



### Parents & Guardians

Our summer reading program is based upon these four goals:

- (1) Maintain learning gains from school year,
- (2) Develop stronger reading skills,
- (3) Expose children to quality literature, and
- (4) Encourage a love of books.

#### Ideas to support your child's summer reading:

- Set aside time each day for reading
- Read together as a family
- Allow your child to choose the book
- Plan regular visits to the library
- Listen to audiobooks in the car
- Participate in the summer programs at the local library

#### How to Rock the Read Aloud

- Read with expression. Try creating different voices for different characters.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the characters, pictures, and words.
- Talk about the story with your child. Did he or she like it? Why?
- Your child may want you to read the same story over and over again. After several retellings, ask your child to tell *you* the story.
- Model Making Connections: Strong readers aren't passive—their minds are constantly making connections between what they read and the world around them. As you read, pause to connect the book to other books you have read together, to your memories, or to places or events you both know.

# Entering Kindergarten



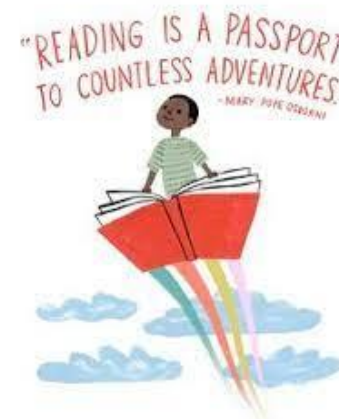
This summer, spend some time exploring the world around you through the books we have compiled! In this brochure you will discover great new books by award-winning authors.

Did you know that you can use the library's lobby/curbside pick-up to borrow books? Or, that many books are available in eAudio or eBook format, too. Not sure how this works? Just ask your librarian.

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## **K - Nonfiction Suggestions**

**Anywhere Farm** by Phyllis Root

**A Seed Grows** by Antoniette Portis

**How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside** by Kari Percival

**The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Patricia Bath (Amazing Scientists)** by Julia Finley Mosca

**Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years** by Stacy McAnulty

**Egg: Nature's Perfect Package**, by Steve Jenkins

**I Promise** by LeBron James

**Joan Procter Dragon Doctor** by Patricia Valdez

**Little People, Big Dreams** (series) by Isabel Sanchez Vegara

### **Parent Read Aloud Recommendations:**

**Elephant and Piggie** (series) by Mo Willems

**Mercy Watson** (series) by Kate DiCamillo

## **K - Fiction Suggestions**

**All Are Welcome** by Alexandra Penfold

**Also** by E.B. Goodale

**Elmore** by Holly Hobbie

**Hot Dog** by Doug Salati

**Every Dog in the Neighborhood** by Phillip Stead

**Eyes That Kiss in the Corners** by Joanna Ho

**Eyes that Speak to the Stars** by Joanna Ho

**Fire Chief Fran** by Linda Ashman

**Fox the Tiger** by Corey R. Tabor

**I Want That Nut!** By Madeline Valentine

**Izzy Gizmo** by Pip Jones

**The Little Red Fort** by Brenda Maier

**Luli and Language of Tea** by Andrea Wang

**Mango, Abuela, and Me** by Meg Medina

**The Rabbit Listened** by Cori Doerrfeld

**Nigel and the Moon** by Antwan Eady

**This Book Will Not be Fun** by Cirocco Dunlap

**We Don't Eat Our Classmates** by Ryan T. Higgins

**When Spring Comes** by Kevin Henkes

**When Wonder Grows** by Xelena Gonzales

**The Word Collector** by Peter Reynolds

**Bodies are Cool** by Tyler Feder

**Someone Builds the Dream** by Lisa Wheeler

**Wonder Walkers** by Micha Archer