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Dear Sparke Kindergarten Families,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! As you know, literacy skills are crucial for school success, and we believe that “practice makes perfect.” With that in mind, we encourage our students and their families to visit the public library and participate in the Summer Reading Program. A suggested reading list is enclosed. Students who participate will be acknowledged in September. Last year, we had a record number of students participate, and we hope to surpass those numbers this summer!

In addition, we have developed a short, mandatory literacy assignment for our incoming Kindergarten students. Please have your child choose a favorite nursery rhyme and illustrate it. If your child also can memorize the nursery rhyme – even better! Children should bring their illustrations to school during the first week of school. Nursery rhyme books are available at the public library, and we will post nursery rhymes on the school website too. Rhyming is an important literacy skill, and listening to and learning nursery rhymes is a fun way to build this skill.

We look forward to seeing you in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Very truly yours,

Penny E. Fisher, Ed.D.

J. FRED SPARKE SCHOOL SUMMER READS!

Suggested Books for Students Entering Kindergarten

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book" - Dr. Seuss

Fiction

- Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett
- Pete the Cat (I Can Read Series) by James Dean
- We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen
- Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney
- Are You My Mother? By P.D. Eastman
- Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
- Go Away Big, Green Monster! By Ed Emberley
- Olivia by Ian Falconer
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr.
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- Brownie and Pearl Series by Cynthia Rylant
- Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat
- Trucktown Series by Jon Scieszka
- Mr. Brown Can Moo by Dr. Seuss
- The Pigeon Series by Mo Willems
- Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems

Nonfiction

- Nursery Rhymes
- Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky
- National Geographic Readers : Various Topics
- Wet Pet (Flip a Word Series) by Yukiko Kido

Enjoy these or other books by recommended authors!

EBook & Database Access

Students can link to the following paid subscription databases directly by visiting the **FINDIT!** tab on the Stokes Library Webpage or accessing the site directly and using the given usernames and passwords.

Visit www.islandtrees.org
Scroll over "Departments"
Click "Library and Media"
Click "Sparke"
Click *findit!*
Login: *info*
Password: *info*

Scholastic BookFlix

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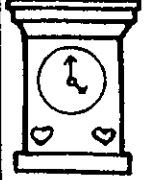
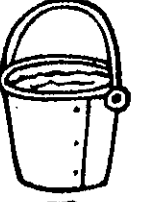
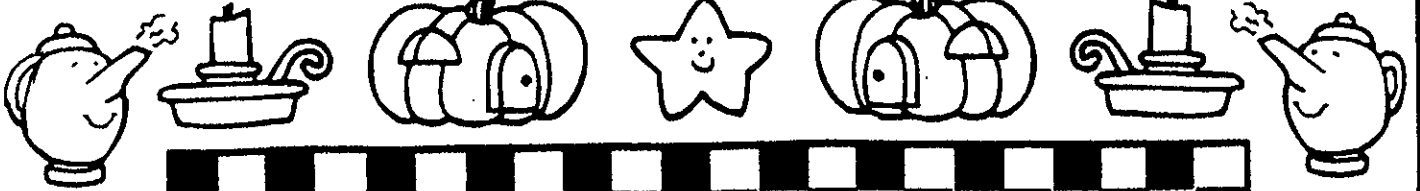
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Happy Reading! - Mrs. FitzGerald



Name: _____

My favorite Nursery Rhyme is _____

Here is a picture of my favorite part.

