

**Saint Bartholomew School
Summer Reading List 2009
Pre-Kindergarten**

To Parents of Pre-K:

Here is your child's summer reading list. We hope that you and your child will enjoy reading many of the books on this list. Please spend 10 – 15 minutes a day reading to your child. Doing so can foster in your child a love for books that will last a lifetime! Children love to be read to and will enjoy the interest you take in sharing a good book.

Please choose a quiet time during the day to read to your child, often right before bedtime is an excellent time to share a book together.

Have fun!
Mrs. Davison

Preschool Reading List

Dawn Apperley **Flip and Flop** Flip is the big penguin brother, and Flop is the little one. They play together a lot, and mostly Flip enjoys the interaction. When Flip gets bored and wants to play with someone else, there's not much Flop can do about it. Flop mopes around--until baby polar bear Hip comes along, convincing Flop that having a new friend can be a lot of fun, too.

Linda Ashman. **To the Beach!** A family's outing to the beach keeps getting delayed by the need to go back home for forgotten items.

Jane Bayer **A my Name is ALICE** and on through the alphabet!

Debbie Bertram. **The Best Time to Read** A boy who had just learned to read tries to find someone in his family who will listen to him read aloud.

*Jan Brett **Gingerbread Baby** Follow the Gingerbread Baby and a colorful cast of characters who pursue him through a tiny Swiss village surrounded by forest and mountain.

*Eric Carle. **10 Little Rubber Ducks** When a storm strikes a cargo ship, ten rubber ducks are tossed overboard and swept off in ten different directions.

*Eric Carle. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** Follow a week of eating for a **very** hungry caterpillar!

Peter Catalanotto. **Matthew A. B. C.** A new boy named Matthew joins Mrs. Tuttle's class which already has twenty-five students whose first names are Matthew and whose last names begin with every letter except Z.

Chih-Yuan Chen. **Guji Guji** Guji, Guji, a crocodile hatched and raised by a mother duck, must come up with a plan to save his family when a trio of bad crocodiles tries to convince him to serve up his relatives for their dinner.

Eileen Christelow. **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** Five little monkeys ready themselves for bed, and say goodnight to their mother. Then, really getting down to business, they launch into some serious bed-jumping.

Elisha Cooper. **A Good Night Walk** The reader is taken on a journey through a neighborhood and sounds the sights, sounds, and smells as evening approaches.

Carol F. Cordsen. **The Milkman** In the early, early morning, the milkman makes his rounds, helping his neighbors in a variety of ways.

Dayle Ann Dodds. **Hello, Sun!** A young girl and her cat must change clothes many times as the weather goes from sunny to cloudy to rainy to snowy.

Jane Dyer. **Little Brown Bear and the Bundle of Joy** When Little Brown Bear learns that his parents are expecting a "bundle of joy," he sets out to discover what that means and is not at all happy with what he learns.

*Lois Ehlert. **Leaf Man** A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.

*Lois Ehlert. **Snowballs** Ehlert takes a time worn topic, building a snowman, and makes it “as fresh as new-fallen snow.”

Denise Fleming **Barnyard Banter** Roosters, cows, crows, hens, kittens, etc., nosily go about their barnyard business except for Goose, who silently flits through each scene chasing an elusive butterfly. She finally makes herself heard on the last double-page spread.

*Don Freeman. **Corduroy** Have you ever wondered what happens in a toy store at night? Follow Corduroy the bear for an adventure!

Jean Gralley. **The Moon Came Down on Milk Street** When the moon comes down in pieces, different helpers work to set things right again, including the Fire Chief, rescue workers, and helper dogs.

Juanita Havill. **Jamaica’s Find** There are happy endings all around when Jamaica finds an old stuffed animal and has the satisfaction of returning it to the grateful owner.

*Kevin Henkes. **Wemberly Worried** A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

Mary Ann Hoberman. **Whose Garden is It?** When Mrs. McGee walks through a garden wondering whose it is, all of the plants and animals as well as the sun and the gardener claim it as their own.

*Pat Hutchins. **The Doorbell Rang** Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Mom’s wonderful cookies.

Robert Kalan. **Jump Frog Jump!** “This is the turtle that slid into the pond and ate the snake that dropped from a branch and swallowed the fish that swam after the frog -- JUMP, FROG, JUMP!” This infectious cumulative tale will soon have the young frogs you know jumping and chanting with joy.

Ruth Krauss. **Bears** This story is about a little boy in a wolf suit and lots of bears that appear everywhere.

*Leo Lionni. **An Extraordinary Egg** Jessica the frog befriends the animal that hatches from an egg she brought home, thinking it is a chicken.

Deb Lund. **Dinosailors** After spending time sailing, some seasick dinosaurs decide they have had enough of the high seas.

Julie Markes. **Shhhhh! Everybody’s Sleeping** A young child is encouraged to go to sleep by the thought of everyone else sleeping, from teacher to baker to postman.

Bill Martin. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** The letters of the alphabet race each other to the top of the coconut tree. When X, Y and Z finally scramble up the trunk, however, the weight is too much, and down they all tumble in a colorful chaotic heap: "Chicka Chicka . . . BOOM! BOOM!" All the family members race to help, as one by one the letters recover.

*Laura J. Numeroff. **If You Give a Pig a Party** One thing leads to another when you give a pig a party.

LeUyen Pham. **Big Sister, Little Sister** A little sister describes what it is like to have a big sister.

*Beatrix Potter **The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit** Entertaining to children for over 100 years!

Andy Rash. **Agent A to Agent Z** The kids follow the secret agents through the alphabet to see who is missing!

Maria P. Robbins. **Mother, Mother, I Want Another** Trying to get baby mouse to go to sleep, Mrs. Mouse enlists the help of her friends in response to his cries of "Mother, mother, I want another," thinking he wants another mother, until he tells her he wants another kiss.

Deborah L. Rose **One Nighttime Sea** In a lapping, sea like rhythm, this enchanting counting book lulls its audience into the world beneath the waves. The rhyming text encourages readers to count sea creatures poetically going about their evening activities up to 10 and then back down until "one brand-new seal pup discovers the day."

*Cynthia Rylant **The Relatives Came** The relatives settled in everywhere throughout the house, laughing and making music and hugging everyone from the kitchen to the front room. And they stayed for weeks!

Laura V. Seeger. **Lemons Are Not Red** Clever cut-outs are used to introduce young readers to different colors.

Nancy Tafuri. **Have You Seen My Duckling?** A mother duck loses her eighth duckling, and asks the other pond animals for help (though the missing one is never lost, only cleverly concealed in each picture).

Monica Wellington. **Zinnia's Flower Garden** Zinnia plants a garden, eagerly waits for the plants to grow.

*Rosemary Wells **Emily's First 100 Days of School** Emily is ready for her first day of school. There's so much to do: learning the alphabet, singing, reading books, dancing, and counting. *Emily's First 100 Days of School* is a celebration of the joy of learning.

*Audrey Wood. **The Deep Blue Sea** Sharply focused, vividly hued artwork makes this concept book a standout. On each full-bleed spread, the cumulative text introduces a new color: There's the sea, the deep blue sea is followed by There's a rock, a red rock in the middle of the deep blue sea. Readers see a green tree, brown nut, purple parrot, orange butterfly, etc.

Jane Yolen. **How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?** In the first part of the book, dinosaurs burp, belch, and display all kinds of other inappropriate behaviors during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. But, is this the way that dinosaurs should act? Of course not. So, a very genteel Cryolophosaurus says please and thank you while sitting very still, Lambeosaurus tries everything at least once, and Spinosaurus never drops anything onto the floor.

* You might enjoy reading other books written by authors whose names are followed by the asterisk (*).