

Crossroads Academy
Incoming Kindergarten Suggested Reading List
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Incoming Kindergarten Summer Reading

Read, read, read!!! Summer vacation is a good time for children to develop the habit of daily reading. Reading will help children with comprehension and vocabulary development. It also engages their imagination and sparks their interests.

Crossroads Academy teachers recommend setting aside a daily time (or two!) for reading aloud to your child for at least 15 minutes. When you read aloud together, deliberately turn the page from the corner and point to the words as you read left to right. Encourage your child to join in when you read familiar or repetitive stories, to identify rhymes, and to retell the story. In addition, help your child to establish an independent “Book Look” reading time for at least 5-8 minutes each day. A “Book Look” in the kindergarten classroom is when a child is independently looking at books, reading aloud, retelling familiar stories, or reciting predictable books from memory. If your child is an independent beginning reader, please encourage him/her to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes. Most children entering kindergarten are not yet reading. All children enjoy being read. Share your love of reading!

Your local libraries and bookstores have a variety of fine literature selections. Children at this age enjoy reading about some of these popular topics:

Books About Me
Family Stories
Predictable Books (stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm)
Cumulative Books (stories that build on and repeat)
Beginning, Middle, and End Concepts
Color and Counting Books
Caldecott Winners and Honor Books
Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes
Folktales and Fairy Tales
Friendship Stories
Alphabet Books
Poetry
Books About School
Non-fiction and Science: Information Books

Some popular children’s authors for preschool and kindergarten-age children include: Frank Asch, Norman Birdwell, Molly Bang, Tomie de Paola, Nancy Carlson, Eric Carle, Eve Bunting, Donald Crews, Doreen Cronin, Lois Ehlert, Keven Henkes, Anne Rockwell, Arnold Lobel, Robert McCloskey, Patricia Polacco, Dr. Seuss, Tana Hoban, Judith Viorst, Rosemary Wells, Audrey Wood, Mo Willems, Jane Yolen, and Maurice Sendak...just to name a few.

Happy reading!