



HOME BASED PROGRAM

Happy Anniversary to our Home Based Program that has been a part of the Cambridge Public Schools for the past 50 years.

The Home-Based Early Childhood Education Program supports parents in their role as their children's first teachers and is their first introduction to the Cambridge Public Schools.

Certified by the ParentChild+ (PC+) Program, a research based national program, this program aims to promote the importance of learning through playful engagement and meaningful relationships. Home Visitors and caregivers work together to explore ways to learn by observing, nurturing curiosity, asking questions, talking and learning from their natural environment to develop a love for life-long learning for young children.

Home Visitors also provide families with important information related to the Cambridge School Department (e.g. 3-year-old lottery, kindergarten registration) and City of Cambridge offerings (Preschool Scholarship Program, Baby University).

An educational toy or activity plus a new book are provided to families without cost each week. Families are encouraged to use the books and materials during the time between home visits. In addition to visiting in home, Home Visitors also meet families at playgrounds, libraries and other community settings.

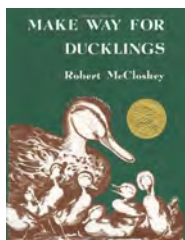
Parents who wish to participate must live in Cambridge, have a child between the ages of 18 months and four years old by October and be available to participate actively in weekly home visits.

To learn more about the Home Based Early Childhood Education Program, please contact:

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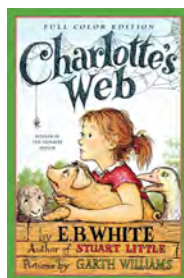
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Make Way for Ducklings

by Robert McCloskey

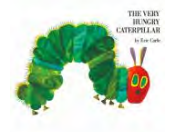
Mrs. Mallard was sure that the pond in the Boston Public Gardens would be a perfect place for her and her eight ducklings to live. The problem was how to get them there through the busy streets of Boston. But with a little help from the Boston police, they arrive safely at their new home.



Charlotte's Web

by E. B. White

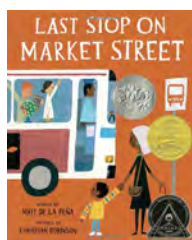
Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle

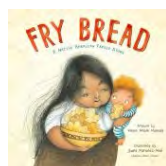
The book features a very hungry caterpillar that eats a variety of foods before pupating and emerging as a butterfly. It has won many children's literature awards and major graphic design awards.



Last Stop On Market Street

Illustrated by Chris Turnham

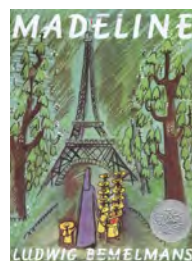
Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.



Fry Bread

by Kevin Noble Maillard

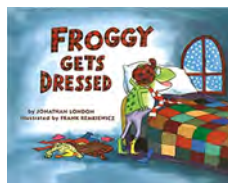
highlights the importance of a certain food in generations of a family and in the culture they share. With spare text and warm illustrations by Juana Martinez-Neal, the author shows that fry bread is not just food but also art, history, a sense of place, and more.



Madeline

by Ludwig Bemelmans

Nothing frightens Madeline—not tigers, not even mice. With its endearing, courageous heroine, cheerful humor, and wonderful, whimsical drawings of Paris, the Madeline stories are true classics that continue to charm readers, even after 75 years!



Froggy Gets Dressed

by Jonathan London

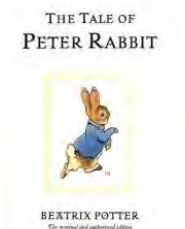
Froggy wakes up to snow and wants to go out and play. He learns what to wear to stay warm in the cold weather.



Sofia Valdez, Future Prez

by Andrea Beaty

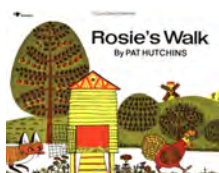
Young readers who join Sofia in her story will learn that they can make a difference, help their community, or one day become president of the United States!



The Tale of Peter Rabbit

by Beatrix Potter

The Tale of Peter Rabbit is the original classic by Beatrix Potter. The Tale of Peter Rabbit was first published by Frederick Warne in 1902 and endures as Beatrix Potter's most popular and well-loved tale. It tells the story of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden!



Rosies Walk

by Pat Hutchins

Rosie the hen goes out for a walk...and has no idea that a sly fox is following her! Unwittingly, she leads him into one mishap after the other, each funnier than the last.



Goodnight Moon

by Margaret Wise Brown

In a great green room, tucked away in bed, is a little bunny. "Goodnight room, goodnight moon." And to all the familiar things in the softly lit room—to the picture of the three little bears sitting on chairs, to the clocks and his socks, to the mittens and the kittens, to everything one by one—the little bunny says goodnight.