

# Herma Simmons Elementary School Preschool Summer Reading Tower of Books Challenge!

Dear Preschool Families,

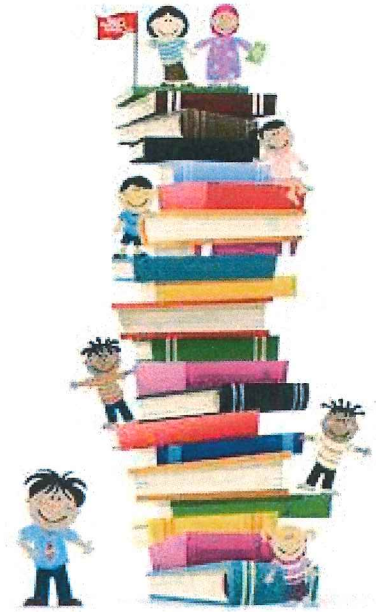
We are excited to announce the 2019 Summer Reading Tower of Books Challenge! The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experience. Attached is a list of suggested book titles and categories. We are asking students to read at least 5 books for their tower and complete 3 of the included reader's response pages, but you can challenge your child to build their tower taller. HOW HIGH CAN YOU BUILD YOUR TOWER OF BOOKS?

\*\*Our school library will be open during the summer (check the website for hours). Our local Glassboro branch of the Gloucester County Library System will have many choices, as well. And don't forget about read-alouds YouTube! \*\*

All students that complete the Tower of Books Challenge and bring their tower and the 3 reader's response activities back on the first day of school for kindergarten, September 4, 2019, will be invited to the Summer Reading Bash!

The following tips may be helpful for all parents/guardians:

- Encourage your child to select books that interest them.
- Whenever possible, children should read at least 10 minutes per day. Preschoolers can picture read (tell the story using the pictures).
- Read aloud to your child, even if they want to read independently (read together).
- Read outside, inside, or anywhere! Make reading FUN!
- Keep books in the car!
- Set aside a portion of the day as DEAR time: Drop Everything and Read!
- Ask your child questions about the book: who, what, where, when, why, and how



See reverse side for book recommendations!

**\*\*REMEMBER:** You do not have to purchase the books your child wishes to read. Check the school's website for Simmons Elementary's library hours, check out the local library, or listen to a read-aloud story on YouTube!\*\*



### Nonfiction/Informational Titles

*A Girl Named Rosa* by Denise Louis Patrick

*Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales

National Geographic Kids Readers-you can find these on many different topics!

National Geographic's *Weird But True-Animals*

*Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends* by Carol Buckley

### Fiction Titles

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems

*Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems

*Poppleton* by Cynthia Ryland

*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

*Sheila Rae, the Brave* by Kevin Henkes

*Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin

*Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss

*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson

*Pinkalicious* by Victoria Kann

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keates

*The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds

