

## Summer Reading for Kindergarten

Reading to children is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure success in school.

This summer we would like each Kindergarten family to READ, READ, READ! Make it a family goal to read at least 10 books together each month, maybe even more. Visits to the library and participation in the library's summer reading program are wonderful ways to keep your child excited about books.

Here are some tips to help make this family reading time an enjoyable learning time.

- Have your child select some of the books you read.
- Talk about different parts of the book such as the front, back, title, author, illustrator, beginning, & end.
- Read slowly and vary your voice by using lots of intonation and stress.
- Allow your child to hold the book and turn the pages — show them how to turn one page at a time.
- Talk about the story; relate it to your child's own experiences.
- Check your child's face and behavior for signs of boredom or fatigue and end the reading time — you can always read again later.
- Repeat what your child says, adding words to make it a complete thought or sentence (Child: "Look — car." Adult: "Yes, that is a bright yellow car!")
- Compliment your child on attempts to read. Tell your child that he/she is becoming a reader!
- Remember, make reading together FUN and STRESS-FREE!

We hope that each Kindergarten family has a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We will see you in August!

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