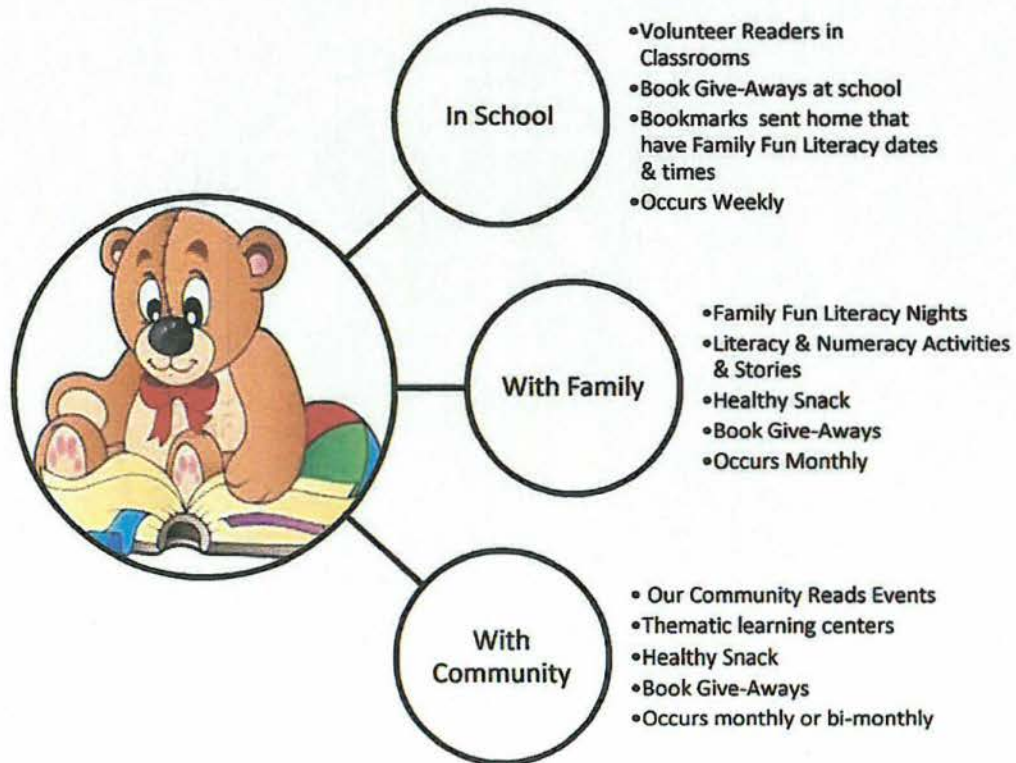


# Our Community Reads Resource Packet

# Our Community Reads



Our Community Reads strongly believes that the sooner we can engage family reading, the more likely children will be to recognize the value of literacy in their lives. As a result, our community becomes stronger and more vibrant. Together we create a culture and love for literacy and books.

## Volunteer Readers in Schools

Our Community Reads coordinates volunteers to read in classrooms. Teachers can sign up for this service and a reader will arrive each week to share great children's literature with the class. These volunteer readers are often celebrity readers at the Family Fun Literacy Nights or Our Community Reads Community Events. The students are excited to see their story time friend outside of the classroom and are great recruiters for attendance at these events. To help students invite parents to the evening and weekend events, students are given bookmarks to take home with pertinent information. Book give-aways are also part of the volunteer reader program.

## Family Fun Literacy Night

Family Fun Literacy Night is a community event sponsored in collaboration with Newark Our Community Reads, Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County, Wayne County Public Libraries, and our schools. This event encourages families to come out and join in an evening filled with stories read by local celebrity readers, students and other community volunteers.

The gathering lasts for an hour and provides a great model of reading to children for parents, grandparents and caregivers. Entire families are encouraged to come and enjoy the evenings. Usually events last an hour to an hour and a half with a children's book give-away during and after the event. Families are welcome to come and go at their leisure; the events are open and relaxed. Books are provided by Literacy Volunteers and focus on birth to 8 years old.

### **Community Events**

Banks, Restaurants, Farms, Parks and Fairs, these events happen everywhere. Sometimes a business sponsor or a community sponsor hosts a unique event and other times a table or reading area is set up at an existing location. Usually these events are monthly, but they can take place more frequently.

These events are open and usually extend for a few hours so that families can stroll in and out at their convenience. Unique thematic activities that pair well with the selected stories for the event make the day all about farm animals, pirates, campfires, teddy bears and more! These events build background knowledge and give families hands-on practice at supporting learning at home.

### **And More!**

At these events, Literacy Volunteers, school, and library staff and other celebrity readers build relationships with families. Genuine conversation about family needs often arise. Whether it is a referral for adult literacy services, career assistance or a parenting class—these events provide a point of contact for families and help connect services with clients in need. Recommending Incredible Years parenting classes is a specific aim of the OCR program. All parents find benefit in this evidenced based course designed to help parents understand positive discipline, the importance of child directed play and other parenting topics through the use of video vignettes and group discussion.

### **Our Goals:**

**We are looking to build a team in every community in Wayne County!**

### **Contacts**

**Our Community Reads- Derek Poole, Family Literacy Coordinator (315-946-5333)**  
**Our Community Reads- Newark Team Leader: Krystina Hardter (315-331-4370)**  
**Our Community Reads- Sodus Team Leader: Roxanne Roscup (315-281-5872)**

## **Let's Read Together!**



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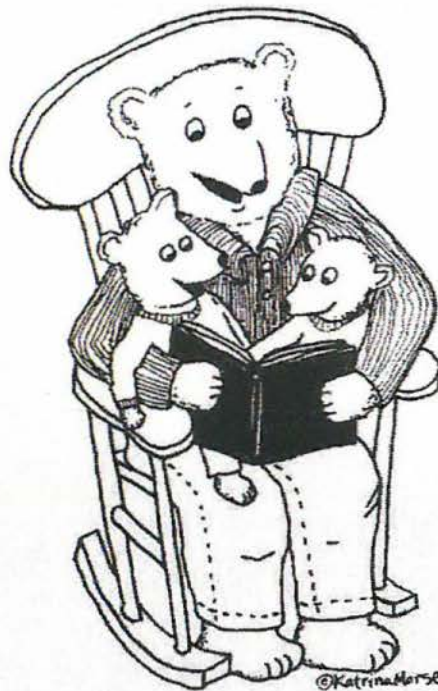
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Lyons Elementary School Auditorium  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
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April 15<sup>th</sup>  
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June 10<sup>th</sup>



**Free Book Give-Away  
at the end of the night.**

If you should have any questions,  
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Family Literacy Coordinator  
at 315-946-5333.

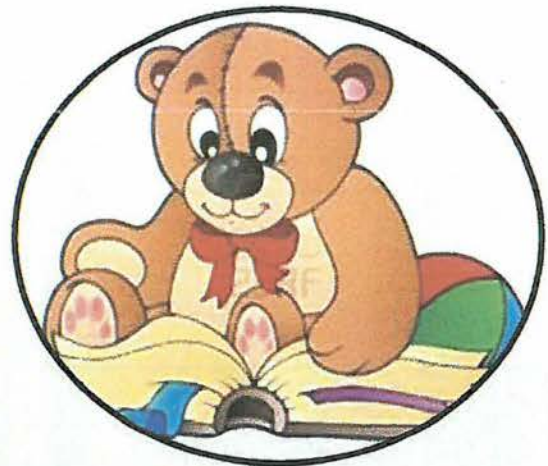
Newark Public Library and Our Community Reads presents...

# Family Fun Literacy Event at

Stories!

Activities!

Book Giveaways!



**Tuesday, 12/9 @ 5pm**  
In the gymnasium

**Please Save The Date**

**Family Fun Literacy Night**

**Newark**

**Perkins**

**Primary School**

**May-13-2014**

**6:00-7:30**



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## Ways Parents Can Promote Reading at Home

Create a quiet, comfortable place to read.

Keep reading time enjoyable and relaxed .

Read aloud to your child daily.

Be enthusiastic when reading.

Read your child's book over and over.

Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening.

Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, poems and information books.

Let your child see you reading magazines, newspapers, and books.

Listen to your child read daily.

Schedule regular trips to the library.



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## A Parents Guide to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader

### FAMILY FUN LITERACY NIGHT



“You are your child’s first teacher”





# Help Your Child Become a Better Reader



## Questions to ask your child

### While reading fiction text

- Who is the main character?
- What was the setting?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose the title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story: Why or Why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- What part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or Why not?

## Questions to ask your child

### While reading nonfiction text

- What is the main idea of the text?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any important features (Charts, diagrams, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find more information about this topic?
- Did you like this text? Why or why not?



## Concepts of Print

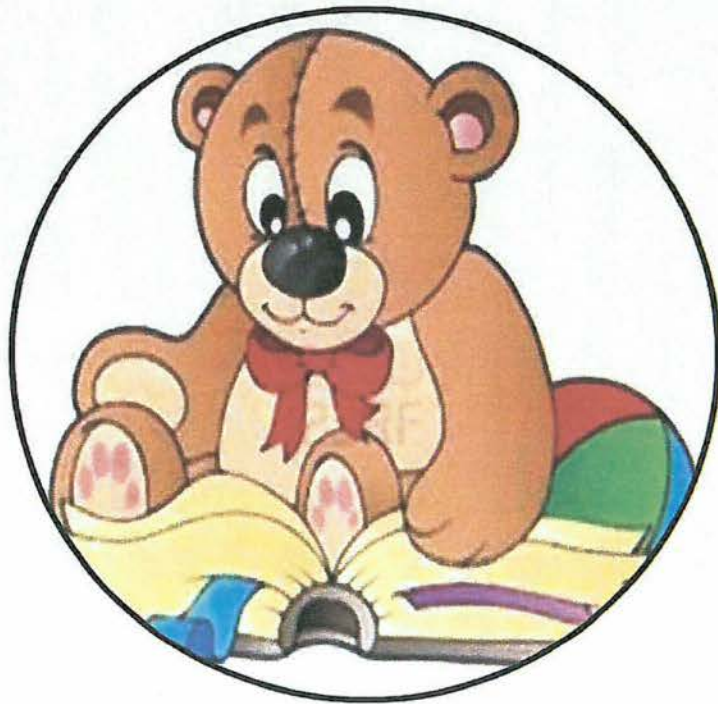
In order to learn to read, a child must learn how books work.

### Concepts of print include knowing:

- ◆ where the front of the book is
- ◆ Where the back of the book is
  - ◆ How a book opens
- ◆ Right side up from upside down
- ◆ The top of the page from the bottom of the page

Children only learn them if they have been read to a great deal and have had many opportunities to handle books.

Reading to a child in your lap will help them learn these basic concepts. Your child will gain a sense of how books work by helping turn the pages as you read .



# Volunteer Readers

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## Newark Our Community Reads Volunteer Form

Please detach and return to Newark Public Library

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Availability

Mondays-  
Tuesdays-  
Wednesdays-  
Thursdays-  
Fridays-

How often would you like to volunteer?  
(circle your response)

One Time  
Several Times  
Every Month  
As Often as Possible

### How would you like to help?

Circle all that apply.

Join the Newark Our Community Reads  
Committee (meets monthly)

Be a celebrity reader at PJ Storytime

Be a school guest reader

Prepare crafts and activities

Please list other ways you would like to assist us.



Dear Volunteer,

As part of the Newark Our Community Reads Committee to promote literacy for the children of Newark, we would like to offer Kindergarten through Second Grade classrooms a community reading partner.

As a Community Reader, you would read to a classroom weekly at a designated time (for about 15 minutes or whatever would work for you and the teacher). The Newark Children's Librarian, Krystina Hardter, will be happy to assist in book choice as needed. Teachers and their readers can discuss book choices as well.

This group is in its infancy and is hoping to grow as it garners support from local businesses, the schools and the community in general. If you are interested in taking part in this exciting endeavor please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it to Krystina Hardter at Newark Public Library by **Friday, November 7th**.

We are hoping to start this program in November. Once we pair each classroom with their weekly guest reader and set a weekly appointment, it will be up to the teacher and reader to negotiate any schedule changes.

Thanks for your support and your continued efforts in educating the children of Newark!

Sincerely,  
Chris Mizro, Community Reads Committee Member

Krystina Hardter, Newark Public Library Youth Service Director

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### Newark Our Community Reads School Reader Interest Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all days and note times for each day that might work for you (approximately 15 minutes) This will assist us in scheduling.

**Monday**      **Times:**

**Tuesday**      **Times:**

**Wednesday**      **Times:**

**Thursday**      **Times:**

**Friday**      **Times:**



October , 2014

Dear Teachers,

As part of the Newark Our Community Reads Committee to promote literacy for the children of Newark, we would like to offer any Kindergarten through Second Grade classroom a community reading partner.

Your “community reader” would come to read to your class weekly at a designated time (for about 15 minutes or whatever would work for you) using a book of your choice or a book chosen by the community member. The Newark Children’s Librarian, Krystina Hardter will assist in book choice as needed. Teachers and their readers can discuss book choices as well.

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**Newark Our Community Reads Teacher Interest Form**

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all days and note times for each day that might work for you (approximately 15 minutes) This will assist us in scheduling.

**Monday** Times:

**Tuesday** Times:

**Wednesday** Times:

**Thursday** Times:

**Friday** Times:

# School Reader Instructions

## *Our Community Reads*



### ***Scheduling:***

- ✓ Reader and Teacher contact information will be exchanged.
- ✓ A first reading date/time will be assigned.
- ✓ Community readers will read to a classroom weekly at a designated time and day.
- ✓ Changes to scheduled reading times (including absences) are to be discussed by readers and teachers together.
- ✓ The length of school visits should be determined by the reader and the teacher.

### ***Choosing Books:***

- ✓ Any age-appropriate book can be read by the guest reader.
- ✓ Teachers and readers will discuss book options, and teachers may choose to give readers complete freedom in book choice.
- ✓ The Newark Children's Librarian, Krystina Hardter, will be happy to assist in book choice as needed.
- ✓ Books can be from the reader or teacher's personal collection, or from the library.
- ✓ **Books from the Newark Public Library must be checked out to the teacher or reader's library card.**

Reader: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Time Slot (Negotiable between Reader and Teacher): \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you cannot make your assigned first reading time slot, please be in contact with the teacher to set up an alternative appointment.*



## Our Community Reads Events

Newark Public Library and Our Community Reads presents...

# Family Fun Literacy Event at Raspberry's Frozen Yogurt

Stories!

Craft!

Book Giveaways!

20% off purchase!



Monday, 1/12  
5-6 pm



Newark Public Library and Our Community Reads presents...

# Family Fun Literacy Event at Tom Wahl's

Stories!

Craft!

Book Giveaways!

**10% off** Food and Drink!



**Tuesday 2/17**  
**6-7 pm**



## Kids Corner at the Sodus Farmer's Market

Every Wednesday from 2:30pm to 6:00pm  
At the Sodus United Third Methodist Church  
Starting on June 12<sup>th</sup> and going until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Come listen to stories, do a craft or learning activity, get a free book, games, songs, and much more.



At all Events: Parents receive helpful information on:  
Literacy Skills, Social and Emotional Skills,  
School Readiness Skills and Creating Healthy Habits

For more information or questions about these events or  
if you would like to be a volunteer reader for any of these  
events, Please Contact: Jay Roscup  
(Project Director for Safe Schools Healthy Students)  
at: 315-483-5246 or 315-527-6546  
Or contact Derek Poole at Literacy Volunteers  
at 315-946-5533

(Warning -- Dates are subject to Change)  
Please Check the Sodus PTSA Face Book Page for updates.



## *“Our Community Reads”* Sodus Community Story Time for Little Ones

Join these Fun Free Literacy Events  
Throughout the Sodus Community  
(2013 Calendar of Events)

Geared for children ages Birth to Kindergarten  
(older siblings welcome with little ones)  
~All Children Must be Supervised by an Adult~

Every child receives a FREE BOOK at each event





## PJ Story Time

Join us at the Sodus Community Library for PJ Story time. (17 Maple Ave -- Sodus Village)  
Hear a Story, Sing a Song, Explore Sensory Activities, Pretend Play, Enjoy a Healthy Snack, Coloring, Puzzles, Games, Crafts and much more...

Alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays (once a month)  
From 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -- (please arrive on time)

### PJ Story Time Dates:

-- Wed, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> -- Thurs, April 4<sup>th</sup> --  
-- Wed, May 8<sup>th</sup> -- Thurs, June 6<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
-- -- Thurs, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> -- Thurs, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> --  
-- Wed, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> -- Thurs, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> --

Also attend Story Time at the Library.  
Every Monday at 10:45am (except holidays)



## Our Community Reads

Join us for these longer day events. Come listen to wonderful stories, meet and greet characters from beloved books and have fun with themed activities, songs, crafts, puzzles, toys, games and much more.

Come anytime throughout the scheduled events.  
Stories are read on the ½ hour and hour. Activities will run continuously throughout the day.

## 2013 Calendar Of Events

**Wed, Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> -- Grandparents Pool Party**  
4:00pm to 7:30pm -- High School Pool  
*\*Bring your Grandparents on a "mini vacation" at the Pool  
If you plan to swim please bring all necessary items.*

**Mon, May 27<sup>th</sup> -- Books at Beachwood**  
2:00pm to 6:00pm -- East Parking Lot at Camp Beachwood  
*\*Make and Take Trail Mix, Scavenger Hunt and Books!  
Warning: Dress for the weather.*

**Thurs, June 20<sup>th</sup> -- Fire Trucks**  
4:00pm to 7:00pm -- On the Sodus Fireman's Field  
*During the Fireman's Field Days. Explore the Fire Trucks. Bike  
Helmet Give-A-Way and Fire Safety Information.*

**Sat, July 20<sup>th</sup> -- Animal Story Book Tours**  
11:00am to 3:00pm -- At ALASA Farms (6450 Shaker Rd)  
*Come to meet and greet the farm animals.*

**Tues, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> -- Teddy Bear Picnic & Movie**  
4:00pm to 7:30pm -- Lawn outside of High School Pool  
*We will provide a hotdog picnic dinner for all. Bring your teddy  
bears, blankets and chairs. Movie will start at 6pm.*

**Fri, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> -- Campfire Stories**  
5:00pm to 8:00pm -- At ALASA Farms- (6450 Shaker Rd)  
*Come and sit around the campfire, listen to stories and  
roast marshmallows. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.*

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> -- Pirates**  
1:00pm to 5:00pm -- At Captain Jacks -- (8505 Greig St.)  
*Come Early or stay late for Lunch and Dinner Specials*

**Tues, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> -- Holiday Book Give-A-Way**  
11:30pm to 4:30pm -- At the Sodus El. School Cafeteria  
*Come and pick out a variety of books you can give to your  
children for the Holiday. Also Pretend Play Activities.*

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**Sponsorship Options**

**Site Sponsor (one time):**

Provides a space for a 1-2 hour event & offers discounted or free product/activity during the program (examples: free root beer floats, free bowling, 1/2 price hot dogs, etc) (expect 30-50 people per event)

**Financial Sponsor:**

Donates cash, checks, or gift cards to be used for event snacks or books  
 Donates children's books or snacks to feed 30-50 people



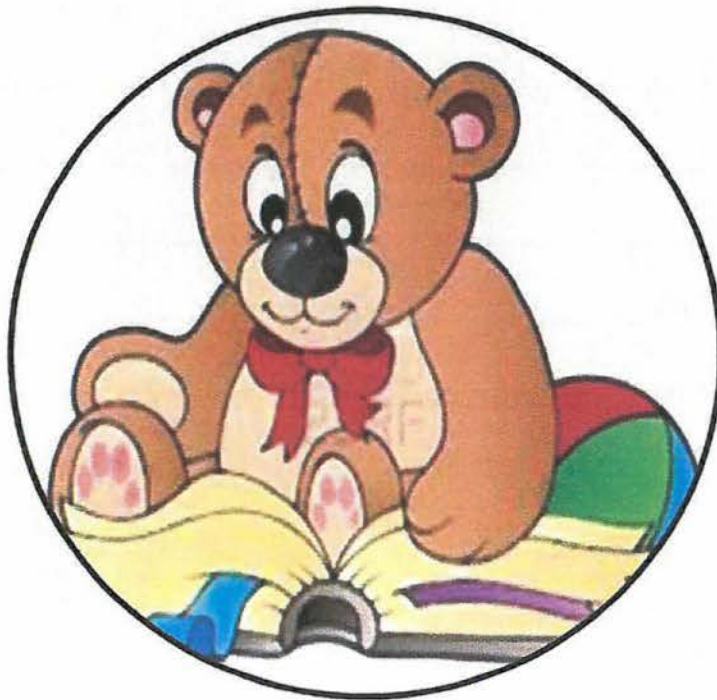
**Newark Our Community Reads Sponsor Form**

Please detach and return to Newark Public Library

Business Name/Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred month to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Site Sponsor</b>
Best days/times for an event: _____ _____
Discounted/Free product/activity: _____ _____
Notes: _____ _____

<b>Financial Sponsor</b>
Amount Donated: _____
Cash, Check ,or Gift Card (Circle One)
If donating books or snacks, please include details on reverse
Please send this form & financial donations to Newark Public Library, attn: Krystina
Checks can be made payable to Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County. Please include "Newark OCR" on the memo line.



# Data Tracking Form

## “Our Community Reads” Event Data Form

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendance

# of kids: \_\_\_\_\_

# of parents/caregivers: \_\_\_\_\_

# of staff: \_\_\_\_\_

# of volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_\_\_\_\_



Publicity Tools: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Our Community Reads- NR-W

NAME

FELN

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL

LEAD

E-MAIL

ADDRESS

NOTES

Roxanne Roscup

Lined writing area for notes or contact information.



## Additional Resources



# READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

*What does it mean to be ready for school? Every child develops in a unique way. We are confident that a child who can arrive at school being able to do these things will have a foundation for success. Pre-reading skills and number knowledge are especially important!*

- Recognizing and writing first name
- Knows first and last name of parents
- Listens to and follows directions
- Recognizing both capital and lowercase letters in the alphabet
- Matches a letter with the beginning sound of a word (matches the letter 'B' with a picture of a banana)
- Tells how old he or she is
- Adjusts to new situations without parent being there
- Draws a line, circle, X and +
- Recognizes and names at least five colors
- Takes care of own needs, such as toileting, washing hands and dressing
- Recognizes and names 4 shapes; circle, square, rectangle and triangle
- Counts from 1 to 20 in correct order; can count out 10 objects
- Adds and subtracts familiar objects, such as blocks (when given two and given one more can say that there are three)
- Puts written numbers in order from 1 to 5
- Sees a written number (3) and knows this means three objects, such as three bears
- Is able to pay attention to a task until completion—coloring a picture, putting together a small puzzle or listening to a book for example
- Can explain a story through pictures he/she has drawn
- Runs, hops, throws, catches, and bounces a ball
- Uses pencils, crayons, and markers for drawing and writing, and cuts with scissors

*FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.nationalkindergartenreadiness.com](http://www.nationalkindergartenreadiness.com) & [www.getreadytoread.org](http://www.getreadytoread.org)*

## **GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN WITH PIZZA!!**

### **MATH SKILLS:**

- **SHAPES:** What shape is the Pizza Box? What shape is the Pizza? What shape does a slice of pizza look like?
- **COUNTING:** How many pieces of pepperoni are there? How many slices of pizza are there in a whole pizza? How many slices in half of a pizza?
- **ADDITION & SUBTRACTION:** Count the total number of pieces. Subtract as each person takes a piece. Add up the total number of pieces that each person ate.

### **LITERACY SKILLS:**

- What are five words that describe this pizza?
- Help your child identify the word “Pizza”—work on the beginning “P” sound. Name other objects that have that beginning sound.
- Help your child look for letters in his or her name on the menu or on the box.
- Name words that rhyme with “Cheese” or “Box” or “Wings”
- Discuss how this pizza was made. Start with a farmer planting grain or milking cows and continue on until the pizza is in the oven. Help your child use words like FIRST, NEXT, and FINALLY. Being able to understand steps in a process is important.
- Ask your child to imagine a funny story about their favorite animal ordering or eating a pizza and help them draw pictures to share their story. This is a fun activity to do along with your child. You or your child can start by saying, “FIRST a Giraffe called Mark’s from the zoo to order a Pizza. . .

***Parents & guardians are the most important teachers for every child. Learning opportunities are everywhere!! Enjoy opportunities to help your child develop their understanding of the world!!***