



# JORDAN BANK KINDERGARTEN CENTER

## 2026 SUMMER READING PROJECT

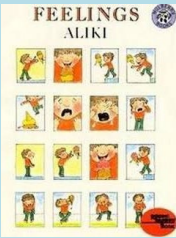
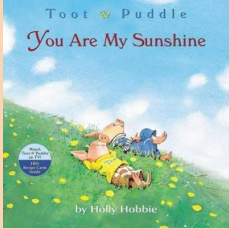
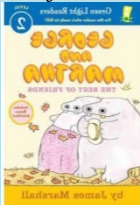
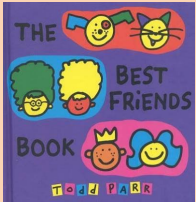
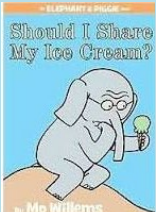
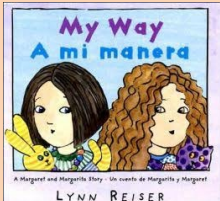


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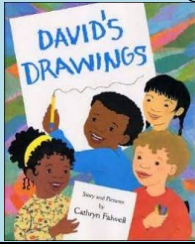
**\*\*Books are meant to be read by or with an adult\*\***

### THEME: **FRIENDSHIP AND EMPATHY**

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LEVEL
<p><i>How Full is your Bucket? For Kids</i></p> 	Rath, Tom & Reckmeyer, Mary	<FICTION> This book is told through the story of a boy who learns a valuable “bucket filling” metaphor and watches it come to life as the day unfolds. Every moment matters. Each of us has an invisible bucket. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it’s empty, we feel awful. Yet most children (and many adults) don’t realize the importance of having a full bucket throughout the day.	AD560L
<p><i>Just My Friend and Me</i></p> 	Mercer Mayer	<FICTION> The very popular Little Critter has a friend over to play and tries his best to be a good host. It's a long afternoon. After his friend damages Little Critter's bike by accident, leaves him in the tree house without a ladder, and doesn't help clean up his room, Little Critter decides that playing alone isn't always bad.	AD530L
<p><i>Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners</i></p> 	Keller, Laurie	<INFORMATIONAL> Mr. Rabbit's new neighbors are Otters, but he doesn't know anything about otters. Will they get along? Will they be friends? “Just treat otters the same way you'd like them to treat you.”, advises Mr. Owl.	AD460L
<p><i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i></p> 	Lobel, Arnold	<FICTION> From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other—just as best friends should be.	400L
<p><i>My Friend Rabbit</i></p> 	Rohman, Eric	<FICTION> When Mouse lets his best friend, Rabbit, play with his brand-new airplane, trouble isn't far behind. This picture book is about friends, toys, and trouble.	BR

<p><i>Feelings</i></p> 	<p>Aliko</p>	<p>&lt;INFORMATIONAL&gt; Happy, sad, shy, excited--how do you feel? Sometimes it's hard to explain your feelings. This book has little vignettes depicted in cartoon format.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p><i>You are my Sunshine (Toot and Puddle)</i></p> 	<p>Hobbie, Holly</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the flowers are in full bloom--so why is Toot so blue? In an effort to cheer up his best friend, Puddle bakes Toot's favorite berry cobbler, takes him on a river rafting adventure, invites all of their friends over for a fun-filled day of games, and singing, but nothing seems to help. Just when he is about to give up, a sudden thunderstorm hits Woodcock Pocket, flooding all of Pocket Pond. The next day, Puddle wakes up to find the air cleared...and his old friend back.</p>	<p>AD260L</p>
<p><i>George and Martha: The Best of Friends</i></p> 	<p>Marshall, James</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; This book contains the classic stories "The Attic" and "The Surprise" and includes fun and educational activities!</p>	<p>350L</p>
<p><i>The Best Friends Book</i></p> 	<p>Parr, Todd</p>	<p>&lt;INFORMATIONAL&gt; This upbeat, humorous book describes best friends as friends who accept you as you are, forgive you, share, visit when you are sick, and make you laugh, etc.</p>	<p>AD910L</p>
<p><i>Should I Share My Ice Cream?</i></p> 	<p>Willems, Mo</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; Gerald is careful. Piggy is not. Piggy cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggy does not have to. Gerald and Piggy are best friends.</p>	<p>180L</p>
<p><i>My Way: A mi manera</i></p> 	<p>Reiser, Lynn</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; Meet two very different girls. Do they get along? Do they ever share their favorite things? Of course! They are best friends.</p>	<p>NA</p>

*David's Drawings*

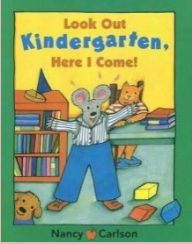
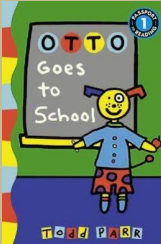

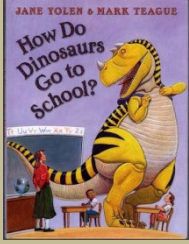



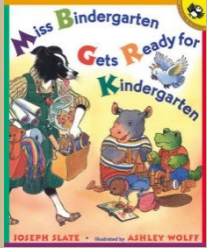
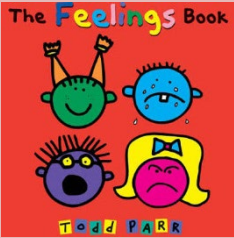
Falwell, Cathryn

<INFORMATIONAL> A shy boy arriving at a new school makes friends with his classmates by letting them join in with a drawing he is doing.

AD150L

**THEME: WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN**

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LEVEL
<p><i>Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!</i></p> 	<p>Carlson, Nancy</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; It's the first day of kindergarten, and Henry is raring to go. First he gets dressed and eats a good breakfast. Then he and mom are off to school. Henry knows he's going to have a busy day: there will be stories to hear, letters and numbers to learn, songs to sing, and friends to make. But when Henry gets to school, it looks scary and for a moment he's not sure he's ready for kindergarten. What Henry soon discovers, though, is that he's been ready all along, and that the only thing he's not ready for is how much fun kindergarten is going to be.</p>	<p>200L</p>
<p><i>Otto Goes to School</i></p> 	<p>Parr, Todd</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; After a breakfast of juice, cereal, and a banana split, Otto goes to school for the first time, where he makes new friends and learns how to wag his tail without knocking things over.</p>	<p>AD570L</p>
<p><i>One Happy Classroom</i></p> 	<p>Simon, Charnan</p>	<p>&lt;INFORMATIONAL&gt; Activities in a happy, busy kindergarten classroom introduce the numbers one to ten.</p>	<p>200L</p>
<p><i>How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?</i></p> 	<p>Yolen, Jane &amp; Teague, Mark</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; Everyone's favorite dinosaurs are back--and this time they are going to school. More fun dinosaur antics await. These prehistoric pupils are in a class of their own!</p>	<p>AD490L</p>
<p><i>My School / Mi Escuela</i></p> 	<p>Foglesong-Guy, Ginger</p>	<p>&lt;INFORMATIONAL&gt; Written in both Spanish and English, this title takes readers through an exciting day at school. Introducing a simple concept per page, each spread features a scene, with the English word on one side and the Spanish on the other.</p>	<p>BR</p>

<p><i>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten</i></p> 	<p>Slate, Joseph</p>	<p>&lt;FICTION&gt; It's the first day of kindergarten and Miss Bindergarten is hard at work getting the classroom ready for her twenty-six new students. Meanwhile, Adam Krupp wakes up, Brenda Heath brushes her teeth, and Christopher Beaker finds his sneaker. Miss Bindergarten puts the finishing touches on the room just in time, and the students arrive. Now the fun can begin! This rhyming, brightly illustrated book is the perfect way to practice the alphabet and to introduce young children to kindergarten.</p>	<p>AD590L</p>
<p><i>The Feelings Book</i></p> 	<p>Parr, Todd</p>	<p>&lt;INFORMATIONAL&gt; A surprising and silly book about moods, featuring such musings as "Sometimes I feel like staying in the bathtub all day", and "Sometimes I feel brave", illustrated with bold, bright, childlike drawings. Perfect for parents and teachers to use as a springboard for discussion about feelings.</p>	<p>AD380L</p>

**\*\* ASSIGNMENT:** Read one Fiction book and one Informational (Nonfiction) book from the list above. Please have your child draw a picture of their favorite part of the book and give it to your kindergarten teacher by September 30, 2026.

Remember to include the book title and your child's name on the work.\*\*

***Our goal at this level is to promote the love of reading.  
Therefore, we encourage you to read as much as possible with your children.***