



Dear teacher,

The Virginia Beach Public Library will provide a thirty-minute biweekly storytime for your class this year. Our storytimes are based on the Every Child Ready to Read curriculum and teach specific early literacy skills that children must have in order to be able to learn to read.

**Appletree Academy's** schedule is as follows:

**Every other Tuesday, October 1 to Dec. 10, 9:00-10:00 a.m. After a holiday break, the every other Tuesday schedule resumes for your school beginning on January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Fall Dates	Spring Dates	Schedule Notes
October 1, 15 & 29 November 12 & 26 December 10	January 14 & 28 February 11 & 25 March 11 & 25 April 8 & 22	On the BMB: Program & books for 4s 9:00 – 9:30am  On the BMB: 3s check out books only 9:45 – 10:00am  Bring books for 2s

Throughout the storytimes, we will be modeling best practices for teaching these skills to children using reading, writing, singing, playing, and talking. We will also give you several teacher tips during the storytimes that define the skills, demonstrate the skills, and provide you with simple ideas/activities to put the skills into practice in your classroom.

As a teacher, your participation during library visits is crucial. Please help to facilitate a positive experience by:

- Having your students prepared and ready when we arrive.
- Remaining with your students throughout the entire library visit—both during storytime and on the bookmobile (where applicable).
- Modeling storytime participation and appropriate behavior for your students.
- Helping your students choose books on the bookmobile (where applicable)
- Listening for the teacher tips and discussing any questions you might have with us

During our visits, the library will also provide your class with a selection of books for children and staff to checkout.

- The library will issue your school a library card which will be kept by the library staff. Any materials borrowed on this card **should remain at the school and must be returned in good condition** to the library staff the following week. We will help you keep track of the books your class borrows by providing you with check-out receipts. We will also send you a follow-up list of outstanding books by fax or email after each visit.

We're looking forward to working with you this year! If you have questions, please speak with your director, or contact Melanie Tucker, Early Literacy Outreach Coordinator, 757-385-0193 or [metucker@vbgov.com](mailto:metucker@vbgov.com).