

## Projects

Students in Kindergarten should read at least 5 books and complete one project about one of the books with help from a parent.

Character Portrait - Write the name of the story on the top of a sheet of paper. Draw a picture of your favorite character from the book.

Story Map - Fold a sheet of paper two times so you have four boxes on the paper. In the first box draw the characters from the story. In the second box draw the setting (where the story takes place). In the third box draw a picture of your favorite part. In the fourth box draw how the story ended. Write the title of the book and your name on the back of the paper.

Fact Book - This is for informational books. Fold a paper two times so you have four boxes on the paper. In each box draw a fact you learned.

Alphabet, Number or Shape Book- Fold a paper two times so you have four boxes. In each box write the number or letter and draw something from the book about that number or letter.

## Helpful Strategies for Parents of Kindergarten Students

Books can be read to student or with them.

Some strategies that will help you children understand the books are:

1. Before reading the book, look through the pictures but not the end. Ask your child what he/she thinks is going to happen in the story. As you read the story discuss whether your child's predictions have changed.
2. After you have read the story ask your child to retell the story. You may need to ask questions to help your child tell the story in order. (For example: How did the story begin? What happened next?)
3. As you read a book ask your child to recall things that occur in the book.

More project ideas and resources are available at:

<http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/read/>

# Summer Reading Program

## Entering Kindergarten

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### *A Guide To Summer Reading*



Trenton Public Schools  
Trenton, New Jersey

### Recommended Authors

- Audrey Wood** Beautifully illustrated books
- Byron Barton** Books which are very appropriate for this age group. Many are based on folk tales.
- Eric Carle** Well illustrated books which are great for read alouds
- Jonathan London** Best known for his Froggy books which are humorous stories that students enjoy.
- Lois Ehlert** She writes great books for young children. They are colorful with interesting illustrations.
- Norman Bridwell** Books about Clifford
- Pat Hutchins** Books like 1 Hunter (A counting book) and Rosie's Walk are great for this age.
- Tana Hoban** Math books that involve photos of shapes which students can identify in their own homes.

### Recommended Books for Kindergarten

- Fairy tales, folk tales, and nursery rhymes including: "Cinderella," "The Gingerbread Man," "Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," and Mother Goose rhymes.
- Brett, Jan** The Gingerbread Baby
- Cronin, Doreen** Giggle, Giggle, Quack
- Ehlert, Lois** Color Farm
- Galdone, Paul** Three Little Kittens
- Potter, Beatrix** The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Sis, Peter** Waving- A Counting Book
- Wood, Audrey** Alphabet Adventure
- Zion, Gene** Harry the Dirty Dog



*If you need assistance finding additional books for summer reading, please consult your local librarian.*

In the beginning of Kindergarten books will be *read to students or read with them.* Projects are completed with adult assistance.