Summer Reading: Kindergarten

Beliefs about Summer Reading

* Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
* Reading aloud to children is one of the most important things a parent can do to help children succeed in school and in life.
* Reading aloud to children stimulates and accelerates a child’s vocabulary, language and literacy development and overall intellectual growth.
* Reading aloud is a “gift” from a parent to a child.
* Reading aloud is based on love.
* Reading aloud fosters a love of books and a love of reading within a child.
* Reading aloud stretches a child’s mind and imagination.

Adapted from Susan Frankenberg’s Read Aloud Magic.

<http://www.read-aloud-magic.com>

It is good for children to be familiar with traditional stories.

Snow White

Cinderella

Rumplestiltskin

The Princess and the Pea

Jack and the Beanstalk

Sleeping Beauty

The Three Pigs

Little Red Riding Hood

Beauty and the Beast

The Little Mermaid

The Frog Prince

Hansel and Gretel

Brer Rabbit stories

Paul Bunyon

Pecos Bill

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The Tortoise and the Hare

The Pied Piper

The Ugly Duckling

Puss ‘n’ Boots

The Bremen Town Musicians

Rapunzel

Robin Hood

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Billy Goats Gruff

The Gingerbread Man

The Little Red Hen

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

(Not an exhaustive list.)

## Suggested Titles

Other Fun Narratives:

Dogerella Boelts

One Green Apple and books by Bunting

Biscuit (series) Capucilli

Mercy Watson (series) DiCamillo

The Gruffalo Donaldson

My Lucky Day Kasza

Lissy’s Friends Lin

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes Eric Litwin

How I Became a Pirate Long

Officer Buckle and Gloria Rathmann

Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy Soman

The Cat in the Hat and books by Seuss

Amanda Pig (series) Van Leeuwen

Ira Sleeps Over and books by Waber

The Three Pigs and books by Weisner

Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and books by Willems

How do Dinosaurs Eat Cookies? and books by Yolen

Poetry Authors

Mary Ann Hoberman Douglas Florian

X. J. Kennedy Shel Silverstein

Jack Prelutsky Jane Yolen

##### Informational Texts

My Five Senses Aliki

Dinosaurs: In Your Face! (3D) Bakker

How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses Cobb

I Fall Down Cobb

Jack’s Garden Cole

From Seed to Plant Fowler

The Wolves are Back George

From Seed to Plant Gibbons

How People Learned to Fly Hodgkins

Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships) Holland

Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Hort

Ocean Dive Jewitt

The Boston Tea Party Krol

Astronaut Handbook McCarthy

If You Decide to go to the Moon McNulty

Incredible Animals Morgan

Guess What is Growing Inside this Egg? Posada

One Bean Rockwell

Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story... Sayre

Big Tracks, Little Tracks Selsam

Nothing but Trouble Stauffacher

Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln St. George

The Kids’ Guide to Money Cents Thomas

Frog Scientist Turner

Zinnia’s Flower Garden Wellington

Mammoths on the Move Wheeler

Everything Reptile Winner

“Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.”

- Marilyn Jager Adams