



Dwight School Kindergarten Summer List



Entering Kindergarten

Reading over the summer, and any time, reinforces reading skills and encourages children to become lifelong learners. Please assist your children with their summer reading and encourage them to "read" independently, or with you, throughout the summer.

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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. You can enhance their reading experiences and appreciation for books by modeling reading yourself and by reading together.

Please note that many of the titles below are by well-known authors of children's books or are part of a series. You are invited to explore 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.

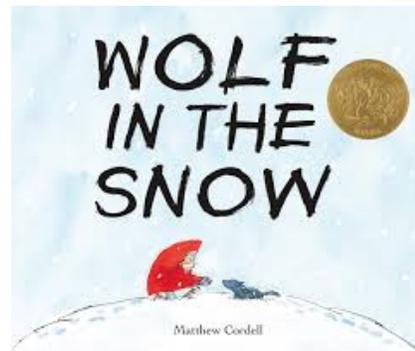
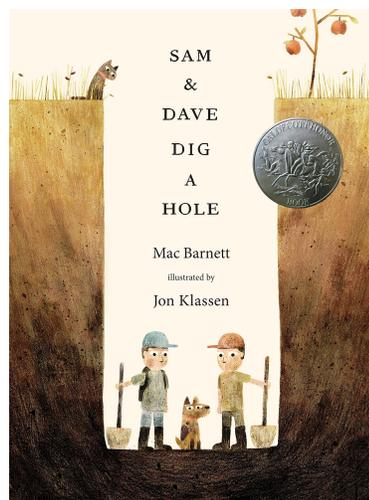
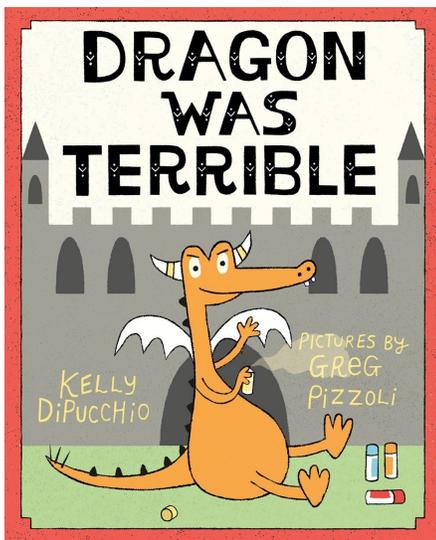
Comprehension (understanding what you read):

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 tell you?
- Does this book look like **fiction (make-believe)** or **nonfiction (true information)**? Why?

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

- In the beginning I noticed.....in the middle.....in the end.....
- First.....next.....finally.....



The list below offers suggested titles. (You can, of course, choose other titles.)

Ada Twist Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Yo! Yes? by Chris Raschka

Dragon Was Terrible by Kelly DiPucchio

Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio and Christian Robinson

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Lenny and Lucy by Philip Stead

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Blackout by John Rocco

Benjamin Bear in "Bright Ideas!" by Philippe Coudray

The Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems

Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

Sam and Dave Build a Big Hole by Mac Barnett

What Do You Do with an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

1. Books can be purchased at:
 - *Bank Street College Bookstore*
2780 Broadway (between 107th & 108th Street)
 - *Books of Wonder*
217 W. 84th Street 18 W. 18th Street
 - *Barnes & Noble Bookstore*
Multiple Locations
 - *The Corner Bookstore*
1313 Madison Avenue
 - *Book Culture*
450 Columbus Ave
2. Books can be borrowed from the New York Public Library (www.nypl.org)
3. Additional reading lists and resources:

[Horn Book Summer Reading](#)

[Children's Book Council: Readers](#)

[Notable Books for a Global Society 2019](#)

[Association for Library Service to Children: 2019 Notable Children's Books](#)

[Association for Library Service to Children: Summer Reading List](#)

[New York Public Library: 100 Great Children's Books](#)

[Bank Street College: Best Children's Books of the Year, Under Five](#)

[Bank Street College: Best Children's Books of the Year, Five to Nine](#)

[23 Stories for PYP Parents](#)

