

Summer Reading Program

For Students Entering
Kindergarten



Division of Academic Services

Department of Humanities



Paterson Public Schools
2017 Elementary Summer Reading Assignment (Students entering Kindergarten)

Dear Parents/Students,

All K-12 students attending the Paterson Public Schools during the 2016-2017 school year will have the opportunity to select books that they are interested in and motivated to read during the summer. Our aim is to keep students connected to reading habits and comprehension skills that were introduced during the school year, with the ultimate goal of building a love for reading within your child.

For our incoming kindergarten students, since most children will not be able to read independently, we encourage you to read with your child and engage in meaningful conversations about the lessons in the texts as frequently as possible during the summer. Since literature provides parents with invaluable opportunities to engage in meaningful, relevant conversations with their children about life experiences, we are providing you with a list of books to help your child prepare for the transition to kindergarten this fall.

While reading with your child this summer, we are asking that you keep a reading log of those books read with your child, as this is a practice that will continue into kindergarten. Further, we ask that your child choose one of the books read to him/her and create the attached picture retelling of the text. The skill of retelling a text in the order the events/details are shared with the reader is a skill that your child will be asked to demonstrate as his/her schooling continues. Both the reading log and picture retelling should be sent to school with your son/daughter on their first day of kindergarten.

We encourage you to visit one of the branches of the Paterson Public Library, not only for assistance in selecting books that will interest your child, but also to participate in Build a Better World, this summer's reading incentive program. Additionally, we encourage you to utilize your library card to access free e-books on www.tumblebooks.com.

For more detailed information, please review the packet to best prepare your child for success in their reading journey or visit our district website www.paterson.k12.nj.us.

Wishing you a wonderful summer filled with reading!



Kindergarten Reading List

Title	Author	Topic
Wilma Jean the Worry Machine	Julia Cook	Anxiety
Wemberly Worried	Kevin Henkes	Anxiety
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Phillip Stead	Caring/Compassion
Bear Feels Sick	Karma Wilson	Caring/Compassion
Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts	Caring/Compassion
Big Al	Andrew Clements	Character Education
Chicken Big	Keith Graves	Character Education
Brave Irene	William Steig	Courage
Howard Wigglebottom Learns About Courage	Howard Binkow & Susan F. Cornelison	Courage
I'm Brave	Kate McMullan	Courage
Sheila Rae, the Brave	Keven Henkes	Couage
The Little Yellow Leaf	Carin Berger	Courage
Howard Wigglebottom Learns We Can All Get Along	Howard Binkow & Susan F. Cornelison	Friendship
Howard Wigglebottom Listens to a Friend	Howard Binkow & Susan F. Cornelison	Friendship
A Day's Work	Eve Bunting	Honesty
David Gets in Trouble	David Shannon	Honesty
Doug-Dennis and the Flyaway Fib	Darren Farrell	Honesty
Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire	Diane deGroat	Honesty
Ruthie & the (Not So) Tiny Lie	Laura Rankin	Honesty
Chrysanthemum	Kevin Henkes	Individuality
Free to Be... You and Me	Mario Thomas	Individuality
It's Okay to be Different	Todd Parr	Individuality
Ruby the Copycat	Peggy Rathmann	Individuality
Don't Squeal Unless It's a BIG Deal	Jeanie Franz Ranson	Life Lessons
Lacey Walker, Nonstop Talker	Christianne	Life Lessons
The Way I Act	Steve Metzger	Life Lessons
The Way I feel	Janan Cain	Life Lessons
Decibella and Her 6-Inch Voice	Julia Cook	Manners
Excuse Me	Lisa Kopelke	Manners
Howard Wigglebottom and Manners Matter	Howard Binkow & Susan F. Cornelison	Manners
Interrupting Chicken	David Ezra Stein	Manners
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes	Manners
Martha Doesn't Say Sorry	Samantha Berger	Manners
Martha Doesn't Share	Samantha Berger	Manners
Time to Say Please	Mo Willems	Manners
David Goes to School	David Shannon	School Behavior
Howard Wigglebottom Learns to Listen	Howard Binkow & Susan F. Cornelison	School Behavior
I Like Me!	Nancy Carlson	Self-Esteem
I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self Esteem	Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell	Self-Esteem
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon	Patty Lovell	Self-Esteem

What I Like About Me	Allia Zobel-Nolan	Self-Esteem
My Friend Fred	Hiawyn Oram	Sharing
One Winter's Day	Christina Butler	Sharing
Should I Share My Ice Cream?	Mo Williems	Sharing
Corduroy Goes to School	Don Freeman	Starting School
Countdown to Kindergarten	Alison McGhee	Starting School
First Day Jitters	Julie Danneberg	Starting School
Froggy Goes to School	Jonathan London	Starting School
I Love You All Day Long	Francesca Rusackas	Starting School
Kindergarten Rocks!	Katie Davis	Starting School
Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School	David Kirk	Starting School
Meet the Barkers	Tomie dePaola	Starting School
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten	Joseph Slate	Starting School
The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn	Starting School
The Night Before Kindergarten	Natasha Wing	Starting School
Timothy Goes to School	Rosemary Wells	Starting School
When Mama Comes Home Tonight	Eileen Spinelli	Starting School
Mouse's First Day of School	Laura Thompson	Starting School
Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come	Nancy Carlson	Starting School
When You Go to Kindergarten	James Howe	Starting School
Molly Rides the School Bus	Julie Brillhart	Riding the Bus
School Bus	Donald Crews	Riding the Bus

Kindergarten Summer Reading Project

Name: _____

Directions: Choose one of the books that you have read or had someone read you this summer. Complete the chart below by drawing, labeling and/or writing three details from the story.

Title of the story: _____

Author: _____

Beginning

Middle

Ending

Paterson Public Library



Locations and Hours:

Danforth (Main) Library

250 Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07501

(973)321-1223

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9-8, Friday and Saturday 9-5

Southside Branch Library

930 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07503

(973)357-3020

Hours: Monday noon-8, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9-5

Totowa Branch Library

405 Union Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07502

(973)942-7198

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9-5, Tuesday noon-8

Northside Branch Library

Christopher Hope Center 60 Temple Street, Paterson, NJ 07522

(973)321-1309

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-5, Wednesday noon-8