

Books to Read
With
Kindergarteners



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Reading to your child daily is the best way to prepare them for school. This booklet recommends books to correspond with each of the curriculum areas covered in kindergarten in the Warwick schools. This list is a starting place. There are many more great books in each of these subject areas and a librarian can give you additional recommendations.

As you read, encourage your child to react to the story, relate personal experiences to characters in the book and join in with sound effects and to complete predictable sentences. Children learn through repetition so reading the story every night for a week is okay. And above all else have fun.

Language Arts

- Angus Lost** by Marjorie Flack
- Blueberries For Sal** by Robert McCloskey
- Boy Who Cried Wolf** by B. G. Hennessy
- Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County** by Janice Harrington
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett
- Edward and the Pirates** by David McPhail
- Elmer** by David McKee
- George and Martha** by James Marshall
- The Giant Jam Sandwich** by John Vernon Lord
- Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion
- I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato** by Lauren Child
- If You Give A Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
- Joseph Had a Little Overcoat** by Simms Taback
- The Library** by Sarah Stewart
- Miss Nelson Is Missing** by Harry Allard
- Mysterious Tadpole** by Steven Kellogg
- Red Riding Hood** by James Marshall
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig
- Strega Nona** by Tomie DePaola
- Tacky the Penguin** by Helen Lester
- There is a Bird on Your Head** by Mo Williems
- Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak

A Whistle For Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

Mathematics

12 Ways to Get to 11 by Eve Merriam
Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst
Apples and Oranges: Going Bananas With Pairs by Sara Pinto
Beginning to Learn about Shapes by Richard Allington
The Best Bug Parade by Stuart Murphy
The Best Vacation Ever by Stuart Murphy
Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
Grandfather Tang's Story by Ann Tompert
The Great Divide by Dayle Ann Dodds
Halfway Hank by Joe Fallon and Ken Scarborough
If You Hopped Like a Frog by David Schwartz
Jelly Beans for Sale by Bruce McMillan
The King's Commissioners by Aileen Friedman
Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh
One Grain of Rice by Demi
One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor Pinczes
A Pair of Socks by Stuart Murphy
Sea Squares by Carol Hulme
Spunky Monkeys on Parade by Stuart Murphy
Super Sand Castle Saturday by Stuart Murphy
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
Twenty Is too Many by Kate Duke

Music

The Music in Derrick's Heart by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert
Hurricane Music by Barbara Bottner
Ruby Sings the Blues by Niki Daly
The Heart of the Wood by Marquerite Davol
Fiddlin' Sam by Marianna Dengler
Sing, Henrietta! Sing! By Lynn Downey
This Jazz Man by Karen Ehrhardt
Gabriella's Song by Candace Fleming
Little Lil and the Swing-Singing Sax by Libba Moore Gray
When Uncle Took the Fiddle by Libba Moore Gray
Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora
The Cat's Midsummer Jamboree by David Kherdian
Musical Max by Robert Kraus
Punk Farm on Tour by Jarrett Krosoczka
Hip Cat by Jonathan London
Five Live Bongos by George Ella Lyon
Nicholas Cricket by Joyce Maxner
Across the Alley by Richard Michelson
The Piano by William Miller
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss

Max Found Two Sticks by Brian Pinkney
Moose Music by Sue Porter
First Music by Dylan Pritchett
Imani's Music by Sheron Williams
Music, Music for Everyone by Vera B. Williams

Biography

Duke Ellington: Piano Prince and His Orchestra by Andrea Pinkney (ML3930 E44 P56 1997)
Once Upon a Time in Chicago: The Story of Benny Goodman by Jonah Winter (ML3930 G66 W56)

Nonfiction

Jumbo Book of Music by Deborah Dunleavy (MT740 D922)
The Story of the Incredible Orchestra by Bruce Koscielniak (ML1200 K67 2000)
Sound That Jazz Makes by Carole Weatherford (MI3506 W42)

Physical Education

At Gleason's Gym by Ted Lewin
At the Ballpark by Ken Robbins
Ballerina! by Peter Sis
Bravo, Tanya by Patricia Gauch
Frank and Ernest Play Ball by Alexandra Day
Froggy Plays Soccer by Jonathan London
Game Day by Tiki and Ronde Barber
Get UP and GO! By Nancy Carlson
Goal by Robert Burleigh
I. Q. Gets Fit by Mary Ann Fraser
Impatient Pamela Asks: Why Are My Feet so Huge? by Mary Koski
Karate Hour by Carol Nevius
Koala Lou by Mem Fox
Max by Rachel Isadora
The Moonglow Roll-a-Rama by Dav Pilkey
Rhinos Who Skateboard by Julie Mammano
Sophie Skates by Rachel Isadora
Strong to the Hoop by John Coy
Tuck in the Pool by Martha Weston
Way to Go Alex by Robin Pulver
Winners Never Quit by Mia Hamm

Nonfiction

Twist: Yoga Poems by Janet S. Wong (PS3573 O578 T88 2007)

Science

The Armadillo from Amarillo by Lynne Cherry
Big Caribou Herd by Bruce Hiscock
Call Me Ahnighito by Pam Conrad
Close to the Wind by Peter Malone (QC931.4 M35 2007)

A Cow, a Bee, a Cookie and Me by Meredith Hooper
Dig, Wait, Listen: A Desert Toad's Tale by April Sayre
Dumpster Diver by Janet S. Wong
The Empty Lot by Dale Fife
The Five Senses by Herve Tullet
Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg by Mia Posada (SF490.3 P67)
A House by the Sea by Joanne Ryder
I Met a Dinosaur by Jan Wahl
Is this a House for Hermit Crab by Megan McDonald
Insects Are My Life by Megan McDonald
Jody's Beans by Malachy Doyle
Komodo! by Peter Sis
Martian Rock by Carol Diggory Shields
Meteor! by Patricia Polacco
The Old Ladies Who Liked Cats by Carol Greene
Oliver's Milk Shake by Vivian French
On Earth by G. Brian Karas
On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole
Pick, Pull Snap! by Lisa Schaefer
Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young
Sneeze by Alexandra Sly (QP121 S57 2007)
A Taste of Honey by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
UFO Diary by Satoshi Kitamura
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert
Water Hole Waiting by Jane Kurtz
Where Once There Was a Wood by Denise Fleming

Social Studies

Blackberry Booties by Tricia Gardella
Bread Is for Eating by David Gershator
Career Day by Anne Rockwell
Caribbean Dream by Rachel Isadora
Day of Ahmed's Secret by Florence Parry Heide
Elizabeti's Doll by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
Everybody Cooks Rice by Nora Dooley
For You Are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane
Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles
Go Ask Giorgio! by Patricia Wittmann
Happy Birthday Mr. Kang by Susan Roth
Have a Good Day Café by Frances Park and Ginger Park
How Much? Visiting Markets Around the World by Ted Lewin
I Hate English by Ellen Levine
I Lost My Tooth in Africa by Penda Diakite
Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Smith
Love as Strong as Ginger by Lenore Look
Magnus at the Fire by Jennifer Armstrong
Mei-Mei Loves the Morning by Margaret Tsubakiyama
Ndito Runs by Laurie Halse Anderson

Nutik, The Wolf Pup by Jean Craighead George
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman
One Green Apple by Eve Bunting
R is for Rhode Island by Mark R. Allio
Snapshots from the Wedding by Gary Soto
Tap Tap by Karen Lynn Williams
Three Cheers for Catherine the Great by Cari Best
Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
The Whispering Cloth: A Young Refugee's Story by Pegi Shea
Working Cotton by Sherley Ann Williams
You and Me Together by Barbara Kerley

Visual Arts

A is for ...? A Photographer's Alphabet of Animals by Henry Horenstein
The Art Lesson by Tomie DePaola
Artful Reading by Bob Raczka
Can You Find It? by Judith Cressy
City ABC Book by Zoran Milich
The Graphic Alphabet by David Pelletier
Follow the Line by Laura Ljungkvist
Hamilton's Art Show by Lisa Campbell Ernst
The Incredible Paintings of Felix Clousseau by Jon Agee
Kenji and the Magic Geese by Ryerson Johnson
The Last Snow of Winter by Tony Johnston
Linnea in Monet's Garden by Christina Bjork
Michelangelo's Surprise by Tony Parillo
Seen Art? by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
Spot a Cat by Lucy Micklethwait
The Squiggle by Carole Lexa Schaefer
Star of the Week by Barney Saltzberg
What is Square by Rebecca Dottich
When a Line Bends...A Shape Begins by Rhonda Greene
Wipe Your Feet! by Daniel Lehan

Nonfiction

Hidden Pictures by Linda Bolton (N7560 B65)
Mack Made Movies by Don Brown (PN1998.3 S42 B76)
Oxford First Book of Art by Gillian Wolfe (N7440 W65)
Squeaking of Art: The Mice Go to the Museum by Monica Wellington (N7440 W45)