

## Welcome to Akiva, Kindergarten Families!

The Kindergarten Team is so excited to meet you and to get to know our new students! We know that you are excited for summer and we are looking forward to time with our families, as well. While we hope you have a relaxing, fun-filled time of rejuvenation in the coming weeks, we wanted to pass along some information that will help you feel prepared for the upcoming school year.

Every rising Kindergartener is required to read a book related to our class theme- Connection. Our book this year is called **The Invisible String by Patrice Karst**. You can check it out of the library, buy it from Amazon or watch the YouTube version (below).

 [The Invisible String Read Aloud](#)

If your child watches the youtube version, please make sure that you also have a hard copy that you can help him/her read along with the video.

### Here are some other great books to read or listen to over the summer:

#### More Books about connection

[The Thing About Bees](#) by Shabazz Larkin

[Because of an Acorn](#) by Adam and Lola Schaefer

[Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt](#) by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal

#### Getting Ready for the first day of Kindergarten

[The Pigeon Has To Go To School](#) by Mo Willems

[A Letter From Your Teacher On The First Day Of School](#) by Shannon Olsen

[We Don't Eat Our Classmates](#) by Ryan T. Higgins

[Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!](#) By Nancy Carlson

#### Rhyming Books

[The Skin You Live In](#) by Michael Tyler

[Pretend You're a Cat](#) by Jerry Pinkney

[My Granny Went To Market](#) by Stella Blackstone

**Wordless Books** - encourage your child to say the story they see in the pictures:

[Zoom](#) by Banyai

[Journey](#) by Becker

[The Red Book](#) by Lehman

The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's by Patrick McDonnell

### **Books Celebrating Differences**

Red: A Crayon Story by Michael Hall

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf

Our Favorite Day of the Year by AE Ali

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

### **Picture Books to Read *To* Your Child**

I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness by Peter Reynolds

Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild! By Marla Frazee

It's Okay to Make Mistakes by Todd Parr

One Word from Sophia by Jim Averbeck and Yasmeen Ismail

The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

You Matter by Christian Robinson

On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier

The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox

Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin

When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry by Mollie Bang

**Books to Read *With* Your Child** (these books have a repetitive pattern or refrain that your child can chime in and *read*)

Waiting Is Not Easy! By Mo Willems

Just One More! By Jennifer Hansen Rolli

And A Cat From Carmel Market by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Peanut Butter and Cupcake by Terry Border

Please, Baby, Please by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

Have You Seen My Cat? By Eric Carle

### **Suggested Series:**

Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems

How Do Dinosaurs...? By Jane Yolen

Llama Llama books by Ann Dowdney

Duck and Goose books by Tad Hills

Gossie & Friends by Olivier Dunrea

### **Other Books**

Counting Books

Alphabet/ABC books

**Non Fiction Book Topics** - Go to the library and find some books on these subjects to read with your child to assist their background knowledge in these topics that we will learn more about next year.

### **Social Studies**

Careers and Jobs

Tennessee

Families and Cultures

### **Science**

Plants and Animals

Gardens

Seasons and Weather

Here are a few other ways to have fun practicing at home-

### **Math Practice:**

1. The Tang Math website is a great resource for all things math. We would especially recommend the game found below, Ten Frame Mania.

<https://tangmath.com/tenframemania>

2. The Starfall website is fun to explore and covers all academic topics through games and videos.

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php>

3. Make letter or number flashcards and hide them around the house for a scavenger hunt.

4. Take time to discuss the sounds you hear in words. What sounds do some of their favorite toys or foods begin with?

5. Read poems, books that rhyme, and nursery rhymes with your child.

6. Get outside and make some memories. This will give your child lots of story ideas to write about in Writers' Workshop in the Fall.

In Hebrew we will read many books and explore new vocabulary. One of the best ways to learn a language is to be exposed to it as regularly as possible. If you would like to get this process started with your child over the summer, there are some links below to famous Israeli children's songs to help them begin to hear the language and explore the sounds, phrasing and intonation.

- <https://youtu.be/PRBs4F77AAE>
- <https://youtu.be/A7TpdC-1e7U>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwSCm-bcVwQ>

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

B'Shalom,  
The Kindergarten Team