

Parents and Guardians,

As summer fades away and school begins it is time to turn our attention to one of the most important concepts your child will focus on in school this year. Reading! We will spend a lot of time in class learning how to put together letters and sounds to make words. It is very important that these lessons extend beyond the classroom and into your home. Below are some activities you can do with your child that can promote good reading skills and provide quality time together.

- Read a book to your child.
- Have your child read a book to you.
- Take your child to the library and let him choose his own book.
- Read appropriate articles from magazines or newspapers.
- Watch educational television programs.
- Play word games.

#### Book Suggestions: Old Favorites

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst  
Cars and Trucks and Things That Go by Richard Scarry  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin  
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak  
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson  
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik  
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown  
Miss Nelson Is Missing! by Harry Allard  
The Poky Little Puppy by Jeanette Sebring Lowrey  
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey  
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein  
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald  
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

#### Book Suggestions: New Favorites

Arthur by Marc Brown  
Clifford by Norman Bridwell  
Olivia by Ian Falconer  
Little Miss Spider by David Kirk  
No, David! by David Shannon  
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Bob Barner  
Komodo by Peter Sis  
Pajama Time! by Sandra Boynton  
I Spy by Jean Marzollo  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle  
Hiccup Snickup by Melinda Long and Thor Wickstrom  
The Berenstain Bears by Stan and Jan Berenstain

