



West Milford Township Public Schools

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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](#). In response to its current closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library has created [this special Summer Reading page](#) on their website just for our Program with free resources which can be accessed remotely until the library can be opened. We have also compiled a [Free Digital Book Access](#) resource for your convenience.

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*
Andrae, 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!