

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parents,  
Books have the power to benefit young children in a myriad of ways. As a parent, reading to your child stimulates language and cognitive skills. It also builds motivation and curiosity. Reading is one of the most important things you can do to prepare him/her with a foundation for academic excellence. Attached is a suggested list of books that you might be interested in reading to your future kindergartener during the summer break. The books listed may enhance comprehension and phonics skills that will be addressed during the school year.

Happy Reading,  
Ms. Bayma and Ms. Smith

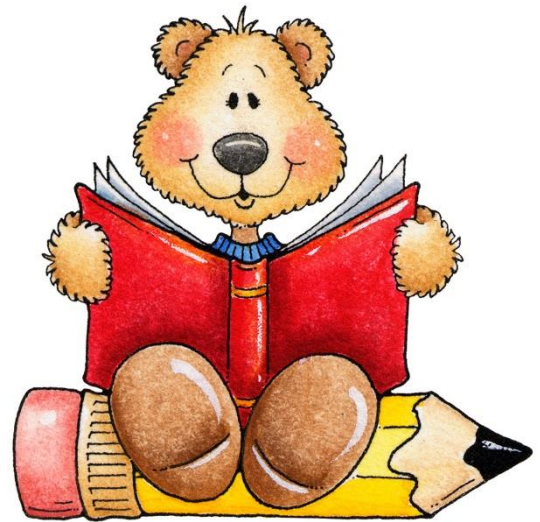
### **Books About Me**

*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 Alik  
*Owen* by Kevin Henkes  
*When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

### **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

## **Family Stories**

*Just Me Books* by Mercer Mayer

*Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joesse

## **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 Alike

*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

