

Welcome to Kindergarten Summer Reading!

Mrs. Hurley and Mrs. Fox

This summer we are encouraging rising kindergartners to experience stories *“like a detective”* and solve the mystery of summer reading! **There is no written assignment for rising kindergartners. We offer some questions to foster talking about any story you are reading with your child.** As many children enjoy keeping a list of books read, an optional reading log is provided and here is the link to Montgomery County Public Libraries summer program:

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids> offering many online resources for you to explore!



What does it mean to “read like a detective”?



Put on your detective hat and start by *thinking* like a detective:

- Find a good book.
- Choose a good reading buddy.
- Discover a comfy place to read.

Look closely at the book’s cover: use picture clues to guess about the story.



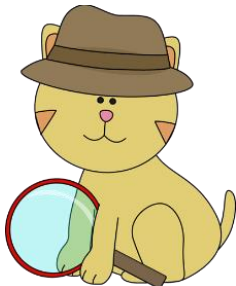
Ask questions while you are reading:

- Who is the main character?
- Where does the story take place? When does the story happen?
- What is the problem in the story?
- How does the character solve the problem?



Put the story’s event in order:

- What happens first?
- What happened next? What happened in the middle?
- What happened at the end?



Wonder about the story:

- What will happen next?
- How would you solve the problem?
- How else could the problem have been solved?
- Who would you be in the story?



Why not start with a fun mystery story?

A fun mystery story offers wonderful opportunities to talk about pretend characters who face a problem and have to solve it. Detectives (aka Readers and Listeners) have to ask questions as they explore the crime scene (read/listen to the story). **Here are some suggestions of books to share:**

MYSTERY PICTURE BOOKS TO READ ALOUD



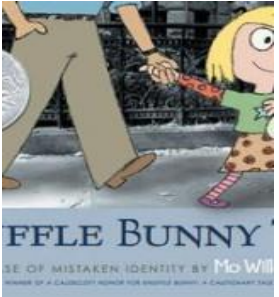
GINGER AND THE MYSTERY VISTOR

by Charlotte Voake

Ginger and the small kitten are happy living with the little girl who looks after them but one day a large and hungry visitor appears in the kitchen and changes their comfortable routine. A charming story about compassionate friendship.

Other titles in the Ginger series

No Guided Reading Level

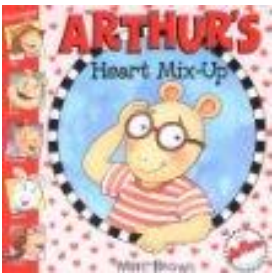


KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO: A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

by: *Mo Willems* - (Hyperion Books for Children, 2007) 48 pages.

Anyone who has ever treasured a special doll or stuffed animal will understand Trixie's feeling as she trots off to school to share "Knuffle Bunny." They also will understand her unhappiness when the day doesn't turn out as she expected, and why she cannot sleep at night until the case of mistaken identity is solved.

Read Aloud Fun — Other titles by this author: ELEPHANT & PIGGIE SERIES
Guided Reading Level N

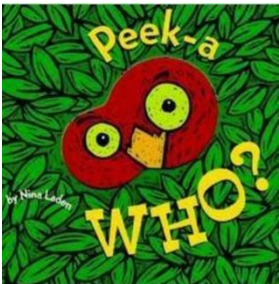


FIND ARTHUR'S HEART

Arthur has misplaced his science project. You can help him find it in his room. Can you also answer these questions and find these things from the story? What does the Brain want to launch? What is Francine riding? What is Buster using to solve a mystery? What sport is Binky playing? Also, how many items can you find that start with the letter "B"? How about "P"? Have fun! (Look for the answers on the inside back cover.)

13 other titles in this series

Guided Reading Level J



PEEK-A-WHO?

by Nina Laden

Colorful pictures and simple rhyming texts help children guess what's peeking through the die-cut windows in this fun board book. The anticipation of what's hiding on the next page and the bright, engaging illustrations will keep children guessing and giggling all the way to the end.

Board book fun



THE 13TH CLUE

by Ann Jonas

The search for letters and words is on! Ann Jonas invites us on a visual chase through the landscape where words and phrases are coded or hidden. You'll be turning the book every which way to discover clues, and although this book is one that needs an adult to read the first time around, interest in the puzzles and clues will pull children back to observe these pictures on their own.

Check out SPLASH! By this author as well.



Beyond Mysteries...

Here are some websites that are worth exploring as you look for the perfect books and reading information to share as a family this summer:

Montgomery County Public Libraries: Look at the children's events and plan a visit. Try out the many digital resources. A favorite is BookFlix—digital pairings of fiction/nonfiction book videos.

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/>

Catholic Icing: Faith-filled information and activities for Catholic families. Here is a page dedicated to pre-reading activities:

<http://www.catholicicing.com/all-about-reading-pre-reading/>

100 Books to Read Before Kindergarten: This list of classic, must-reads will serve you well. Enjoy as many as you can this summer!

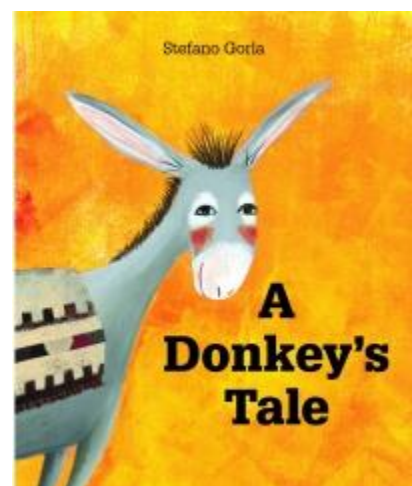
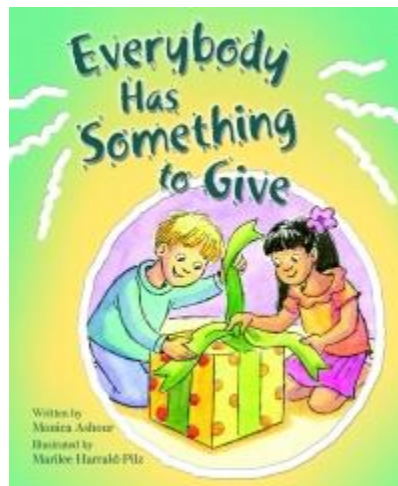
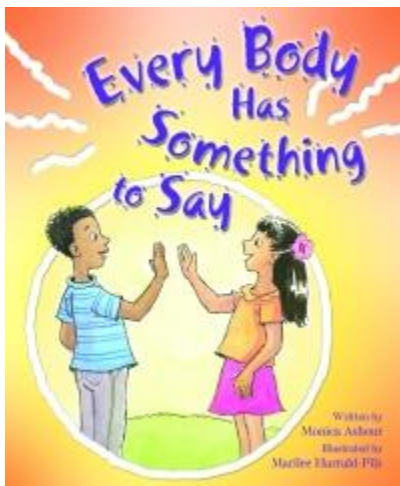
<http://www.lfpl.org/kids/pdf/100-Books-to-Read-Kgarten.pdf>

Pauline Books and Media: Beautifully written books about the Holy Family, Jesus, the Saints and many aspects of our Catholic Faith Life.

Preschool: <https://store.pauline.org/english/kids/store/kids-ac608-en-us/books-by-age-en-us/pre-school-ac730-en-us#gsc.tab=0>

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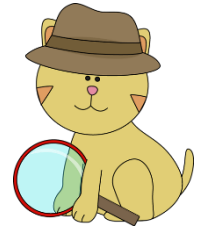
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RISING KINDERGARTEN READING LOG

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