

## Summer Reading for Upcoming Kindergarteners

1	The Grouchy Ladybug	Eric Carle
2	The Sandwich Swap	Queen of Jordan Rania Al Abdullah
3	No, David!	David Shannon
4	Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten	Joseph Slate
5	Chrysanthemum	Kevin Henkes
6	Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
7	This is the House that Jack Built	Pam Adams
8	Eating the Alphabet	Lois Ehlert
9	The Napping House	Audrey Wood
10	Goodnight, Gorilla	Peggy Rathman

- Books that are **bold** are required reading this summer and include a special activity that can be turned in on the first day of kindergarten!
- If you've read all the books on this list, you can read more that you and your family choose! Just include it in the reading log attached.
- Parents: please be sure to read some of the tips attached of reading to young children.

## Activities to Complete

1. Read Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate with your child. Talk about the rhyming words, the different letters of the alphabet and activities that take place in the story. Draw a picture of one way in which you are getting ready for kindergarten (parents can write down what the child says on the paper, or better yet, help your child write it out using invented spelling.)

2. Read The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle. Reflect on the different characters in the story. Which one was your favorite? Draw a picture of it and share why (parents can write down what the child says on the paper, or help your child write it out using invented spelling.)

3. Read The Sandwich Shop by Queen Rania. Reflect on the two characters. Pay attention to each character's emotions in the story. How did they feel at the beginning, middle, and end of the story? Make puppets of each character (you can also draw them, cut them out and attach a popsicle stick, or use stuffed animals or dolls already in the house - but the more creative, the better!) and act out the story. Parents: you can snap a picture of the role playing and share on the first day of school.

## Tips When Reading to Young Children

Be enthusiastic.

Change your voice and facial expressions.

Let your child hold the book and turn pages.

Help your child notice new information - ask open ended questions:

- What do you think is happening here? (comprehension)
- What makes you think that? (inferring)
- What do you think will happen next? (predicting)
- Why? (vocabulary and oral language)

Point out pictures as they relate to the story.

Explain words your child may not know to help increase vocabulary.

Ask your child questions before, during, and after reading.

Reread favorite books - let your child read it to you!

