



Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are excited to get to know your children this coming school year as we build a foundation for future academic learning! Below is a short list of books and comprehension questions that can be shared with your child over the summer. YouTube links are also provided for read alouds of these stories if the book cannot be accessed. Reading to/with your child is a great habit to create, even as they learn how to read themselves this coming year! Please do not limit yourself to this list below! We suggest reading to/with your child for at least 10 minutes per day. Happy reading!

- ❑ *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXT1ANWka4A>
- ❑ *The Night Before Kindergarten* by Natasha Wing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIUrbqc_Dg
- ❑ *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFvbOAvWTYA>
- ❑ *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0wweS8P-tY>
- ❑ *The Family Book* by Todd Parr
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76P3HU8WQh0>

After reading/listening to these stories, you can ask your child the following:

- What happens in the beginning of the story? In the middle? At the end?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- What is the problem in the story? How is it solved?
- If you could write another ending to the story, what would it be? Why?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

- Can you find any rhyming words in the story?

We also suggest working with your child over the summer on:

- Writing their first and last name
- Identifying and writing letters of the alphabet
- Identifying and write numbers
- Identifying color words
- tying their shoes
- buttoning their pants
- washing their hands correctly
- using the bathroom independently
- taking turns with others/waiting their turn

We look forward to meeting all of you!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team