

## Assignment

The first day of kindergarten is a very exciting day! Children and parents alike anticipate this momentous event with a flood of emotions. Special activities before this day will provide a positive outlook on the upcoming year.

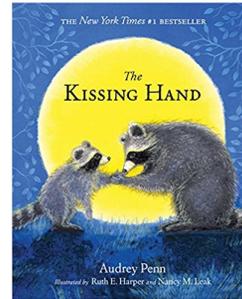
After reading *Countdown to Kindergarten* students should complete the attached assignment that documents their special preparation for kindergarten . This completed assignment should be brought to school on open house day or the first day of school.

Students should be prepared to complete an assignment based on *The Kissing Hand* when they return to school in the fall.

## For Further Reading, Try These Authors:

Laura Murray  
Laura Numeroff  
Kevin Henkes  
Mo Willems  
Jan Thomas  
Laura Gehl  
Mo Willems  
Dr. Seuss

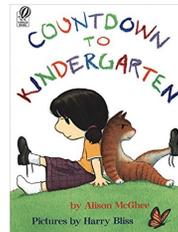
## Required Books



### *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

In this contemporary classic Chester Raccoon seeks love and reassurance from his mother as he ventures out into the world to attend his very first day of school.

-Amazon



### *Countdown to Kindergarten* by Alison McGhee

It's just ten days before kindergarten, and this little girl has heard all there is to know--from a *first grader*--about what it's going to be like. You can't bring your cat, you can't bring a stuffed animal, and the number one rule? You can't ask anyone for help. Ever. This lighthearted take on pre-kindergarten anxiety will bring a smile to the face of every child--and parent--having first-day jitters.

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Experts agree that reading together is the most important way to help children get ready to read. It increases vocabulary and general knowledge and it helps children understand how text works. While being read to children learn how to handle books and how to follow words on the page (Early Literacy Skills, 2016).

"Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to learn to read. Children who enter school with these skills have an advantage that carries with them throughout their school years" (Raising Readers, 2016).

Recognizing the important role that reading plays in education, Saint Andrew's requires students in grades K-8 to participate in the summer reading program.

During the summer months students entering kindergarten are required to "read" at least two books:

- ◇ *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn
- ◇ *Countdown to Kindergarten* by Alison McGhee



Shop **Barnes & Noble** for your summer reading books and earn money for the school library!

**Date:** Monday, May 21st  
**Barnes & Noble Harbour Center**  
or shop  
**Bn.com/bookfairs** and enter  
Bookfair ID#**12314175** at  
checkout  
(5/21-5/26)

## Just for Fun

### Favorite Characters

**Pete the Cat** by James Dean

**Olivia** by Ian Falconer

**Elephant and Piggie** by Mo Willems

**Pigeon** by Mo Willems

**Skippyjon Jones** by Judy Schachner

**David** by David Shannon

**Fancy Nancy** by Jane O'Connor

**Splat the Cat** by Rob Scotton

**Pinkalicious** by Victoria Kann



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Summer Reading  
for  
Students Entering  
Kindergarten

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