

Catch the Summer Reading Bug!!!



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to South Western School District's Summer Reading Program! Reading is the most important lifelong skill that we can help our children to learn and to practice.

Goal: To encourage students to read for pleasure and continue to refine their reading skills in order to become lifelong readers.

Requirements:

- Read or listen to FIVE books.
- Complete a reading log entry for each book.
- Complete ONE picture for ONE book.
- Parents are encouraged to read aloud to and with their children.

Expectations:

- *This is a building-wide requirement.*
- Summer reading log and picture are due by Friday, August 31st.

Booklists Available At:

- Local bookstores
- Guthrie Memorial Library
- Each elementary's website via the district website (<http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us>)
- Each elementary's office in June-August

Suggestions:

- Please understand that the titles listed are just suggested reading.
- Public and school media specialists and teachers are eager to suggest other titles in fiction and nonfiction (including math, science and social studies).

Reading Log and Picture Page Found:

- Attached to this letter OR
- On each elementary's website via the district website (<http://www.swsd.k12.pa.us>)

We have included sight word, letter, sound, and number flashcards for you to use throughout the months of June, July, and August to stimulate some basic readiness skills. These cards are for your discretionary use. They are not required but may be useful in preparing your child for a very exciting year of kindergarten.

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Summer Reading for Students Entering Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are required to have **five books** read to them over the summer.
Choose one book from each of the five categories listed below.

1. Any picture book
2. Any rhyming book
3. Any A-B-C book
4. Any number book
5. Any nonfiction science or social studies book – examples:
 - Plants
 - Animals
 - Habitats – where plants and animals live (forests, ponds, lakes)
 - Changes on the Earth and in the sky
 - Characteristics of objects and how they move
 - Science careers (doctor, forest ranger, weather person)
 - State and federal holidays
 - People, songs, and poems reflecting U.S. culture
 - Neighborhoods (police and fire stations)
 - National symbols (bald eagle, flag, Pledge of Allegiance)
 - Citizenship

See instructions on the Summer Reading cover letter concerning the activities.
The Guthrie Memorial Library will be able to assist you in your choices.



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My Summer Reading Log
(Reading logs are due Friday, August 31, 2012.)
Grades K – 1



Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

1. Book Title _____

Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

2. Book Title _____

Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

3. Book Title _____

Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

4. Book Title _____

Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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5. Book Title _____

Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



My Picture
(Pictures are due Friday, August 31, 2012.)
Grades K

Book Title _____ Author _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Draw and color your favorite part of the story.

How can I help prepare my child for kindergarten?



Rhyming

Recite nursery rhymes together. Ask the librarian for rhyming books to read to your child. Help your child to name pairs of rhyming words and pairs of words that do not rhyme.

Letter Names and Sounds

Ask questions such as, “What begins with m?” You want to say the sound, not the letter. Do a few each day. Help your child to learn the names of the letters, too. Begin with the capital letters and then move to the lowercase ones.

Math Skills

Help your child to count objects correctly. The oral counting should match what the hand is doing. Help your child to recognize numbers 1-10 and to name and draw a circle, square, rectangle and a triangle.

Reading

Read to your child daily. Studies show this as a main predictor of a successful child. Use books that help with skills, such as alphabet, number and rhyming books. Also use books that build your child’s knowledge and vocabulary, as well as foster enjoyment of books. Ask questions about the stories to build your child’s comprehension.

Independence

Be sure that your child can zip, tie, snap and button. Your child needs to be able to handle materials independently. Help your child to follow simple directions, complete a task well and obey your rules. Help them to look forward to school as a place for big kids which now include them.

Small Motor

Help your child to practice cutting efficiently with scissors. Show them the correct way to hold the scissors. Help them to color neatly. Help your child to print with a pencil. Names should not be printed in all capital letters. The name should be printed similarly to this: John S.

Routines

Beginning in early August, get your child into the routine for school. Use the same waking time and bedtime that your child will use when school starts. Begin a routine for getting dressed, having breakfast or lunch before school starts and leaving the house with all needed items. Talk about school as a good place for learning and meeting new friends.

Be ready to enjoy the adventure with your kindergartner!

Ideas on how to help your child succeed in kindergarten!



- Make flash cards of the alphabet letters to review daily (both upper and lowercase)
- Practice writing their name (using uppercase letter first followed by lower case letters) and different letters and numbers
- Practice letter sounds simply by pointing out items in the home or when you are out. For example, “Look at the pumpkin. What letter does pumpkin start with?”
- Work on rhyming words. At school we have a saying that goes, “I have a goat and it rhymes with coat.” You and your child can come up with more creative rhymes!
- Continue to read with your child daily. Your child may even already be able to read some words to you!

Another great way to help your child is by accessing websites that offer free interactive phonemic games:

www.starfall.com

www.funbrain.com

www.smartiezone.com

www.bookadventures.com

www.getakickoutofreading.org

www.pbskids.org

www.scholastic.com

Thank you for your support in helping your child to succeed in kindergarten.

Ways to read a library book!

Types of books to read to your child:

- alphabet
- number
- concept
- positional words (in, out, up, down)
- seasons
- weather
- color words
- rhyming
- easy-readers
- nonfiction



Things to work on when reading a book:

- Ask questions!
- Where are the words?
- How many words are on the page?
- What is the title?
- Who is the author?
- What is the setting?
- Focus on reading from left to right.
- Read the page from the top to the bottom.
- Look for sight words in the story.
- What's the problem in the story?
- Is the story real or make-believe?
- Show me something on the page that begins with _____ (a letter sound).



Practice those Kindergarten high frequency words!



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will

play

am

up

in

like	on	so
the	it	this
be	had	come
out	was	said
yes		



Practice your letters!



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b	C	c
D	d	E
e	F	f
G	g	H
h	I	i



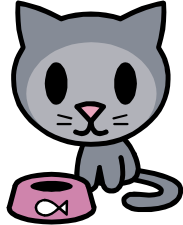
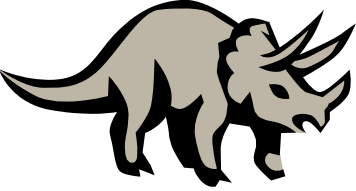

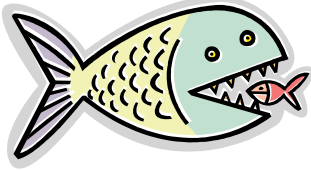

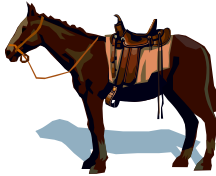
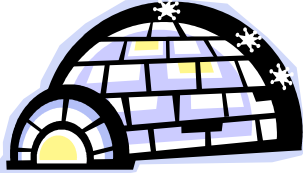

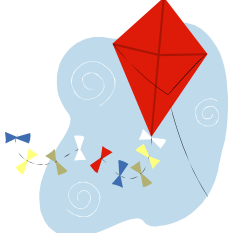



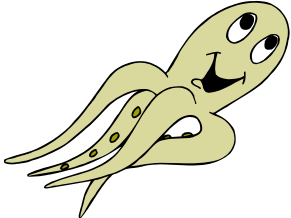
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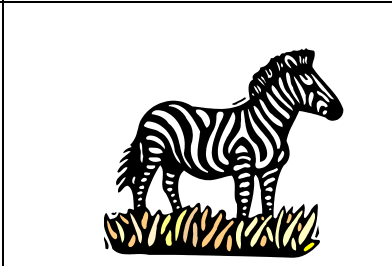
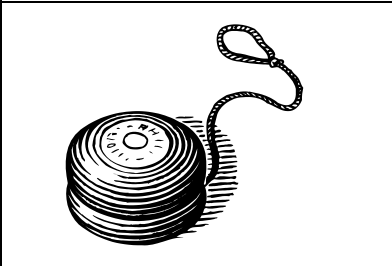
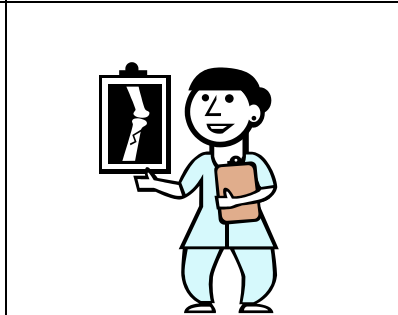
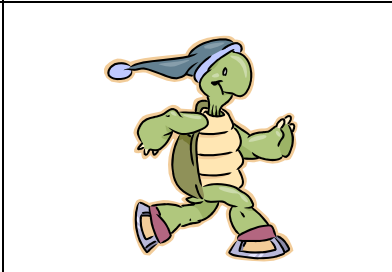
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Practice your sounds!







Practice your numbers!



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3	4	5
6	7	8
9	10	11
12	13	14

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18	19	20
21	22	23
24	25	