** Summer Reading Recommendations for Rising Kindergartners**

Dear Parents,

Reading over the summer can give our BTCS students HUGE benefits in reading proficiency as well as in all subjects. We want to encourage you to take advantage of any and all opportunities to give your child access to books over the summer break and to prevent learning loss.





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Below is a list of books for independent reading that support kindergarten grade content. These books would be excellent choices for summer reading. Most of them are available at public libraries. If you do choose to purchase one of these books, your child’s teacher would greatly appreciate a donation of any of these titles to add to the classroom library so that other students may have the opportunity to read the book as well.



**MODULE 1**

The Five Senses

**Picture Books**

* (120L) *Rain*, Manya Stojic
* (AD440L) *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Bill Martin Jr.
* (480L) *The Listening Walk*, Paul Showers
* (AD500L) The *Snowy Day*, Ezra Jack Keats
* (AD550L) *Ada Twist, Scientist*, Andrea Beaty
* (AD600L) *Hello Ocean*, Pam Muñoz Ryan
* (630L) *Owl Moon*, Jane Yolen
* (AD670L) *Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?* Bill Martin Jr.
* (680L) *An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers*, Natasha Wing
* (NP) *Drum Dream Girl*, Margarita Engle
* (N/A) *Little Fur Family*, Margaret Wise Brown
* (N/A) *Geraldine, the Music Mouse*, Leo Lionni
* (N/A) *No One Saw,*Bob Raczka
* (N/A) *Every Second Something Happens: Poems for the Mind and Senses*, Christine San José
* (AD640L) *A Color of His Own*, Leo Lionni

**MODULE 2**

Once Upon a Farm

**Picture Books**

* (300L) *On the Farm*, David Elliott
* (AD 330L) *Giggle Giggle, Quack*, Doreen Cronin
* (510L ) *The Little Red Hen*, Paul Galdone
* (560L) *The Three Little Pigs*, James Marshall
* (590L)*Farm*, Elisha Cooper
* (640L) *Big Red Barn*, Margaret Wise Brown
* (AD650L) *Grant and Tille Go Walking*, Monica Kulling
* (AD770L) *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*, Beatrix Potter
* (1050L) *Seed, Soil, Sun: Earth's Recipe for Food*, Cris Peterson
* (N/A) *The Little Red Hen*, Diane Muldrow
* (N/A) *Color Farm*, Lois Ehlert
* (N/A) *On the Farm, At the Market*, G. Brian Karas
* (N/A) *Fantastic Farm Machines*, Cris Peterson

**MODULE 3**

America, Then and Now

**Biography**

* (AD720L) *Here Come the Girl Scouts! The Amazing All-True Story of Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low and Her Great Adventure*, Shana Corey
* (1030L) *I Have a Dream*, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Kadir Nelson
* (N/A) *Edward Hopper Paints His World*, Robert Burleigh

**Historical Account**

* (590L) *If You Lived in Colonial Times*, Ann McGovern
* (640L) *Benjamin Franklin*, Wil Mara
* (890L) *The House That George Built*, Suzanne Slade
* (NC1050L) *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*, Robert Byrd

**Picture Books**

* (580L) *The White House*, Lisa M. Herrington
* (NC580L) *The American Flag*, Lisa M. Herrington
* (AD810L) *The Secret Subway*, Shana Corey
* (AD860L) *When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots,* Lynne Cheney
* (900L) *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel*, Kathryn Gibbs Davis
* (NP) *Maybelle the Cable Car*, Virginia Lee Burton
* (N/A) *This Is New York*, Miroslav Sasek
* (N/A) *This Is Washington, D.C.*, Miroslav Sasek
* (N/A) *Brick by Brick,* Charles R. Smith, Jr.

**MODULE 4**

The Continents

**Picture Books (Informational)**

* (660L) *Introducing Antarctica*, Anita Ganeri
* (660L) *Introducing Australia*, Anita Ganeri
* (690L) *Introducing Asia*, Anita Ganeri
* (AD730L) *Olinguito, from A to Z!*, Lulu Delacre
* (AD1190L)*The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families*, Susan L.Roth and Cindy Trumbore
* (N/A) *Animal Architects: Amazing Animals Who Build Their Homes*, Daniel Nassar and Julio Antonio Blasco
* (N/A) *Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*, Laurie Ann Thompson

**Picture Books (Literary)**

* (AD550L) *Koala Lou*, Mem Fox
* (AD580L) *Ganesha’s Sweet Tooth*, Emily Haynes and Sanjay Patel
* (870L) *Life Story*, Virginia Lee Burton
* (AD1090L) *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, Arlene Mosel
* (N/A) *The Barefoot Book of Animal Tales*, Naomi Adler
* (N/A) *A Collection of Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling
* (N/A) *Wee Gillis*, Munro Leaf
* (N/A) *Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus*, Peter Sís
* (N/A) *Charles Darwin’s Around-the-World Adventure*, Jennifer Thermes