

June 2011

Notre Dame Academy Summer Reading Requirement

Incoming Pre-K Students

GO F.I.S.H

(Find Imagination in Stories at Home)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research shows that students who spend time reading at home perform well academically. The best way to develop, strengthen and maintain literacy gains and increase speaking, reading and writing vocabulary is to spend at least 15 minutes each day in the act of listening to stories being read aloud by a willing loving coach. At the incoming Pre-K level the only tools required are a warm cozy lap, and some well selected titles.

To enhance the crucial gains your child has made in his/her first 4 years of life, all incoming Pre-K students will be required to complete a simple reading activity.

Enclosed you will find a teacher recommended/preferred summer reading list to guide your choices as well as a picture of a fish. The rhymes and story patterns featured in many of these selections will help to heighten your child's phonemic awareness and comprehension of story structure. Many titles can be found at the local public library. After you have read the story, you can print the title in one of the scales on the fish. Your child can then color that scale - using a lighter color will hopefully keep the name of the story visible.

Your child can bring this inventory to the classroom on the first day of school in August.

Thanks for playing such a vital and continuing role in your child's development as a reader! Enjoy the pleasure of sharing top notch literature! Now **GO F.I.S.H!**

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Pre-K Teacher

Incoming Pre-K Summer Reading Selections
Notre Dame Academy Summer 2011

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Bargain for Frances	Russell Hoban
Alphabet Adventure	Audrey Wood *
The Napping House	
The Big Green Pocketbook	Candice Ransom
Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?	Bill Martin & Eric Carle *
The Carrot Seed	Ruth Krauss
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell *
Fox on Wheels	Edward Marshall
Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel *
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Harold Crockett
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss *
Ira Sleeps Over	Bernard Waber
Just Me and My Dad	Mercer Mayer *
Pinocchio	Margaret Hillert
The Runaway Bunny	Margaret Brown
Miss Spider's Tea Party	David Kirk *
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister *
The Grouchy Ladybug	Eric Carle *
A Color of His Own	Leo Lionni *
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy Shaw
The Snowy Day	Ezra Keats *
The Adventures of Taxi Dog	Debra Barracca
Arthur's Eyes	Marc Brown *
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff *
Fish Eyes	Lois Ehlert *
The Three Little Pigs	James Marshall
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	
Little Red Riding Hood	
Cinderella	
Hansel and Gretel	
Tops and Bottoms	Janet Stevens

* ANY OTHER TITLE FROM THIS AUTHOR IN THE SERIES IS ALSO A TEACHER PREFERRED SELECTION.

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