore any topic that interests you. You can learn about thousands of things! What's your favorite nonfiction topic and do you know where to find it in the library? If you need some help getting started, here are some suggestions:

Author

Ahmed, Roda
Gibbons, Gail
Keating, Jess
McAnulty, Stacy
Meltzer, Brad
Messner, Kate
Geographic for Kids
Pallotta, Jerry
Sports Illustrated for Kids
Various authors

Title

Mae Among the Stars
My...book (various sports ex. soccer)
World of Weird Animal series
Our Universe series
I Am biography series
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt National
Various Titles
Who Would Win series
Rookie Books (various sports)
Blastoff! Readers (various titles & topics)

Favorite Fiction Authors

Barnett, Mac
Brown, Peter
Carle, Eric
Cronin, Doreen
DePaola, Tomie
Dyckman, Ame
Gomi, Taro
John, Jory
Henkes, Kevin
Jeffers, Oliver
Kang, Anna
Mora, Oge

Numeroff, Laura
Parr, Todd
Pinkney, Jerry
Rosenthal, Amy Krouse
Reynolds, Peter H.
Santat, Dan
Shannon, David
Tullet, Herve
Underwood, Deborah
Willems, Mo
Wilson, Karma
Yoon, Salina

Also consider reading:

- Books of personal interest
- Other books by the same authors
- Fairy tales
- Nursery rhymes
- Old favorites, over and over!