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Below are skills you can start working on with your child over the summer to help them prepare for Kindergarten. There are also websites with free eBooks if you cannot make it to the library.

Students entering Kindergarten should look for books with a Beginning Reader Lexile level or a DRA level between 1-6. Attached to this packet is a sample list.

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Happy Reading!
Mrs. MacMurray

In Kindergarten I will work on:

FICTION

- Asking and answering questions about unknown words
- With prompting, describe relationships between illustrations and the story
- With prompting, retell familiar stories
- With prompting, identify characters, settings and events

NONFICTION

- With prompting, identify the main topic and retell key details
- Identifying the front and back covers and title page
- With prompting, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text
- With prompting, identify basic similarities and differences between two texts

FOUNDATIONS

- Recognizing and naming all upper and lowercase letters
- Recognizing and producing rhyming words
- Reading common high frequency words by sight
- Counting, pronouncing, blending and segmenting syllables in words

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Below are skills you can start working on with your child over the summer to help them prepare for 1st grade. There are also websites with free eBooks if you cannot make it to the library.

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Students in first grade should look for books with Lexile levels between 190-530. Attached to this packet is a sample list.

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In 1st grade I will work on:

FICTION

- Retelling a story using details
- Figuring out who is telling the story at different parts
- Describing the character and setting
- Answering questions about important details
- Comparing what happens to characters

NONFICTION

- Telling main topic & important details
- Telling how people & events are connected
- Finding reasons the author uses to teach the main idea
- Comparing & contrasting books

FOUNDATIONS

- Read aloud to the teacher
- Stop reading and correct myself
- Read words with two syllables
- Read and understand books at my level

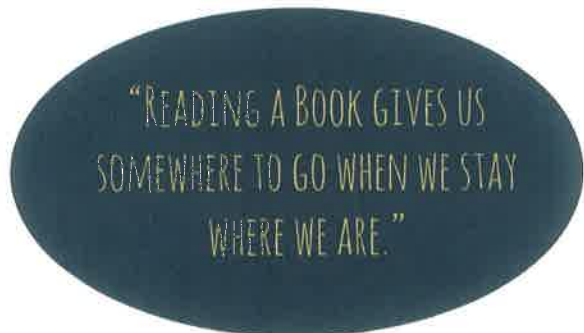
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Below are skills you can start working on with your child over the summer to help them prepare for 2nd grade. There are also websites with free eBooks if you cannot make it to the library.

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Students in second grade should look for books with Lexile levels between 250-650. Attached to this packet is a sample list.

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In 2nd grade I will work on:

FICTION

- Describing how characters in a story respond to major events
- Describing the overall structure of a story(beginning, middle, end)
- Recounting stories and determining their central message
- Asking/Answering questions to show understanding

NONFICTION

- Identifying the main topic of a multi-paragraph text
- Compare/Contrast the most important points presented by two texts
- Knowing and using various text features to locate key facts
- Identifying the main purpose of a text

WRITING

- Writing opinion pieces
- Conducting shared research projects
- Writing well-elaborated narratives
- Writing informative text that introduce a topic, use facts and have a conclusion

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Below are skills you can start working on with your child over the summer to help them prepare for 3rd grade. There are also websites with free eBooks if you cannot make it to the library.

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In 3rd grade I will work on:

FICTION

- Determining the central message using key details
- Describing characters in a story and how they influence events in the story
- Compare/Contrast themes, settings, and plots of stories
- Asking/Answering questions to show understanding

NONFICTION

- Compare/Contrast the most important points and key details in two texts
- Describing the relationship between a series of events, ideas or concepts
- Using text features and search tools to locate information

WRITING

- Producing clear and coherent writing pieces
- Conducting short research projects that build knowledge about a topic
- Using dialogue and descriptions in narratives

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In 4th grade I will work on:

FICTION

- Compare/Contrast points of view
- Determining the theme
- Compare/Contrast themes, topics and patterns
- Referring to details in a story when explaining what is said

NONFICTION

- Compare/Contrast firsthand and secondhand accounts
- Interpreting information given to help understand text
- Explaining author's use of reason and evidence

WRITING

- Producing clear and coherent writing pieces
- Conducting short research projects
- Drawing information from text to support analysis, reflection & research

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In 5th grade I will work on:

FICTION

- Determining the theme and summarizing the text using quotes
- Compare/Contrast two or more characters, settings or events
- Describing how a narrator's view influences how events are described

NONFICTION

- Compare/Contrast the overall structure of events in two or more texts
- Quoting accurately from a text when drawing inferences
- Analyzing multiple accounts of the same event or topic

WRITING

- Producing clear and coherent writing pieces
- Conducting short research projects using multiple resources
- Drawing information from text to support analysis, reflection & research

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