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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Camden County PD officers read to kindergartners**

*Invitation to cover/photograph:*

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

**Time:** 12 p.m.

**Location:** Forest Hill Elementary School, 1625 Wildwood Ave., Camden, NJ

**Visual:** Camden County PD officers reading to kindergartners

**Details:** The Camden County Police Department is proud to kick off another year of its Bookmates program, partnering with the Camden City Schools and the Jewish Community Relations Council, to create special memories for Camden's youngest students. Officers taking part in the Bookmates program spend time every Tuesday and Friday reading one-on-one with kindergarten students at Dudley Elementary and Forest Hill Elementary schools. CCPD officers have been taking part in the program in city schools since 2015.

Camden Mayor Vic Carstarphen, Superintendent Katrina McCombs and other city and county elected officials will be on hand as well to talk about the importance of reading with young children and about how Bookmates helps kids and police officers bond in a unique way.

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