Guilford Public Schools
Suggestions for Summer Reading
Entering Kindergarten

Families are encouraged to share a variety of books with their children, alphabet and counting books, stories emphasizing colors and shapes, rhyming tales, poetry and especially nursery rhymes.

It is suggested that when a child is read to, the adult points out the cover, title and author's name and lines of print and talks about the illustrations. During and after reading talk about characters and events from the story, make connections to the child's own life and share the love of reading. Children will enjoy becoming familiar with the stories of some of these authors:

Asch, Frank - Moonbear and Little Bird stories.
Aylesworth, Jim - Colorful, kid-friendly stories.
Bateman, Teresa - Irish tales and folktales.
Brett, Jan - This author/illustrator produces detailed illustrations with delightful stories.
Bridwell, Norman - Clifford, the Big Red Dog books.
Brown, Margaret Wise - Author of timeless childhood classics.
Brunhoff, Laurent de - Babar the elephant series.
Carle, Eric - Unique style of illustration using paper collages.
Carlstrom, Nancy White - Stories about families and friendships.
Christelow, Eileen - A variety of animal adventures
Cronin, Doreen - Funny stories about barnyard animals
DePaola, Tomie - Strega Nona series plus dozens of other fiction.
Ehlert, Lois - Brightly illustrated books in simple terms.
Fox, Mem - A variety of fiction titles from Down Under.
Edwards, Pamela Duncan - Wonderful, whimsical alliterative stories
Ernst, Lisa Campbell - Good, simple storytime sharing tales
Galdone, Paul - Reteller of many classic folk tales.
Heine, Helme - Animal adventures that children want to share.
Henkes, Kevin - Uses animals to tell of family and childhood experiences.
Hoban, Tana - Her photographic essays illustrate many concepts.
Hoff, Syd - Animals in human situations in I Can Read series
Hughes, Shirley - Brothers and sisters in familiar situations.
Hutchins, Pat - Often rhyming, always humorous stories with bright illustrations.
Joosse, Barbara - Gentle stories about families and love.
Keats, Ezra Jack - Childhood experiences and emotions are simply portrayed.
Kellogg, Steven - A wide variety of books with colorful, detailed illustrations. Pinkerton dog series are especially enjoyable.
Kraus, Robert - The well-known fly, ladybug, and spider series, as well as other titles.
Lester, Julius - Engaging stories of history and historical figures
Lionni, Leo - Bright collages illustrate stories with thoughtful messages.
MacDonald, Alan - Good natured animal stories.
Martin, Jr. ,Bill - Creative use of language and rhyming.
Mayer, Mercer - Some wordless books and others are funny animal stories.
Meddaugh, Susan - Fun-loving stories about Martha, the dog.

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Minarik, Else - The well-loved Little Bear stories.
Munsch, Robert -Wonderful stories of relationships
Murphy, Mary - Parenting Magazine gold medal winner.
Numeroff, Laura – Behaviors have unusual consequences in the If you give a ....series.
Potter, Beatrix - The classic series of little books to share with little hands.
Rey, H.A. - The mischief of the curious little monkey George has been enjoyed for generations.
Schwartz, Amy - True-to-life stories about children told with humor.
Shannon, David - Stories of naughtiness and childhood shenanigans
Silverman, Erica - wonderfully illustrated folktales retold.
Steig, William - Delightfully funny stores about animal friends.
Stevens, Janet - Great bedtime stories
Waber, Bernard - Two family life series, one with a crocodile named Lyle, the other a boy named Ira**.**
Wells, Rosemary - Delightful stories for young children, especially the series about Max.
Wiseman, Bernard - Enjoyable series about good friends Morris and Boris.
Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth - Great story time read alouds. Illustrations are noteworthy.
Wood, Audrey - Silly stories of fantasy and whimsy.
Zion, Gene - Harry the Dirty Dog is an irresistible pup.
Zolotow, Charlotte - Wonderful looks at common childhood experiences.