



Dear Parents,

Reading is one of the most important skills there is. Indeed, it is the foundation of almost all future learning for your child at Hilldale School and beyond. Families who encourage daily reading and writing will have more successful children. Your support at home is essential!

In the pre-Kindergarten time period, this means going together to the library to “discover” fun books; reading at least one or two books to your child every day; expressing true excitement about reading through your positive attitudes and voice intonation; questioning about what you and your child have read and about what your child can see in the book’s pictures; and encouraging your child to “try out” reading by noting the letters and sounds that are found on the printed page. Please help to make reading a priority during the coming summer months.

Each year, we will provide a list of one required book and other suggested choices. For the incoming Kindergarteners, we would like everyone to have two Dr. Seuss books read to them *as many times as possible* with attention to the sounds and pictures:

ABC Book  
Hop on Pop

As you read, please point alternately to the words and the pictures, and emphasize the beginning letter sounds as you read.

Other than these, at this point it is not important what books your child is hearing read, as long as he *is* hearing and enjoying the reading process. So choose whatever strikes your fancy, and enjoy a great summer of reading together!

For those students who are entering Kindergarten without first being in Hilldale’s Pre-K, we would be happy to give you a copy of the Pre-K Phonics book that the other children have already completed, should you wish to work with your child over the summer. This book is a great review of the letters and sounds, leading up to a readiness to begin sounding out easy words. Just come to the office to get your copy.

Have a wonderful summer...

Sincerely,

Kathi Sittner, Owner  
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