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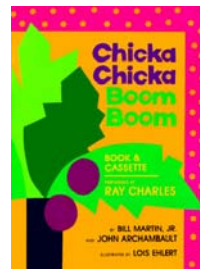
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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We strongly encourage you to read a great deal this summer with your child/children. Not only can reading together be fun and enjoyable, it is the most important way that you can help your child/children get ready for Kindergarten. As part of our summer reading program, we are requiring that students read at least one book before arriving at school in September. You may purchase the book if you'd like but are not required to do so. Please consider contacting your local branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia to ask about borrowing the book. You can search for your local branch on the library's website: www.freelibrary.org. Enjoy!

The following book is required reading for students entering Kindergarten:

Spanish Enhanced Program Students:
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.



Spanish Immersion Program Students:
Chicabúm Chicabúm by Bill Martin, Jr.

If you can't get the required book, try one of the recommended books. It's okay that it's not the required book, the important part is to read together and to have fun!

Below is a list of *recommended* books that you and your child/children might enjoy reading together:

TITLE	AUTHOR	TITULO	AUTOR
Bugs, Bugs, Bugs	Barner	Diez, Nueve, Ocho	Bang
Dooby Dooby Moo	Cronin	Buenas noches, luna	Brown/Hurd
Pancakes for Breakfast	DePaola	De La Cabeza a Los Pies	Carle
Fish Eyes	Ehlert	Abuela	Dorros
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse	Henkes	Plumas para almorzar	Ehlert
Bread and Jam for Frances	Hoban	Guillermo Jorge Manuel José	Fox
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You	Hoberman	Tortillitas Para Mama	Griego
Rosie's Walk	Hutchins	Tu Mama es una Llama?	Guarino
Whistle for Willie	Keats	Lily y su Bolso de Plastico Morado	Henkes
Animal Action ABC	Panel	A es para Avion	Howell
Tar Beach	Ringgold	Adivina cuánto te quiero	McBratney
We're Going On a Bear Hunt	Rosen	Manana Iguana	Paul
Chicken Soup with Rice	Sendak	Huevos verdes con jamón	Seuss
Caps for Sale	Slobodkina	Gurrión del Metro	Torres
Yoko	Wells	La Casa adormecida	Wood

If you are looking for some activities to do in addition to reading with your child/children, here are some online resources that you might find fun and helpful:

Ideas for activities to help children explore reading and writing all summer long:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/>

The Free Library of Philadelphia's summer reading program for kids:

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/summerreading/>

Reading is Fundamental games and activities:

<http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/>

Games and activities in five different languages!

<http://childtopia.com/index.php>

Read, sing, share stories in English and/or Spanish

http://www.rif.org/leer/index_flash.msp

Listen to and read classic children's fairytales in Spanish

<http://www.codyscuentos.com/>



Some quick tips (from Reading is Fundamental):

Visit the library.

If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many libraries have fun, child-friendly summer reading programs.

Lead by example.

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

Use books to break the boredom.

Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Don't forget to take your kids' favorite reading series along on long road trips.

Read aloud with kids.

Take your children to see a local storyteller or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children no matter what their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

i Lee ~ Aprende ~ Disfruta! Read, Learn, Enjoy !