WESTCHESTER
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Rising Kindergarten Summer Reading

Dear Families,

This summer, we encourage you to explore exciting stories in unconventional places where you and your kindergartner can embark on literary adventures together. Whether it's a cozy spot in your backyard, a hidden nook in a local park, or even a makeshift fort in your living room, the possibilities are endless!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

1. **Backyard Picnic:** Spread out a blanket, grab your child's favorite book, and enjoy a storytime picnic under the open sky.
2. **Indoor Camping**: Build a fort out of blankets and pillows indoors, and snuggle up with a stack of books for a camping-themed reading adventure.
3. **Nature Walk**: Take a stroll through your neighborhood or a nearby nature trail. Pause to read together whenever you find a cozy spot.
4. **Kitchen Cooking Stories**: Turn mealtime into storytime by reading a cookbook or food-themed story while preparing a meal together in the kitchen.
5. **Library Scavenger Hunt**: Turn a trip to the library into an interactive game by searching for books on specific topics together.
6. **Flashlight Reading Night:** Turn off the lights, grab some flashlights, and read favorite stories together in the dark for a special nighttime adventure.
7. **Stuffed Animal Storytime:** Invite favorite stuffed animals to join in! Your child can “read” to their stuffed friends or create voices for different characters.
8. **Reading Under a Tree:** Find a shady tree at a park or in your yard and enjoy a book together.
9. **Reading to a Pet:** Encourage your child to read aloud to a family pet. Pets make wonderful, patient listeners!
10. **Pajama Story Party:** Put on pajamas early, grab blankets and snacks, and have a family read-aloud night.

Remember, the goal is to have fun and enjoy exciting reading opportunities together. On the following page, you will find a recording sheet with a variety of topics that your kindergartner may wish to explore this summer. Please don’t feel limited to books on these topics - following your student’s lead is the key to this exciting reading adventure!!

Rising Kindergarten Summer Reading Recording Sheet

Get ready to embark on an amazing reading adventure! This summer, we encourage you to read books about as many topics as you can! Use this recording sheet to help keep track of the books you read. Color in the book beside each topic once you have read a story about it. Bring your recording sheet with you on the first day of school so we can celebrate your summer reading adventure together. Did we miss some of your favorite topics? Feel free to add to this list! Bring your recording sheet with you when you meet your teacher in August!

Happy Reading!

 the zoo	 superheros	 outer space
 sports	 weather	 a pet
 insects	 school	 food
 friendship	 dinosaurs	 a mountain
 colors	 seasons	 a party
 poetry	 a fairy tale	 plants
 an island	 a new place	 wild animals
 a game	 family	 the beach