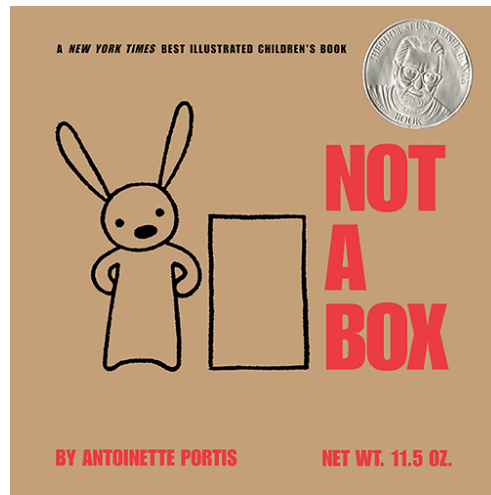


Dear PK 4 Families,



Welcome to the PK 4 program at Detroit Country Day School! We are glad you and your child will be joining us for a year of learning, sharing, fun, and friendship!

We hope you are enjoying your summer, and before you know it, it will be time for school to start. The PK 4 teachers ask that you and your child read Not a Box By: Antoinette Portis before the start of the school year. (Perhaps even read it many times.)

Here is a special assignment to go along with your summer reading:

1. Bring 1 box (no larger than a shoebox) to school on the first day.

Here are some fun activities to go along with your summer reading:

- Collect boxes for one week. How many did you collect?
- Find the largest box, It's not a box...it's a _____.
- Find the smallest box, It's not a box....it's a _____.
- Take all of the boxes and build something with them.

- Hide all of the boxes and play "Hide and Go Seek" with your family and the boxes.
- Hide something in each box and play a guessing game.
 - Model asking questions and using full sentences about what is in the box for your child. "Is it an elephant in the box?"
 - Model how to give clues for your child. "In this box there is something soft/furry/fluffy/pokey/slimey..."
- Growth in vocabulary as you speak with your child. Sizing: Large, Big, Huge, Enormous, Teeny, Small, Itty, Tiny, Medium, Middle-size

We look forward to meeting you and your child. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
The PK 4 Team