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Get ready for an extraordinary summer filled with adventure, excitement, and boundless imagination with "Unleash the Adventure: Power Up with Summer Reading."

This captivating reading packet celebrates the thrill of reading and invites you and your child to embark on epic adventures through the pages of captivating books. Prepare to unlock the power of imagination, ignite a love for reading, and inspire real-life adventures to create lifelong memories.



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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

GRADES K-2

"The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein

Teaches the value of selflessness and unconditional love.

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss

Encourages perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams

Explores the transformative power of love and friendship.

"The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper

Promotes a positive mindset, determination, and self-confidence.

"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White

It emphasizes the themes of friendship, compassion, and bravery.

"Corduroy" by Don Freeman

Encourages acceptance and kindness towards others.

"The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister

Teaches the value of sharing and the importance of being kind to others.

"The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney

Illustrates the concept of kindness and the idea that even the smallest acts can make a big difference.

"The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats

Explores the joy of discovery and the beauty of everyday experiences.

"Make Way for Ducklings" by Robert McCloskey

Promotes the themes of family, community, and empathy.



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BOOK ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

- **Discuss:** After reading the book, ask your child their favorite part of the story and why. Talk about how the tree was always there for the boy and why showing kindness and love to others is important.
- **Retell:** Have your child retell the story using their own words. Ask them to share what they think the tree and the boy were feeling in different parts of the story.
- **Draw:** Give your child art supplies and ask them to draw their favorite scene from the book. Talk about the colors they used and what they liked most about the picture.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the tree and the boy. Take turns playing each character and talk about how they show love and kindness to one another.
- **Extension activity:** Plan a nature walk together and talk about the different trees you see. Discuss the importance of taking care of nature, just like the tree in the story.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they showed kindness to someone else or when someone showed kindness to them.



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Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the themes of perseverance and resilience in the face of challenges, as depicted in the story. Discuss how the main character faces ups and downs but keeps moving forward.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using simple words, emphasizing the importance of never giving up and staying determined.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that represents perseverance or a goal they want to achieve. Discuss their drawing and the message it conveys.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the main character and act out different scenes from the story. Encourage your child to embody the determination and resilience shown in the book.
- **Extension activity:** Help your child set a small goal or challenge for themselves and support them in achieving it. Discuss how perseverance and a positive mindset can lead to success.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they faced a challenge but didn't give up. Discuss the importance of resilience and the rewards of overcoming obstacles.



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The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

- **Discuss:** Ask your child what they think the story is about and why the rabbit becomes real. Talk about the importance of love and friendship.
- **Retell:** Have your child retell the story using their own words. Ask them what they think the rabbit felt when he became real.
- **Draw:** Give your child art supplies and ask them to draw the velveteen rabbit or their favorite toy. Discuss why the rabbit became real in the story.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the rabbit and other toys from the story. Encourage your child to use their imagination to bring the characters to life and create their adventures.
- **Extension activity:** Have a tea party with your child's favorite stuffed animals or toys, just like in the story. Encourage them to create stories, pretend play, and use their toys to bring their imagination to life.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a special toy they love and why it's important to them.



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The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the importance of having a positive mindset and not giving up. Ask them to share when they faced a challenge and how they overcame it.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using simple words. Ask them what they think the little engine said to itself to keep going up the hill.
- **Draw:** Give your child art supplies and ask them to draw a little engine or a train. Discuss the importance of believing in oneself.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the story's little engine and other characters. Encourage your child to repeat the phrase "I think I can" when faced with challenges.
- **Extension activity:** Set up a train track with blocks or toys and have your child guide the train over different obstacles. Talk about how determination helps us overcome obstacles.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about something they found challenging but were able to accomplish by believing in themselves.



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Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the themes of friendship, compassion, and bravery in the story. Discuss how Charlotte and Wilbur's friendship grows and how they support each other.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using their own words, focusing on the importance of friendship and showing compassion to others.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that shows friendship or compassion. Discuss the actions of the characters and how they demonstrate these values.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be Charlotte, Wilbur, and other characters from the story. Encourage your child to act out scenes that highlight friendship, compassion, and bravery.
- **Extension activity:** Engage in acts of kindness with your child, such as helping others, sharing, or doing something nice for a friend or family member. Discuss how these actions reflect the values of friendship and compassion.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they showed kindness to someone or when someone showed kindness to them.



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Corduroy by Don Freeman

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the themes of acceptance and kindness towards others in the story. Discuss how Lisa accepts Corduroy despite his missing button and how their friendship develops.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using simple words, emphasizing the importance of accepting others for who they are.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that shows acceptance or kindness. Discuss how the characters demonstrate these values.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be Corduroy and Lisa. Encourage your child to act out scenes that promote acceptance and kindness towards others.
- **Extension activity:** Encourage your child to reach out to someone new, make a new friend, or include others in their playtime. Discuss how accepting and kind actions can make a difference in someone's day.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they showed acceptance to someone or when someone showed acceptance to them.



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The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the value of sharing and being kind to others. Discuss how the Rainbow Fish learns the importance of sharing and how it brings happiness to others.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using their own words, focusing on the lesson of sharing and being kind to others.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that shows sharing or kindness. Discuss the actions of the characters and how they demonstrate these values.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the Rainbow Fish and other fish from the story. Encourage your child to act out scenes that promote sharing and kindness.
- **Extension activity:** Encourage your child to share something special with someone else, such as a toy, a treat, or a compliment. Discuss how sharing and acts of kindness can create positive connections with others.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they shared something with someone or when someone shared something with them.



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"The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the concept of kindness and how even the smallest acts can make a big difference, as shown in the story. Discuss how the lion and the mouse help each other.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using simple words, emphasizing the lesson of kindness and the impact of small acts.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that shows kindness or a small act of helping. Discuss the actions of the characters and how they demonstrate these values.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the lion and the mouse. Encourage your child to act out scenes that highlight kindness and helping others.
- **Extension activity:** Encourage your child to perform small acts of kindness, such as helping a family member or doing something nice for a friend. Discuss how these actions align with the message of the story.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about a time when they helped someone or when someone helped them.



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The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the joy of discovery and the beauty of everyday experiences, as shown in the story. Discuss how the main character explores and enjoys the snowy day.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using their own words, emphasizing the sense of wonder and adventure in exploring the snowy day.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book representing the joy of discovery or favorite winter activity. Discuss what they enjoy most about the snowy day.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the main character and engage in imaginary play, acting out scenes of discovery and fun in the snow.
- **Extension activity:** Take your child on a nature walk or explore the outdoors together, paying attention to the beauty and wonder of everyday experiences. Discuss the things you discover and appreciate.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about their favorite winter activity or something they discovered during a nature walk.



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Make Way for Ducklings" by Robert McCloskey

- **Discuss:** Talk to your child about the story's themes of family, community, and empathy. Discuss how the ducks work together as a family and the kindness they receive from the community.
- **Retell:** Help your child retell the story using simple words, emphasizing the importance of family, community, and empathy.
- **Draw:** Provide art supplies and ask your child to draw a scene from the book that shows family or community. Discuss how the characters demonstrate empathy and caring for one another.
- **Act it out:** Pretend to be the ducklings and the community members from the story. Encourage your child to act out scenes that promote the values of family, community, and empathy.
- **Extension activity:** Engage in a family activity or project together, such as cooking a meal or creating something for the community. Discuss the importance of working together and caring for others.
- **Write:** Ask your child to write or draw in a journal about when they felt part of a community or showed empathy towards others.

