

Hello Parents,

This month, your child has been reading emergent storybooks during reading workshop. We will continue reading these storybooks throughout the year. We want the children to hear these stories read aloud many times so that they can practically read the story all by themselves. They are encouraged to look at the pictures, remember how the story goes and retell it page by page. When your child says, "Read it again," we would ask that you say, "Yes! With pleasure!" Your mission then is to help your child fall head over heels in love with this book by reading it over and over. Once your child has heard the story many times, we would love for you to invite him/her to read the book back to you.

Your child will not actually be able to read this book like you do, but we still call what they do reading. They will use what they remember and the pictures to read words to you. They will probably not look very much at the actual words in the book. **Please do not think this work is about getting them to sound out words—these books are too complex for that.**

(They are NOT reading the words, just remembering the story)

We have included a list of titles for possible emergent storybooks. You may have some of these titles at home or can get them at the library. Some titles are available as ebooks from our school's subscription to Bookflix.

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Some of the emergent storybooks we found on there include:

- *The Snowy Day, Where the Wild Things Are, Little Red Riding Hood* (Earth and Sky)
- *Harry the Dirty Dog, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Leo the Late Bloomer, The Red Hen* (Family and Community)

We strongly encourage you to read some of these books to your child. We hope these books along with retelling them will get your child excited to read.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Pender and Ms. Rohrbach (AM class Only)

Possible Emergent Storybooks:

- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slododkina
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Paul Galdone
- *Will I Have a Friend?* by Miriam Cohn
- *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells
- *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
- *Red Riding Hood* by James Marshall
- *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus
- *Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman
- *The Ginger Bread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *The Little Red Hen* by Paul Galdone
- *Hansel and Gretel* by James Marshall
- *Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell
- *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn
- *Max Cleans Up* by Rosemary Wells
- *It's Mine* by Leo Lonni

