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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 your summer, please 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, but please do not limit yourselves to the titles on this list. We ask that you and your child read and reread as many books as you can over the summer!

To keep track of your child's accomplishments, please record the titles of the books you read on the accompanying Recording Sheet. Your child's teacher will look to for this sheet on **Friday, September 13, 2019**.

As we have the past few years, the West Milford schools are closely partnering with the West Milford Public Library and their summer reading program, "**A Universe of Stories**". The library hosts programs for children, teens, and adults throughout the summer. We invite you and your family to get involved with the library.

Please also note some helpful tips and strategies included in the "**Suggestions for At-Home Support**" page. These are practices that your family can employ to truly help make reading a wonderful experience for your child. Additionally, please explore the websites provided for further information.

All of this information can be accessed on the District's website at [www.wmtps.org](http://www.wmtps.org) and at the West Milford Township Public Library. When you visit the library, the Children's Librarian will be happy to assist you in finding and selecting books for your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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# WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUGGESTED TITLES FOR SUMMER READING

## BOOKS TO SHARE WITH INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS SUMMER 2019

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?*

Also consider reading:

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

WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM:  
RECORDING SHEET  
INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS  
SUMMER 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

September 2019 Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

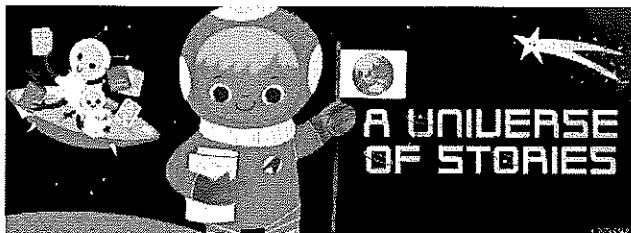
My family and I have read the following books as part of the Summer Reading Program:

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's teacher will collect this form on Friday, September 13, 2019.

## Suggestions for At-Home Literacy Support



- Engage and participate in family “read-aloud” nights whereby family members “buddy-read” (take turns reading every other page) with your

child.

- Encourage your child to read aloud to you, re-tell a story to you, or follow along with the pictures and the text as you read aloud to him or her.
- Suggest your child reread his or her favorite books to help improve fluency.
- Listen to audio books in the car during travel
- Point out words in print which appear in places like your home, the grocery store, street signs, etc.
- Talk with your child about the books he or she is reading or that you are reading together.
- Take your child to get his or her first library card
- Let your child see you reading (and writing!)
- Celebrate reading growth, progress, and successes!

## Additional Literacy Resources and Information

- National Center for Family Literacy  
<http://www.familit.org>
- International Reading Association  
<http://www.reading.org>
- Scholastic  
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents>
- West Milford Township Public Library  
<http://www.wmtl.org>
- <http://www.readkiddoread.com>