

**WILMINGTON CRISTAN SCHOOL
ELEMENTARY DIVISION
REQUIRED SUMMER READING
Entering Kindergarten**

Language Arts Summer Reading

Students entering Kindergarten are required to read **ten books** from the suggested list of authors below with a parent. A variety of authors should be chosen. Please read books to your child.

1. Beginning, Middle, and End Concept Books
 - a. *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
 - b. *What's in Fox's Sack?* By Paul Galdone
 - c. *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
 - d. *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
 - e. *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
 - f. *Waiting for Wings* By Lois Ehlert
2. Bible Stories
 - a. *The Holy Bible* (suggestions: Genesis 1, Psalm 23, Matthew 19:13-14, Luke 2, and parent selections)
 - b. *Christopher Churchmouse*, by Barbara Davoll (series)
 - c. Bible story books such as the *Zonderkidz* series
3. Books About Me
 - a. *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
 - b. *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
 - c. *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
 - d. *My Five Senses* by Alike
 - e. *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
 - f. *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer
 - g. *Guess How Much I Love You* By Sam McBratney
4. Caldecott Winners and Honor Books
 - a. *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
 - b. *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
 - c. *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
 - d. *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
 - e. *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens
 - f. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* By Simms Taback
5. Color and Counting Books
 - a. *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
 - b. *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
 - c. *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
 - d. *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
 - e. *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
 - f. *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban
6. Family Stories
 - a. *Just Me Books* by Mercer Mayer
 - b. *Mama Do You Love Me?* By Barbara M. Joesse
 - c. *Are You My Mother?* By P.D. Eastman

7. Folktales and Fairy Tales (authors may vary from those listed)
 - a. *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
 - b. *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
 - c. *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
 - d. *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
 - e. *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
 - f. *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
 - g. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
 - h. *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
 - i. *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppe
 - j. *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen
 - k. *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
8. Friends
 - a. *Who Will Be My Friends?* By Sid Hoff
 - b. *We Are Best Friends* by Aliki
9. Getting Ready for Kindergarten
 - a. *The Kissing Hand*, by Audrey Penn
 - b. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*, by Joseph Slate and Ashley Wolff
10. Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes (authors may vary from those listed)
 - a. *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
 - b. *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie
 - c. *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola
11. Predictable Books (Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm)
 - a. *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
 - b. *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
 - c. *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
 - d. *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gag
12. Stories in Rhyme
 - a. Many, many wonderful books by these authors:
 - i. Bill Martin, Jr. (*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*)
 - ii. Dr. Seuss (*Oh, the Places You'll Go*)
 - iii. Eric Carle (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*)
 - b. *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk
 - c. *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka

*Please see the Elementary Library Webpage for participation in the Elementary Library Summer Reading Program.