

## A Few Things You Can Do to Help Your Child Succeed in Kindergarten:

### **Read to your child every day . . .**

During their first few years of life children have already accomplished, without any direct instruction, the amazingly complex task of learning to talk. Just as children learning to speak are immersed in spoken language, children learning to read and write need to be immersed in print. Make your home a literate environment filled not only with all kinds of books and magazines, but also paper, pencils, markers, etc., so that children can begin to express themselves in drawing and "writing."

### **Make story time fun . . .**

One of the most powerful ways you can help your child to succeed at school is also one of the easiest—read aloud to your child every day. Research from the U.S. Government states that "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." (*Becoming a Nation of Readers*) By sharing books you enjoy with your child you are placing value on reading as an activity and introducing him/her to your cultural heritage.

### **Create a literate environment . . .**

Story time should be a relaxed, comfortable occasion. Make it an interactive time by discussing what the story might be about before you read it. During the action, pause occasionally to have your child predict what might happen next or to explain difficult words. After the story, briefly discuss your child's reactions. Re-read favorite stories often. Suggest your child re-tell them or act them out with friends or puppets. Remind your child that another person, an author, wrote this story. Introduce your child to special authors you think they might enjoy and share details of the authors' lives.

### **After your child can read . . .**

Even after children begin to read on their own, it is vital for adults to continue to read to them. Children can comprehend at a much higher level than they can read. By reading and discussing more challenging material with them, you are helping them practice higher level thinking skills and developing language skills.

## Pre-Kindergarten Summer Reading

Title	Author
<b>Fiction</b>	
The Ugly Duckling	Andersen, Hans Christian
Ten, Nine, Eight	Bang, Molly
The Mitten	Brett, Jan
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	
Clifford books	Bridwell, Norman
An Arthur Adventure	Brown, Marc
Goodnight Moon	Brown, Margaret Wise
Book, Book, Book!	Bruss, Deborah
Stellaluna	Cannon, Janell
Biscuit books	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle, Eric
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	Christelow, Eileen
Strega Nona	de Paola, Tomie
Planting a Rainbow	Ehlert, Lois
Feathers for Lunch	
In the Tall, Tall Grass	Fleming, Denise
Barnyard Banter	
Koala Lou	Fox, Mem
Tough Boris	
Corduroy	Freeman, Don
Millions of Cats	Gag, Wanda
The Gingerbread Man	Galdone, Jean
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Galdone, Paul
Honey I Love	Greenfield, Eloise
Is Your Mama a Llama?	Guarino, Deborah
Chrysanthemum	Henkes, Kevin
The Doorbell Rang	Hutchins, Pat
Rosie's Walk	

Harold and the Purple Crayon	Johnson, Crockett
Bentley and Egg	Joyce, William
Peter's Chair	Keats, Ezra Jack
Whistle for Willie	
The Carrot Seed	Krauss, Ruth
Frederick	Lionni, Leo
Swimmy	
Frog and Toad series	Lobel, Arnold
Froggy series	London, Jonathan
George and Martha series	Marshall, James
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Martin Jr., Bill
Blueberries for Sal	McCloskey, Robert
Make Way for Ducklings	
Stone Soup	McGovern, Ann
Tikki Tikki Tembo	Mosel, Arlene
The Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow	Neitzel, Shirley
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Numeroff, Laura
The Rainbow Fish	Pfister, Marcus
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter, Beatrix
Curious George books	Rey, H.A.
Henry and Mudge	Rylant, Cynthia
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice
Who Said Red?	Serfozo, Mary
Sheep in a Jeep	Shaw, Nancy
Caps for Sale	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Cat in the Hat	Seuss, Dr.
Pete's a Pizza	Steig, William
Owl Babies	Waddell, Martin
Mouse Paint	Walsh, Ellen Stoll
The Little Engine That Could	Watty, Piper
McDuff books	Wells, Rosemary

Read to Your Bunny  
I Went Walking  
A Chair for My Mother  
Silly Sally  
The Napping House  
Quick as a Cricket  
Owl Moon  
The Wheels on the Bus  
Teachers Are for Reading Stories

Williams, Sue  
Williams, Vera  
Wood, Audrey

Yolen, Jane  
Zelinsky, Paul  
Ziefert, Harriet

## Non-Fiction

To make reading enjoyable, choose expository books that reflect your child's interests. Here are some outstanding authors of non-fiction books for children.

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Barton, Byron  
Brown, Marc  
Dorling Kindersley  
Publishing  
Fowler, Allan  
Gibbons Gail  
Hoban, Tana  
Jeunesse, Gallimard  
Leedy, Loreen  
Martin Jr., Bill  
Morris, Ann  
Most, Bernard  
Rockwell, Ann