



Give the Gift of Reading to Preschool Children

These books will be used in the celebration bags provided to preschool children in our *Get Ready for School™* program to help encourage families to continue developing their literacy skills at home, over the summer. Each year, our *Get Ready for School* program helps prepare **358 preschoolers in Waterloo Region’s highest needs neighbourhoods** for a successful entry into Junior Kindergarten. This program is provided at no-cost to families and is delivered in 44 classes from January to June. When a child learns to read at a young age, they are set on a path for success not only in school, but also in life. Every class is 20 children

Our ‘Why’

We care about children and believe they deserve the best chance for healthy development, access to learning and a happy, successful life journey. If we can reach children when the greatest impact is possible, the chances are better that they will achieve those outcomes. Acquiring the essential life skill of reading is one of the great enablers for learning. Feeling part of a group, making friends and experiencing learning with a caring adult, helps build a child’s confidence and improves self-esteem.

Book Titles

Please purchase the hard cover (soft cover also accepted), full-sized versions of these stories. No board books or books with flaps please.

Title	Author	Number Needed
The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	20 of a title would provide enough books for an entire class. In 2018, we have 18 classes running in community centres across Waterloo Region. Every gift counts.
Froggy Goes to School	Jonathan London	
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten	Joseph Slate	
Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School	Herman Parish	
The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn	
This is the Way We Go to School	Edith Baer	
Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten	Hyewon Yum	
KINDERGARTEN ROCKS!	Katie Davis	
Countdown to Kindergarten	Alison McGhee	

Thank You

Books and gift cards can be dropped off at our office between 8:30 am and 5 pm. Books and gift cards can also be mailed to our office.

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