



Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to St. John's Kindergarten! We are very excited for the upcoming year, and we wanted to connect with you. As summer begins and the children are out of school, it is important to remember that they are still developing. To aid in that development, the most beneficial thing you can do this summer is to read to and with your child.

Over the summer, we ask that you continue to create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together in your family. To help support this routine, we have compiled a list of books written by Mo Willems that we would like you to read with your kindergartener this summer. Some of you may know Mo Willems as the author of the Elephant and Piggie or the Pigeon books, and we are hoping to broaden your families' knowledge of his books by encouraging you to read more books by this author. Throughout the school year, all of kindergarten will be exploring his books with a variety of literacy activities.

As you engage your child in creating a reading routine there are several different ways to create a love of reading within your family such as: you may want to invite different members of your family to reread the book, take turns reading a page of the story, act out the story, use puppets to tell the story, create an art project, or even bring the book with you on a family outing.

To help your child get excited about the summer reading, we are including a list of favorite books and we encourage you to read as many as possible.

We look forward to hearing about the many creative and different ways in which your family celebrated a particular book in the weeks of the summer. Have fun reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jan Breed, Mrs. Katie Burkhead, and Mrs. Morgan Miller
Mrs. Holly Maxwell, Dr. Julie Neubach, and Mrs. Connie Cook

Books by Mo Willems:

The Pigeon Has to go to School!
Edwina the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She was Extinct
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs
Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator
Knuffle Bunny
Leonardo and the Terrible Monster
Nannette's Baguette
That is Not a Good Idea
Any Elephant and Piggie book
Any Pigeon book

Please don't forget that the local public library most likely has these very popular books in their collection for you to check-out. As well as being a great resource, the public library can be a valuable routine that promotes reading for your entire family.