

2010 Summer Reading Ideas for Students Entering Pre-K & K From the Trask Library at William Penn Charter School



Picture Books (*books in series)

Ahlberg, Allan

The Pencil

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins.

Bryan, Jennifer

The Different Dragon

One of Noah's moms tells a bedtime story (with Noah's help) about his amazing adventure in which he taught a dragon that being different is just fine.

Curtis, Jamie Lee

Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born

A young girl begs to hear once again the story of the night she was born and how her parents traveled by plane to meet her and adopt her into their family.

Dunbar, Joyce

The Monster Who Ate Darkness

A boy with a fear of darkness and a hungry little monster who eats darkness end up helping each other.

Eaton, Maxwell

The Adventures of Max and Pinky: Superheroes*

When Max and Pinky decide to play superheroes, Pinky gets stuck with all of the unappealing sidekick duties, until Max finds himself in real trouble.

Feiffer, Jules

Bark, George

When George's mother asks him to bark all he can do is say other animal sounds like oink, meow, moo. What's going on with George? Will he be able to bark like a puppy should?

Feldman, Eve

Billy & Milly Short & Silly

Just a few rhyming words are used to tell each of the adventures of Billy and Milly.

Fox, Mem

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

Rhyming text compares babies born in different places and in different circumstances, but they all share the commonality of ten little fingers and ten little toes.

Henkes, Kevin

Chrysanthemum

Chrysanthemum has loved her unusual name until her first day at school when her classmates tease her. Miss Twinkle, however, helps her realize that her name is special.

Hills, Tad

Duck, Duck, Goose

Duck and Goose face a challenge to their friendship when an enthusiastic young duck moves into their neighborhood who wants to play - and win - all sorts of games.

Hoban, Tana

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*

Photographs of familiar objects such as a chair, barrettes, and a manhole cover present a study of rounded and angular shapes.

Jenkins, Steve

Actual Size

Jenkins uses collages to recreate the actual sizes of different animals (sometimes only fitting a portion of the animal on the page, like an elephant's foot) and give fun facts, too.

Johnson, Crockett *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Harold uses his fantastic purple crayon to draw himself some wonderful adventures.

Lionni, Leo *Frederick**

While Frederick the field mouse sat on the wall, his brothers gathered food for the winter. Although they accused him of not doing his share of the work, when the food runs out Frederick saves the day.

Martin, Bill *Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom*

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Masurel, Claire *Two Homes*

In this simple book, a young child named Alex explains how s/he has two of everything in the homes, but that both parents love Alex.

McCarthy, Meghan *Astronaut Handbook*

Journey aboard the "Vomit Comet" where the students of an astronaut school learn what it is like to do this exciting job by experiencing weightlessness, getting their measurements taken for a space suit, and performing a space walk.

McLeod, Bob *Superhero ABC*

Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A-Z.

McMullan, Kate and Jim *I Stink!*

A garbage truck describes his day complete with lots of great illustrations, sound effects, and an A-Z alphabet list of garbage items.

Oxenbury, Helen *ABC of Things*

Introduces the letters of the alphabet with words describing the various objects in the illustrations.

Parr, Todd *The Family Book*

The illustrations and text show a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike in some ways and special no matter what.

Pinkney, Jerry *Lion and Mouse* (2010 Caldecott Winner)

This wordless picture book tells the fable of the lion and the mouse.

Pinkwater, Daniel *The Big Orange Splot*

When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his neat house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood.

Portis, Antoinette *A Penguin Story*

Edna the penguin tries to find something in her surroundings that is not black, white, or blue.

Rey, H.A. *Curious George Gets a Medal*

Following a day of misadventures, Curious George becomes the first space monkey.

Rohmann, Eric *A Kitten Tale*

As four kittens who have never seen winter watch the seasons pass, three of them declare the reasons they will dislike snow when it arrives, while the fourth cannot wait to experience it for himself.

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse *Duck! Rabbit!*

Is it a duck or a rabbit? It all depends on how you look at it.

Scanlon, Liz Garton *All the World* (Caldecott Honor)

Family members explore wonderful things in nature that happen from morning through night.

Schotter, Roni *Room For Rabbit*

Now that Kara's father has remarried, his house feels very cluttered with all of Peggy's things. Kara and her rabbit worry that there isn't room for them any more.

Shannon, David *Too Many Toys*

Although he finally agrees that he has too many toys and needs to give them away, there is one toy that Spencer absolutely cannot part with.

Slate, Joseph *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*

Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten.

Steig, William *Pete's a Pizza*

Pete's mother and father try to cheer him up by pretending that they are making a pizza out of him.

Thomas, Jan *Rhyming Dust Bunnies**

As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

Watt, Melanie *Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach*

Scaredy Squirrel doesn't like crowds so he doesn't go to the beach, he builds his own. However, something is missing so he needs to go to the real beach and retrieve it.

Webb, Steve *Tanka, Tanka, Skunk!*

Uses animal names to introduce rhythmic language and rhyme, as Tanka the elephant and his friend Skunk play drums to keep the beat.

Wells, Rosemary *Yoko's World of Kindness**

Collection of six stories, featuring Yoko and her friends at Hilltop School, about various challenges in school.

Willems, Mo *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**

The bus driver leaves after making the reader promise not to let the pigeon drive the bus. The pigeon tries all sorts of tactics to change the reader's mind.

Williams, Karen Lynn *A Beach Tail*

At the beach, Gregory finds a stick and draws a lion. Told by his father to stay close to the lion, Gregory sets off down the beach, drawing the lion's tale along the way.

Winters, Jeanette *Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story From Africa*

As a child, Wangari Maathai loved the trees of her home, Kenya. After returning to her country from studying abroad, she was appalled at the decimation of the landscape. Her efforts to plant trees and educate other women about their importance have made a lasting impact on Kenya as more than 30 million trees have since been planted by the members of her Green Belt Movement.

Zolotow, Charlotte *I Like to Be Little*

A little girl, answering her mother's question about why she likes to be little, describes some of the special pleasures of being a child.

Easy Readers (*books in series)

Ada, Alma Flor *Daniel's Mystery Egg*
When he finds an egg, Daniel and his friends try to guess what is inside.

Capucilli, Alyssa *Biscuit Wants to Play**
The puppy Biscuit makes friends with two kittens.

Dunrea, Olivier *Gossie and Gertie**
Gossie and Gertie are best friends and everywhere Gossie goes, Gertie goes too--except when she doesn't, and sometimes that's even better.

Hoff, Syd *Chester*
A wild horse searches for someone to love and care for him.

McMullan, Kate *Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day**
April Fools' Day is not a happy one for Wagner the mouse because his best friend, Pearl the rabbit, and other children and adults at school keep tricking him.

Rylant, Cynthia *Poppleton and Friends**
Poppleton the pig goes to the beach, solves a lint mystery, and learns that friends are the secret to a long life.

Van Leeuwen, J. *Tales of Oliver Pig**
Five tales about Oliver and the Pig Family sharing the routines of family life, such as baking cookies and getting ready for a visit from Grandmother.

Willems, Mo *Cat the Cat Who is That?**
Cat the Cat says hello to her friends until she comes upon an alien. She's a bit confused until she decides it's a new friend.

Books for Parents

Allyn, Pam *What to Read When: The Books and Stories to Read with Your Child—and All the Best Times to Read Them*
Pam Allyn celebrates the power of reading aloud with children. Not only can parents entertain their child and convey the beauty of language through books, they can also share their values and create lasting connections.

Codell, Esme Raji *How to Get Your Child to Love Reading*
"For ravenous and reluctant readers alike, this book includes activities, ideas, and inspiration for exploring everything in the world through books." -- Front cover

Collins, Chase *Tell Me a Story: Creating Bedtime Tales Your Children Will Dream On*
This practical guide outlines the process of developing a good story and making it your own. It leads parents step by step through the wondrously fulfilling art of creating bedtime tales from scratch.

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