Hello! Welcome to the Kindergarten Readiness Webpage!

**Read this book!**

*Polar Bear Morning*
by Lauren Thompson

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**Marco the Polar Bear**

Marco the Polar Bear
As white as the snow
Sat on the ice where the cold waters flow.
"Lunch! I need lunch." he said
"I’ll make a wish."
He stuck in his paw and came up with a fish!

What color is it?

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**Grown-up tip**

Welcome to a new year of Kindergarten Readiness with OCPL. Marco the Polar Bear is a fun way to get creative, learn colors and match patterns. You and your child can work together to make fish for Marco. To add more of a challenge try adding dots or stripes and have your child match the patterns.

You can also use this rhyme to start a conversation with your child about different animals, lands and cultures. Ask questions about other animals that live in a cold place. Do you have a family member that lives where it snows? Have you experienced snow? On your next trip to the library look for books about winter climate and cold weather animals.

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**Try Non-Fiction**

*Polar bear fur isn't white! : and other amazing facts*
by Thea Feldman

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**Take a look at this!**

Visit OC Public Library's Kindergarten Readiness webpage to see a video of this rhyme. Scan the QR code to find out more!