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Dear Families,

Did you know that when children read over the summer, they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? As the school year wraps up, and we look ahead to our summer plans, we encourage each of you to set aside dedicated time for reading. Summer is a wonderful time to continue the growth and progress you have made all year while doing something enjoyable.

This summer, we are inviting you to join us in reading. Together, we will participate in the WES Summer Reading Challenge. The goal is for the students to read the allotted number of books based on their grade level while having fun! There are multiple ways to participate in this challenge. You can read to your child, your child can read to you or your child can read independently. We will be providing incentives for students who successfully participate. If you complete your reading log and return it to your teacher at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year, you will earn a gift card for the school store, a bookmark, and an ice cream party in September. All participants will be entered in a raffle to win a gift card to Barnes & Noble (1 winner per grade level).

If you 'get caught reading' throughout the summer, please email a picture to Mrs. Schlatter at [Sandra.schlatter@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:Sandra.schlatter@edison.k12.nj.us) or tag us on Instagram @washelemedison.

Please complete the attached reading log and return to your teacher in the new school year by Thursday, September 12th. Attached is a list of suggested books by grade level that can be found at your local library or bookstore though you are allowed to read any book of your choosing. We look forward to seeing all of our WES readers this summer!

Happy Reading,  
Mrs. Schlatter & Ms. Vu

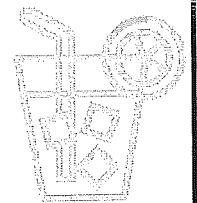
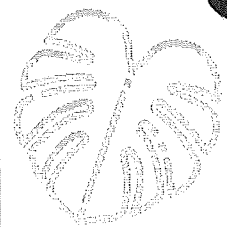
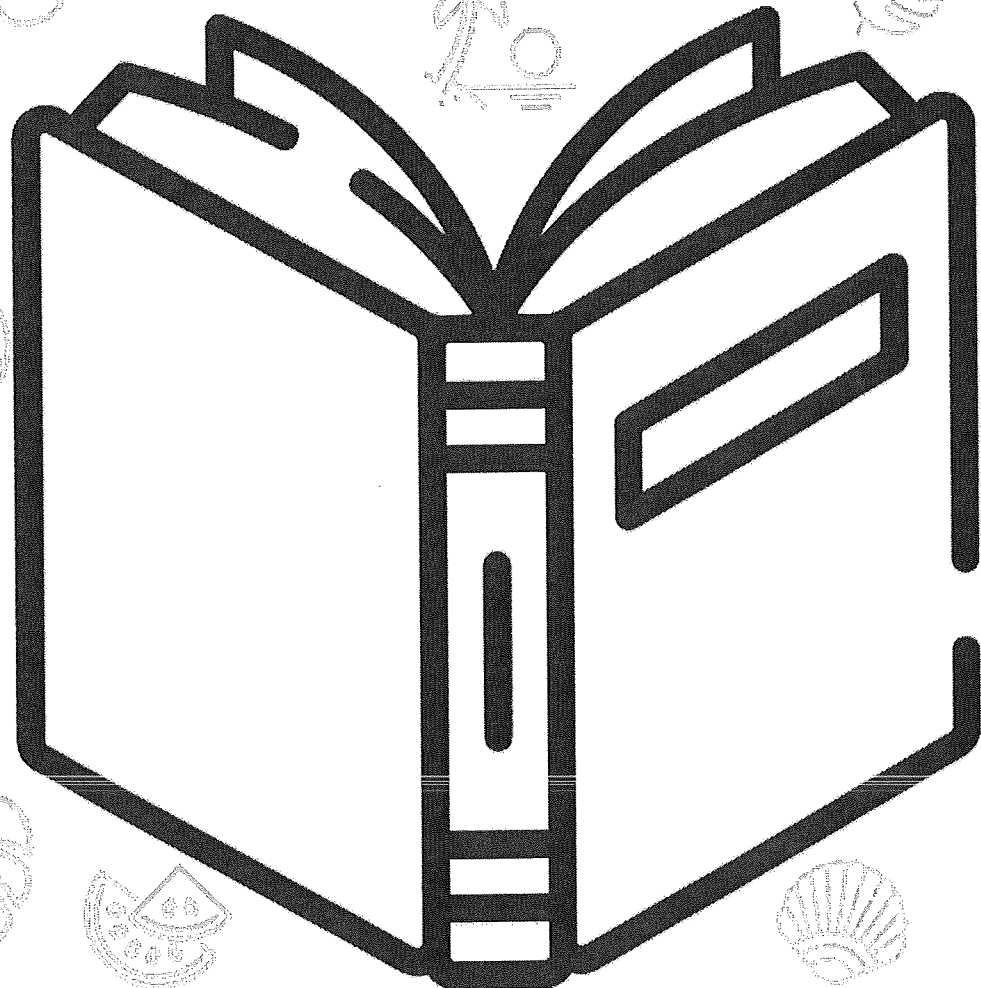
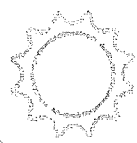


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# SUMMER READING

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# SUMMER READING LOG

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Please complete both sides. Return to your teacher by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

# 100 BOOKS to Read in Kindergarten



## Classics

- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
- Freight Train by Donald Crews
- Corduroy by Don Freeman
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
- Swimmy by Leo Lionni
- There's a Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- Curious George by H.A. Rey
- Doctor De Soto by William Steig
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Green Shaw
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

## Concepts

- Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Kitten Red, Yellow, Blue by Peter Catalano
- Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose by Leo & Diane Dillon
- Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
- Alpha Oops! The Day the Z Went First by Melissa Knolls
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.
- SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod
- Richard Scarry's Best Counting Book Ever by Richard Scarry

## Silly Stories

- Shark vs. Train by Chris Eaton
- The Baby Beebeebird by Diane Maclellan
- Down the Back of the Chair by Margaret Mahy
- Piggy Pie by Mangle Palatka
- Smash! Crash! by Jon Scieszka
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
- The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza) by Phyllis Stamps
- When a Monster Is Born by Sean Taylor
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
- King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood

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## Animal Stories

- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
- Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
- Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
- Kiss Good Night by Amy Hest
- Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats
- Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester
- Widget by Lyn McFarland
- Panda Kindergarten by Joanne Ryder
- Widget by Lyn McFarland
- Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

## Cumulative

- Jack's House by Karen Blal
- There Was an Old Monster by Rebecca Emberly
- Mushroom in the Rain retold by Mena Gensberg
- Jump, Frog, Jump! by Reuben Kaban
- A Boy Had a Mother Who Bought Him a Hat by Karis Kunkin
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- The Great Gracie Chase by Cynthia Rylant
- The House in the Night by Susan Meiss Szwarcen
- The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams
- The Nepping House by Audrey Woods

## Folk and Fairy Tales

- The Frog with the Big Mouth by Teresa Bateman
- The Mitten by Jan Brett
- Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa by Niki Daly
- Strega Nona by Tomie de Fozza
- Rubia and the Three Osos by Susan Middleton Elya
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff retold by Fred Galloway
- Hansel and Gretel by Rachel Isadora
- Ananzi and the Moss Covered Rock by Eric Kimmel
- Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India by Genie Gadamant
- Tikki Tikki Tembo retold by Arlene Mosel
- The Three Bears by Genevieve Spin
- Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
- Lon Po Po by Ed Young
- Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zeinsky
- It Could Always Be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale retold by Margot Zemach

## Stories in Rhyme

- Move Over, Rover! by Kamin Beaumont
- Old MacDonald Drives a Tractor by Don Carter
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guzon
- Bats at the Library by Brian Lies
- A Train Goes Clickety-Clack by Jonathan London
- Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? by Dr. Seuss
- The Ionius Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie by Judy Sierra
- The Best Time of Day by Elise Spivack
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? by Jane Yolen

## School Stories

- Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson
- Kindergarten Countdown by Anna Jane Hays
- Owen by Kevin Henkes
- Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London
- Wow! School! by Robert Neubecker
- Officer Buckle and Gloria by Froggy Rabinowitz
- The New Girl— and Me by Jacqui Robbins
- The Twelve Days of Kindergarten by Deborah Rose
- Miss Kindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

## Friends and Families

- Martha Doesn't Say Sorry by Stanáhus Berger
- A Splendid Friend, Indeed by Suzanne Bloom
- I'm the Best! by Lucy Coats
- Olivia by Ian Falconer
- My Grandma=Mi Abuelita by Ginger Foglesong Guy
- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
- Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
- Today I Will Fly! (An Elephant and Piggie book) by Mo Willems
- A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

My favorite books are:

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# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

How many of these challenges can you complete over the summer?! Once you have completed a challenge, color in the picture. See if you can finish all of them!

Read on vacation 	Read under a table 	Read at the beach 	Read on a rainy day 
Read aloud with a funny accent 	Read with a flashlight 	Read to a pet 	Read a magazine 
Read at the library 	Read at the pool 	Read in bed 	Read on an airplane 
Read to a stuffed animal 	Read in the car 	Read while eating ice cream 	Read with a friend 