



PERIMETER SCHOOL
A Covenant Christian Community

Dear Parents of Pre-First Students,

One of the things we are looking forward to is introducing your children to wonderful books with great authors, amazing illustrators, good stories, and big ideas! We have found some of the best of the best and will spend our year reading and learning together.

As you prepare for pre-first this summer, we'd like to share with you a list of some wonderful books we encourage you to read with your children. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it will get you headed in the right direction.

Nursery Rhymes:

- *The Real Mother Goose* illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
- *Mother Goose* by Tomie DePaola
- Paul Galdone has illustrated a good number of nursery rhymes that are wonderful

Finger Plays

Fairy Tales: Grimm Brothers or Hans Christian Anderson or Charles Perrault

Folk Tales

Fables: Aesop and others

Poetry:

- *A Child's Book of Poems* by Gyo Fujikawa
- *The Golden Books Family Treasury of Poetry* selected by Louis Untermeyer
- *The Oxford Book of Children's Verse* edited by Peter Opie

Other Recommended Books:

- *Frances* series by Russell Hoban
- *Corduroy* books by Don Freeman
- *Curious George* books by Margaret and H. A. Rey (original version)
- *Raggedy Ann and Andy* stories by Johnny Gruelle
- *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratley
- *Ask Mr. Bear* or the *Angus* books by Marjorie Flack
- *The ABC Bunny* by Wanda Gag
- *If Jesus Came to My House* by Joan Gale Thomas
- *Play with Me* by Marie Hall Ets
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *Katy No Pocket* by Emmy Payne

- *Little Toot* by Hardie Gramatky
- *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown
- Almost any book by:
 - Jan Brett
 - Eric Carle
 - Bill Martin, Jr.
 - Lois Ehlert
 - Leo Lionni
 - Robert McCloskey

Great Read-Aloud for Your Family:

- *Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne (original version)

Resources for Recommended Children's Literature:

- *Books Children Love* by Elizabeth Wilson (forward by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay)
- *The Book Tree* by Elizabeth McCallum and Jane Scott
- *Honey for a Child's Heart* by Gladys Hunt

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to a wonderful year together for the children's good and His glory!

Joyfully,
The Pre-First Team