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"TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book." ~Author Unknown

Dear Parents,

As you know the summer months are upon us and while we are all looking forward to the warm, relaxing summer days, we need to ensure that our students are doing their best to retain the reading skills they acquired in the course of this school year.

To ensure a smooth transition into the next school year, please find the suggested summer reading list below. The Big Apple Academy's English Language Arts curriculum is fully aligned to the Common Core curriculum and adhering to the following reading list will facilitate your child's continued transition to the new standards.

Please note that we are not specifying how many books should be read because we know that the more your child will read this summer, the greater will be the success in the next school year. Therefore, we ask you to help us and encourage your child to read daily. Attached to this letter, you will find a reading log which must be maintained on a daily basis. For every day that your child reads, a log entry must be made to designate the specific number of pages your child read on any certain day. Logging in a book after it has been completed does not show us the progress and pace at which your child read. The completed reading log should have approximately 40 logged entries which represent your child's and your involvement in the summer reading. Your child will be required to submit his/her reading list at the start of the new school year.

Happy Readings!

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Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 1

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AT LEAST 4 TITLES FROM EACH CATEGORY

Informational Texts	Literary texts
A Weed is a Flower by Alike	Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
Betsy Ross by Becky White	A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
George Washington by Philip Abraham	An Orange in January by Dianna Hutts Aston
Sonia Sotomayor by Jonah Winter	Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems
Abraham Lincoln by Caroline Crosson Gilpin	Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George	Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull	Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
The Liberty Bell by Lloyd G. Douglas	Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire
What is Air Force One? by Amanda Miller	Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel
What is the Story of Our Flag by Janice Behrens	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum
A tree is a Plant by Clyde Robert Bulla	Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wider
Watching the Seasons by Edana Eckart	The Paper Crane by Molly Bang
Firefighters A to Z by Chris L. Demarest	Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson
A Day with Doctors by Jodie Shepherd	Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater
We Are Citizens by Laine Falk	Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie DePaola
Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins	Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
While the World Is Sleeping by Pamela Duncan Edwards	A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley



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SUMMER READING LOG

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

BOOK TITLE	GENRE	AUTHOR(S)	DATE WHEN READ	NUMBER OF PAGES	PARENT'S SIGNATURE

This Summer Reading Log is DUE on the first day of class. Please make additional copies of the Reading Log as needed.

