



Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome to St. John's Preschool! We are very excited for the upcoming year and wanted to connect with our new PK3 families. As your family begins to enjoy the summer months before school begins in August it is important to help your child prepare for the transition into SJES "big school" Preschool-3 program. To aid in your child's development the most beneficial thing you can do with this summer is to read to and with your child.

Over the summer, we ask that you continue to create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together in your family. To help support this routine, we have selected books written by the author Eric Carle because we will be featuring some of his books during the beginning days in Preschool.

We ask that your family share in reading several of these books throughout the summer. As you engage your child in creating a reading routine there are several different ways to create a love of reading within your family such as: you may want to invite different members of your family to reread the book, take turns reading a page of the story, act out the story, use puppets to tell the story, create an art project, or even bring the book with you on a family outing. To help your child begin to make connections between home and school please take some photos of your summer reading adventures. We will use the photos in our All About Me books to share with our classmates.

To help your child get excited about Preschool at St. John's will be mailing home a copy of the book 1,2,3 to the Zoo, animal finger puppets and a lion craft to start your summer reading! We look forward to hearing about the many creative and different ways in which your family celebrated a particular book in the weeks of the summer. Have fun exploring the world of Eric Carle through reading and sharing stories.

Sincerely,

Your Preschool Teachers

Summer Reading for Preschool Families

1,2,3 to the Zoo

Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?

The Very Busy Spider

From Head to Toe

10 Little Rubber Ducks

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear?

Please don't forget that the local public library most likely has these very popular books in their collection for you to check-out. As well as being a great resource, the public library can be a valuable routine that promotes reading for your entire family.