

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 to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow  
*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  
*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  
*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. Josse

### **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 Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen  
*The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen