Early Childhood Division
Dwight School
Summer Reading 2015
Entering Kindergarten

Reading over the summer, and any time, reinforces reading skills and encourages children to become life-long learners.

Please assist your children in their summer reading and encourage them to read with you over the summer.
Dear Parents:

Students should be sharing books with you as much as possible during the summer in order to encourage their understanding of books and to help prepare them for kindergarten. When students are exposed to books they develop a desire to read and share stories. Reading fills in the missing links in children’s understanding of the world.

Please note that many of the titles below are part of a series or by well-known authors of children’s books. You are encouraged to explore these additional titles by using the resources listed on the last page of this list.

Below you will find some strategies to use when reading with your child this summer.

Comprehension (understanding what you read):
Encourage your child to make a prediction about the content of the book even before opening it. Some ideas you may use are:

- Look at the cover and title. What might this book be about?
- Take a picture walk (open the book and look only at the pictures). What do the pictures make you think?
- Does it look like a fiction or nonfiction book? Why?

After your child finishes reading (sharing) a book with you, you can ask them to retell the story focusing on the main events. They might say:

- In the beginning...in the middle...in the end...
- First...next....finally..
The list below offers some suggestions. You can, of course, choose other titles.

*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judy Barrett

*I'm Bored* by Michael Ian Black

*Owen* by Kevin Henkes

*I Want My Hat Back* by John Klassen

*Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus

*Moo!* By David LaRochelle

*The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli

*The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds

*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka

*Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

1. Books can be purchased at:
   - Bank Street College Book Store
     2780 Broadway (between 107th and 108th Street)
   - Book Culture on Columbus
     450 Columbus Avenue (between 81st and 82nd Street)
   - Books of Wonder
     18 West 18th Street
   - Barnes & Noble Bookstore
     Most Locations

2. Books can be borrowed from the New York Public Library (www.nypl.org)

3. Looking for additional reading lists and resources:

   American Library Association: 2015 Notable Children’s Books:
   http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb

   New York Public Library: Children’s 100 Books:
   http://childrens100.nypl.org/2014/##/

   Bank Street College: 2015 Edition Best Children’s Books of the Year: