

Irvington Public Schools
IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Summer Activities Kindergarten

Part 1- Directions: You are required to read **FOUR** books. Two of the books should give you information about something you would like to learn about. Respond to at least **FOUR** of the tasks below. Present two of the activities to your new teacher in September.

Task 1	Take a trip to the public library and sign up for a library card. Sign out 4-books and remember to return them on time.
Task 2	Compare the names of people in your family. Write the names of 3-family member. Whose name is longer? DO the names contain the letters?
Task 3	After reading one of your informational books, draw a picture of your favorite page. If possible, explain in writing why this page is your favorite. Explain one thing you learned from reading your book.
Task 4	Retell a simple story in sequence. Tells what happens in the beginning, the middle and the end. You can use pictures or words.
Task 5	Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene from one of your books.
Task 6	Use a paper bag or sock to make a hand puppet of a character from one of your stories. Use your puppet to tell a family member about how you feel as the character.
Task 7	Think about one place in the book where the story takes place. Why do you think the illustrator drew the picture for that page?
Task 8	Did you notice any of your sight words while reading your books? Write down five of those words and read them to a family member.

Part 2- Directions: Create study cards with the words on the list and practice them daily. Select at least **FOUR** of the sight word activities to complete.

Summer Reading List

K-GRADE 2

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)
by Dan Santat,
illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626726826
Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result.

The Bad Seed
by Jory John,
illustrated by Pete Oswald
HarperCollins, 2017,
ISBN: 9780062467768
The story of a baaaaaad sunflower seed who decides it's time for a change.

Beastly Verse
Various authors, illustrated by JooHee Yoon
Enchanted Lion Books, 2015,
ISBN: 9781592701687
Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems in this award-winning anthology.

Big Cat, Little Cat
by Elisha Cooper,
illustrated by the author
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626723719
This endearing story of the friendship between an older cat and a younger cat is a celebration of love and loss.

Blue Sky, White Stars
by Sarvinder Naberhaus,
illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Dial Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780803737006

This poetic, patriotic tribute will help readers appreciate America's splendor.

The Book of Mistakes
by Corinna Luyken,
illustrated by the author
Dial Books, 2017,
ISBN: 9780735227927
Incorporating accidental splatters, spots and unusual shapes into her art, a young artist explores the creative process.

Flowers Are Calling
by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Pak
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015, ISBN: 9780544340121
Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Fly Guy Presents: Castles
by Tedd Arnold,
illustrated by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545917384
Fly Guy and Buzz learn about what it is like to have lived in a castle in this nonfiction reader.

Freedom in Congo Square
by Carole Boston
Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
little bee books, 2016,
ISBN: 9781499801033
In this work of historical fiction, enslaved people are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance.

A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just right for him.

Marta! Big & Small
by Jen Arena, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
Roaring Brook Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9781626722439
An exploring of opposites in English and Spanish with a very clever niña named Marta.

My Awesome Summer
by P. Mantis
by Paul Meisel, illustrated by the author
Holiday House, 2017,
ISBN: 9780823435712
Vibrant illustrations add whimsy to this five-month diary in the life of a praying mantis as it eats (its siblings!), hides from predators and learns to fly.

My Beautiful Birds
by Suzanne Del Rizzo,
illustrated by the author
Pajama Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781772780109
Behind Sami, the Syrian boy follows his family and all his neighbors in a long line, as they trudge through the sands and hills to escape the bombs that have destroyed their homes.

The Night Gardener
by Terry Fan and Eric Fan
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2016,
ISBN: 9781481439787
William and the elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous toplay artwork.

Little Elliot, Big Fun
by Mike Curato, illustrated by the author
Henry Holt and Co. (BYR), 2016
ISBN: 9780805098273

Now
by Antoinette Portis,
illustrated by the author.
Roaring Brook Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9781626721371
Following a girl's joys and experiences shows an appreciation of life's simple moments.

A Piece of Home
by Jeri Watts, illustrated by Hyewon Yum
Candlewick Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9780763669713
Moving from Korea to West Virginia is a big and scary adjustment for Hee Jun, but finding a flower in America that also grew in his grandmother's garden back in Korea makes him feel connected once again.

La Princesa and the Pea
by Susan Middleton Elya,
illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017,
ISBN: 9780393251566
In this twist on the classic fairytale, a Peruvian Principe goes to great lengths to marry the girl of his dreams.

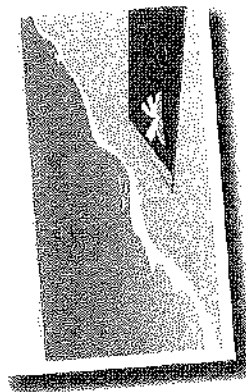
Robinson
by Peter Sis, illustrated by the author
Scholastic Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780545731689

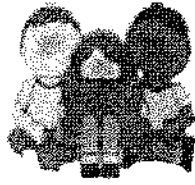
Exquisite art and a heartfelt story of adventure and friendship come together in this imaginative, magical book.

Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Tereun Yoo
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015,
ISBN: 9781481416474
Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

This Is My Dollhouse
by Giselle Potter, illustrated by the author
Schwartz and Wade, 2016,
ISBN: 9780553521585
A little girl's homemade dollhouse inspires hours of creativity—but can it compare to her friend's store bought one?

What Do You Do With a Problem?
by Kobi Yamada,
illustrated by Mae Besom
Compendium Inc., 2016,
ISBN: 9781943200069
The child experiences an unexpected problem, worrying and wrestling it through until he realizes it's not really a problem after all -- it's an opportunity.





Learning Sight Words

Dear Families,

Automatic sight word identification is an important component of reading. When students automatically know a word, they don't spend time trying to sound it out, and reading becomes much easier and faster! Here are some activities that you can do with your child to practice sight word identification. The attached sight word flashcards include all of the words that your child will learn by the end of the school year. They may not know all of the words at this point in the year. These are words that they should be able to read and recognize by sight, but don't necessarily need to know how to spell. After they've mastered reading these words, you can move onto spelling them. Thank you for your support in making your child's education a success!

- Make sight word flashcards on index cards and have your child practice reading them over and over.
- Play "Go Fish" with the sight words on index cards (write each word on two cards).
- Word Searches/Sight Word Scavenger Hunt: Find sight words on food boxes or other available print material (magazines, grocery shopping, street signs, etc.)
- Letter Magnets: Have your child use letter magnets to spell the word.
- Memory game: Make duplicates of the sight word cards and play the memory game.
- Bingo: Make 5 x 5 grids and put sight words in the squares. Call out a sight word and have your child find the word on his/her Bingo board; play the same rules as Bingo.
- Write sight words with glitter glue
- Write sight words with "Playdoh"
- Write sight words with shaving cream
- Put craft sand on a paper plate. Have your child practice tracing sight words in the sand.
- Put hair gel in a zip lock baggie, seal the baggie, and have your child write the letters of the sight word in the gel.
- Jump, hop, clap, or tap out the letters of the sight word (t-h-e "the").
- Read to your child and have your child read to you **EVERY NIGHT!!**

Thank you,
K-5 ELA Department

Dolch Sight Words

Kindergarten (52 words)

all
am
are
at
ate
be
black
brown
but
came
did
do
eat
four
get
good
have
he
into
like
must
new
no
now
on
our

out
please
pretty
ran
ride
saw
say
she
so
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they
this
too
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well
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