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Dear Incoming Pre-Kindergarten Parents,

We are thrilled that your children will be joining the Montclair Kimberley Academy's Pre-Kindergarten this fall! To help foster a love of reading in your children, we have compiled a list of books that they might enjoy reading this summer. We encourage you to read aloud to your child on a regular basis during the summer as well as the school year. Research shows that hearing books read aloud is directly correlated to a child's future academic growth and success in school. Reading with children year-round is a great opportunity to help them practice early literacy skills through predicting what might happen in a story based on its cover, title or pictures; recalling events in the story; and using the story as a springboard to create their own stories.

We suggest that you and your children read from a variety of genres including picture books, poetry, fairy tales and non-fiction books. We always encourage students to pursue their own reading interests, but if you need or want suggestions, Mrs. D'Urso, Primary School Librarian, has posted a list of recommended books for incoming Pre-Kindergarten students on the Primary School Library's website. You can access the suggested summer reading list via the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/mkasummerreading

Please also enjoy access to MKA's e-book collection, available through the Tumblebook Library. This collection includes animated talking picture books in English, French and Spanish, as well as nonfiction books and educational games. You can access it by going to the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/mkaebooks

If you are looking for additional book suggestions, Mrs. D'Urso has started a book review website you can visit at the following link for more book recommendations throughout the year:

http://librarymom.com

Please keep in mind that your local public library is another wonderful resource for books and reading lists. We hope that you have a great summer and enjoy many special moments reading together!

Sincerely,

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