PreK2 Summer Reading List

2014-2015

Please read these 5 books and complete the associated assignments. The assignments are due the first week of school. For pleasure, you may read any of the other recommended books for a total of 15 books.

Required Books and Assignments

Anna Dewdney. Llama Llama Red Pajama

Create a paper bag puppet with a picture/drawing of your favorite pajamas.

Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat

Create a 10-gallon hat. Place pictures of your most silly adventures on it and/or inside.

Eric Carle. The Very Hungry Caterpillar

What are some of your favorite foods? Create a breakfast/lunch/dinner plate with your favorite selections.

Bill Martin Jr. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Draw a "chicka chicka" tree. Write, paste, or draw each letter of the alphabet on your tree. Is there enough room? Will your tree fall?

Traditional Folk Tale. The Three Little Pigs

Please "build" your own home out of different materials. Will the Big Bad Wolf be able to blow your home down? How sturdy and solid is your home?

Recommended Books (Read up to 15)

Anna Dewdney. Llama Llama Misses Mama and Llama Llama Home With Mama

Dr. Seuss. Green Eggs and Ham, One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish, If I Ran the Rainforest

Eric Carle. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Margaret Brown. Goodnight Moon

Audrey Wood. The Napping House

Merrily Kutner. Down on the Farm

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Recommended Books (Read up to 15)--continued

Denys Cazet. I'm Not Sleepy

Hisako Madokoro. Buster Catches a Cold

Eileen Christelow. Five Little Monkeys Play Hide-and-Seek

Anne Geddes. 10 in the Bed

Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, and Nursery Rhymes. <u>Little Red Riding Hood</u>, <u>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</u>,

Cinderella, The Three Billy Goats Gruff

PreK3 Summer Reading List

2012

Parents, please turn in a reading log with at least 5 books that were read. In class, we will do hands-on activities with 2 selected books.

Recommended Books

- Aston, Dianna. An Egg Is Quiet. Chronicle Books, 2006. A variety of eggs from diverse wild parents are described with beautiful illustrations and informative text.
- Baker, Keith. <u>No Two Alike.</u> Beach Lane Books, 2011. This story follows a pair of birds on a snowflake--- filled journey through a winter landscape where everything, from branches and leaves to forests full of trees, is unique.
- Barner, Bob. <u>Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!.</u> Chronicle Books, 1999. A nonsense rhyme and a section of fun facts Introduce children to familiar bugs.
- Bechtold, Lisze. <u>Sally and the Purple Socks</u>. Philomel, 2008. When her tiny purple socks start to expand, Sally turns them into a scarf and then curtains, but things soon get out of hand.
- Becker, Bonny. <u>A Bedtime for Bear.</u> Candlewick, 2010. A small but lively overnight guest tries the patience of a bear that needs absolute quiet to fall asleep.
- Brown, Marc Tolon. <u>Arthur Goes to Camp.</u> Little, Brown, 1982. Arthur is not looking forward to Camp Meadowcroak, and he decides to run away when mysterious things start happening there.
- Cousins, Lucy. <u>Hooray for Fish!</u> Candlewick, 2005. A colorful chameleon encounters friend and foe While making his way from one tree to another in search of a tasty insect dinner.
- Kirk, Daniel. Honk Honk! Beep Beep! Disney-Hyperion, 2010. When a father and son set out early one morning for a cross-country drive in their jeep, they see all sorts of vehicles and pick up diverse passengers along the way.

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- Kleven, Elisa. <u>Welcome Home, Mouse.</u> Tricycle Press, 2010. Clumsy Stanley accidentally smashes mouse's house, then promises to try to make a new one.
- Walsh, Melanie. My Nose, Your Nose. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Daisy and Kit compare various parts of their bodies and find that they are both similar and different.
- Zion, Gene. <u>Harry the Dirty Dog.</u> HarperCollins, 1956. When a white dog with black spots runs away because he hates baths, he returns home so dirty that his family does not recognize him.

PreK4 Summer Reading List

2012

Parents, please turn in a reading log with at least 5 books read. In class, we will do hands-on activities with 2 selected books.

Recommended Books

- Bertram, Debbie. <u>The Best Place to Read.</u> Dragonfly Books, 2003. A young child with a new book searches inside and outside the house before finding the right chair for reading.
- Borden, Louise. <u>Big Brothers Don't Take Naps</u>. McElderry Books, 2011. Little brother Nick lists all the wonderful things his big brother does with him, preparing him to greet the new baby in the family.
- Brown, Peter. You Will Be My Friend! Little, Brown, 2011. Lucy, a young bear, starts her day determined to make a new friend, but her enthusiasm leads to all sorts of problems until an unexpected friend finds her just as she is about to give up.
- Carle, Eric. The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse. Philomel, 2011. Rather than use the same old colors, an artist paints the world as seen through the imaginative eyes of a child.
- Craig, Lindsey. Farmyard Beat. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. A farmyard dance has such a lively beat that it keeps Farmer Sue and others awake.
- Cyrus, Kurt. The Voyage of Turtle Rex. Harcourt, 2011. The life of a giant prehistoric sea tutle is fraught with danger as she struggles to survive so that she can return to shore to lay her eggs.
- Denise, Anika. <u>Bella and Stella Come Home.</u> Philomel, 2010. When her family moves, Bella notices lots of differences in her new home, but she tries to be brave and reassure Stella, her beloved stuffed elephant.
- Dodd, Emma. I Don't Want a Cool Cat! Little, Brown, 2009. A young girl describes in rhymed text the kinds of cats she does not want, but finally arrives at a cat that she can call her own.

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- Fox, Mem. <u>Let's Count Goats!</u> Beach Lane Books, 2010. The reader is invited to count goats of many shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions.
- Franco, Betsy. <u>Double Play: Monkeying Around with Addition.</u> Tricycle Press, 2011. Little chimps

 Jill and Jake play together at recess, and each game teaches them something about the

 mathematical concept of doubling.
- Goodrich, Carter. Say Hello to Zorro! Simon & Schuster, 2010. Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but he must learn to adapt when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule.
- Graham, Bob. April and Esme, Tooth Fairies. Candlewick, 2010. On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the huge world of humans to collect Daniel Dangerfield's tooth and fly it safely home.
- Gravett, Emily. <u>Blue Chameleon.</u> Simon & Schuster, 2010. Chameleon can turn himself into anything and appear to fit in anywhere, but he just cannot seem to make friends.
- Johnson, Angela. <u>Lily Brown's Paintings.</u> Orchard Books, 2007. When Lily Brown paints, she imagines all sorts of fantastic things in the scenes that she sees every day.
- Weaver, Tess. <u>Cat Jumped In!</u> Clarion, 2007. An inquisitive feline walks through the rooms of a house jumping into one mess after another before landing in the loving arms of its owner.
- Yates, Louise. <u>Dog Loves Books</u>. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Dog loves books so much that he decides to open a book store.

Kindergarten Summer Reading List

2012

Parents, please submit a reading log of the 10 books read from the summer reading list. Choose your favorite book. Draw a picture of your favorite character. Add a sentence about the character to your drawing, telling why this was your favorite character.

Recommended Books

- Barrett, Judy. <u>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.</u> The tiny town of Chewandswallow was very much like any other tiny town except for its weather, which came three times a day at breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Becker, Bonnie. <u>A Visitor for Bear</u>. A friendship is forged between Bear, who wants no visitors, and Mouse, who won't leave Bear alone.
- Child, Lauren. <u>I Am Too Absolutely Small for School.</u> When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her.
- Cronin, Doreen. <u>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type.</u> Farmer Brown's cows like to type, but his problems really start when his cows start leaving him notes.
- Dooley, Norah. <u>Everybody Cooks Rice</u>. Carrie travels from one house to another looking for her brother at dinnertime. Each family invites her in for a taste of what they are cooking.
- Falconer, Ian. Olivia is constantly on the move, dreaming big dreams, and meeting every Challenge head-on.
- Henkes, Kevin. Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum loved her name until she went to school.
- Hobbie, Holly. <u>Toot and Puddle</u>. The activities of two pigs, one a homebody and the other an enthusiastic world traveler, are contrasted in illustrations brimming with humor.
- Hutchins, Pat. Rosie's Walk. Rosie the hen leaves the chicken coop and sets out for a little walk. Right Behind her is the fox slyly trying to catch up with her.

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- Meddaugh, Susan. Martha Speaks. When Helen Finney feeds alphabet soup to her dog Martha, Martha begins to speak. But having a talking dog is not as fun as it seems.
- McMullan, Kate. I Stink! An enthusiastic garbage truck describes the hearty joys of its daily rounds.
- Rayner, Catherine. <u>Augustus and His Smile.</u> Augustus the tiger has lost his smile. Not knowing where to find it, he begins a quest that takes him all over the world.
- Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are. Max is sent to bed without supper and sails away to the land of Wild Things where he is made king.
- Shannon, David. <u>Duck on a Bike</u>. A duck spies a red bicycle and gets a "wild idea."
- Slate, Joseph. Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten. This rhyming and brightly illustrated

 Book is an ideal way to practice the alphabet while introducing young children to kindergarten.