



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

15 September 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026- 118

ORIENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF KEY STAGE 1 READING MATERIALS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Functional Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Elementary Cluster Heads
Elementary School Administrators
Public Schools
This Division

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the vital role of guided reading activities in developing a love for reading and strengthening comprehension skills among young learners. As part of its continuing efforts to promote literacy and support the development of foundational reading skills, DepEd has provided two (2) storybooks for every learner in Key Stage 1, from Kindergarten to Grade 3.
2. In this regard, the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Tacurong City, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), shall conduct an **Orientation and Distribution of Storybooks for Key Stage 1 Learners** on **September 16, 2026**, at **9:30 a.m.** at the **SDO Conference Hall**.
3. The activity aims to
 - a) orient the participants on the purpose, content, and appropriate utilization of the storybooks;
 - b) facilitate the proper distribution of the storybooks to the intended Key Stage 1 learners; and
 - c) encourage the integration of the storybooks into guided reading activities and other literacy initiatives at the school level.
4. All public elementary School Heads, School Reading Coordinators, and Administrative Officers II are directed to attend the orientation and ensure the proper receipt, distribution, and utilization of the storybooks in their respective schools.
5. Attached for the participants' reference and information are the following:
 - a) Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum on the Titles and Guide Questions for Key Stage 1 Storybooks; and
 - b) Program Matrix for the Orientation and Distribution Activity.
6. For concerns, please contact tacurong.cid@deped.gov.ph.



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7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum
Allotment: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
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LEARNING RESOURCES

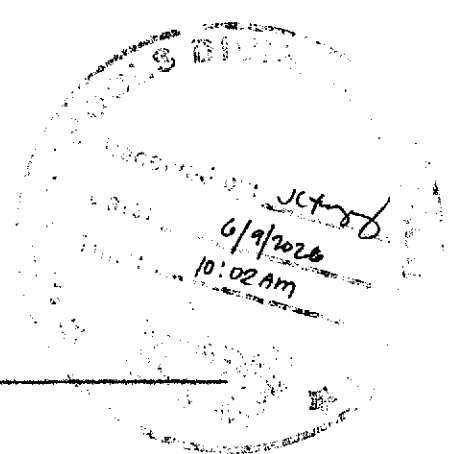
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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIANS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT : GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR KEY STAGE 1
(KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3) STORYBOOKS

DATE : June 8, 2026



1. The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the vital role of guided reading activities in cultivating a love for reading and strengthening comprehension skills among young learners. As part of its continuing efforts to promote reading, DepEd has provided two (2) storybooks to all Key Stage 1 (Kindergarten to Grade 3) learners. These titles include Filipino-, English-, and Dual-language storybooks by various publishers. These storybooks were donated and are not for resale. Reproduction and distribution were made possible under the rights granted by the respective publishers, authorizing DepEd to reproduce a specified number of copies.

2. The titles are as follows:

Kindergarten:

- a. *Kulay* by Priyanka, Illus. Ajanta Guhathakurta (The Asia Foundation)
- b. *My Jumbo Learning Workbook* (Lampara Publishing House Inc.)

Grade 1:

- a. *Munting Patak-Ulan* by Gloria Villaraza Guzman, Illus. Fidelito Manto (Adarna House)
- b. *Si Putot* by Mike Bigornia, Illus. Charles Funk (Adarna House)

Grade 2:

- a. *Message in the Sand (Sulat sa Buhangin)* by Charmaine Aserappa, Illus. Roel Obemio (CANVAS)
- b. *Ano Kaya Ako Paglaki* by Nabila Adani (The Asia Foundation)

Grade 3:

- a. *Ang Bayang Maaksaya sa Tuhig* by Samira Saidani, Shaymaa Sobhi (The Asia Foundation)
- b. *Ang Masisipag na Langgam* (Rex Book Store, Inc.)

3. To support effective reading instruction and facilitate meaningful reading experiences, DepEd issues Guide Questions for Key Stage 1 (Kindergarten to Grade 3) storybooks for use by teachers, with librarians and learning resource supervisors supporting the management and access to learning materials.

4. The guide questions are intended to support guided reading sessions for learners. The questions are organized by storybook title and are categorized into pre-reading, during-reading, and post-reading phases to promote deeper engagement and critical thinking.

5. The guide questions may be accessed through <https://tinyurl.com/DepEd-Storybook-Guide-Qs>.

6. For more information, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Resources-Office of the Director (BLR)** through email at blr.ed@deped.gov.ph or telephone numbers (02) 8634-1072/8631-6922.

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PROGRAM MATRIX
Orientation and Distribution of Key Stage 1 Reading Materials
September 16, 2026 | 9:30 AM | SDO Conference Hall

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