



# WEST MILFORD 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](http://West Milford Township Public Library). You can access Summer Reading information on their website at [wmtl.org](http://wmtl.org)

Reading over summer vacation may not be a priority for children, but parents and teachers should make it one. Why? Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and **critical thinking skills** for the coming year. Literacy expert Julie Wood believes that it is necessary for children to **read on a daily basis** in order to maintain literacy skills learned in the previous school year.

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!

*Daniel R. Novak*

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## Suggested Titles:

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?*

## **Family Read-Aloud**

### **Author**

Atwater, Richard  
Blume, Judy  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Gannett, Ruth Stiles  
Jenkins, Emily  
McKay, Hilary  
White, E.B.

### **Title**

Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Freckle Juice  
Bink and Gollie  
My Father's Dragon  
Toys Go Out  
Lulu series  
Charlotte's Web

## **Nonfiction Titles**

The best part about nonfiction is being able to explore any topic that interests you. You can learn about thousands of things! What's your favorite nonfiction topic and do you know where to find it in the library? If you need some help getting started, here are some suggestions:

### **Author**

Ahmed, Roda  
Gibbons, Gail  
Keating, Jess  
McAnulty, Stacy  
Meltzer, Brad  
Messner, Kate  
Geographic for Kids  
Pallotta, Jerry  
Sports Illustrated for Kids  
Various authors

### **Title**

Mae Among the Stars  
My...book (various sports ex. soccer)  
World of Weird Animal series  
Our Universe series  
I Am biography series  
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt National  
Various Titles  
Who Would Win series  
Rookie Books (various sports)  
Blastoff! Readers (various titles & topics)

## **Favorite Fiction Authors**

Barnett, Mac  
Brown, Peter  
Carle, Eric  
Cronin, Doreen  
DePaola, Tomie  
Dyckman, Ame  
Gomi, Taro  
John, Jory  
Henkes, Kevin  
Jeffers, Oliver  
Kang, Anna  
Mora, Oge

Numeroff, Laura  
Parr, Todd  
Pinkney, Jerry  
Rosenthal, Amy Krouse  
Reynolds, Peter H.  
Santat, Dan  
Shannon, David  
Tullet, Herve  
Underwood, Deborah  
Willems, Mo  
Wilson, Karma  
Yoon, Salina

### **Also consider reading:**

- Books of personal interest
- Other books by the same authors
- Fairy tales
- Nursery rhymes

- Old favorites, over and over!