

Dear Family:

This has been a very exciting year! Foundations® has given your child a solid *foundation* as a beginning reader.

Thank you for being your child's coach and my helpmate. As mentioned in September, a child needs to be guided as well as encouraged in order to be successful. Your involvement has done that.

I suggest that you continue working with your child during the summer vacation. If possible, take time each day to read with your child.

Thank you again. I sincerely hope that you have an enjoyable summer. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,





Suggested Reading

Read! Read! Read!

Hopefully, you will be able to set aside time each day to enjoy reading with your child.

This partial list of books is appropriate to read aloud to your child. Your library should have them available.

Do not hesitate to read the same book several times. Use techniques that will help your child such as reading the title of the book; saying the author's name;

following the words with your finger; pausing at the punctuation marks.

Remember to ask questions such as, "How do you think (name a character) feels? What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that happened? What would you do next?"

Your child can also start to read books with short vowel words. Try some of the Dr. Seuss books like **Hop on Pop** and **Cat in the Hat**.

Title	Author	Publisher / Date
<i>A Baby Sister for Frances</i>	Hoban, R.	Harper Trophy; 1992
<i>Arthur's Teacher</i>	Brown, M.	Little Brown; 1986
<i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs</i>	Barrett, J.	Macmillan; 1978
<i>Corduroy</i>	Freeman, D.	Viking Penguin; 1968
<i>Curious George books</i>	Rey, H.A.	Houghton Mifflin; 1969
<i>Legend of the Indian Paintbrush</i>	DePaola, T.	Putnam & Grossett; 1988
<i>Madeline</i>	Bernelmans, L.	Viking; 1967
<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	McCloskey, R.	Viking, Penguin; 1969
<i>Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel</i>	Burton, V.	Houghton Mifflin; 1967
<i>Millions of Cats</i>	Gag, W.	Coward McCann; 1928
<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i>	Allard, H.	Houghton Mifflin; 1977