Pembroke Pines Charter East Elementary

Suggested Summer Reading List 2013

Incoming Kindergarten

**Things families can do to help incoming Kindergarteners get ready for the fall**

* **READ TO YOUR CHILD DAILY!**
* Talk with your child about daily experiences.
* Practice recognizing letters, letter sounds and writing letters.
* Help your child learn to write and recognize his/her name.
* Practice counting, recognizing and writing numbers.
* Encourage your child to label pictures s/he draws, write notes to friends and family, and make lists.
* Be excited about the new experience to come! If you have any anxiety about the experience, don’t let your child know.

Reading aloud to your child is very important. Children who are read to regularly usually become successful readers. It is helpful to lightly run your finger under the words as you read in order to help your child develop the left to right tracking for reading. Talking about the stories will also help your child develop comprehension and speaking skills. Playing with rhymes and other sound games are very important for developing an awareness of sounds in words, which will later lead to the ability to use phonics and decode words.

Letter recognition is also an important pre-reading skill.

Picture Books

Arnold, Tedd. No Jumping on the Bed!

Appelt, Kathi. Bubba and Beau, Best Friends

Baker, Keith. The Magic Fan

Dewdney, Anne. Llama, Llama Misses Mama

Dorros, Arthur. Abuela

Ehlert, Lois. Leaf Man

Havill, Juanita. Jamaica Tag-Along

Hoberman, Mary Ann. A House Is A House For Me

James, Simon. Baby Brains

Keats, Ezra-Jack. Jennie’s Hat

Krauss, Ruth. The Growing Story

Lester, Helen. A Porcupine Named Fluffy

Lewis, Rose. Every Year On Your Birthday

Lionni, Leo. Swimmy

Portis, Antoinette. Kindergarten Diary

Rathman, Peggy. Ruby the Copy Cat

Shannon, David. Too Many Toys

Slate, Joseph. Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten

Wells, Rosemary. Emily’s First 100 Days of School

Chapter Books

Blume, Judy. Freckle Juice

Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the Pest\*

Cousins, Lucy. Yummy

Gannett, Ruth. My Father's Dragon\*

Haywood, Carolyn. “B” is for Betsy”\*

Peterson, John. The Littles\*

{ \*Look for other books in this series! }

Non-Fiction

Aston, Diana. An Egg is Quiet

Baines, Becky. The Bones You Own: A Book About the Human Body

Hoberman, Mary Ann. Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers: A Collection of Family Poems

Jenkins, Steve. Move!

Jenkins, Steve. What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?

Kerely, Barbara. You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and

Kids Around the World.

Markle, Sandra. How Many Baby Pandas?

Yolen, Jan. Here’s A Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry