

Second Grade Summer Reading and Journaling

Dear Second Grade Families,

Research has clearly shown that children who do not read during the summer may lose up to three months of reading progress! Needless to say, I strongly recommend that your child read every day this summer. I have included a reading list for suggestions. Summer is the perfect time to explore your child's special interests. Do not limit their reading to books... recipes, maps, magazines, road signs, cereal boxes also are wonderful ways to keep your child reading.

Please have your child record the names of the books they read this summer.

In addition to reading, each student needs to complete a summer journal, to be handed in on the first day of school. The journal should include the following:

1. At least 10 dated entries, at least 2 sentences each
2. Each entry must include a drawing, photo, map or chart
3. Their best penmanship
4. Correct spelling and punctuation

Some suggestions:

If your child is wondering what to journal about, they may write about interesting books they are reading. If they love nature and science they could record observations of animals, insects or seashells. Dig in the dirt and record what they find. Did your family travel this summer? Journal your adventures and draw a map of your trip. *Be creative.... Have fun!*

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Bostwick

READING LIST – ENTERING SECOND GRADE

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C.W. Anderson	Billy & Blaze books (1 st -2 nd grade)
Ludwig Bemelmans	Madeline
Louise Borden	Abraham Lincoln and me (1 st -4 th grade)
Louise Borden	Sleds on Boston Common (2 nd -4 th grade)
Paul E. Clark	Cats are curious
Joanna Cole	The Magic Schoolbus series (2 nd -3 rd grade)
D’Aulaire	Various biographies (1 st -3 rd grade)
Tomie dePaola	Various Books
Paul Fleishman	Joyful noise: Poems for Two Voices
Denise Flemming	In the Tall, Tall Grass
Carol Greene	Rookie biographies
Mary Hoffman	Amazing Grace
Pija Lindenbaum	Boodil my Dog
Arnold Lobel	Frog and Toad books
James Marshall	George and Martha (1 st -3 rd grade)
Patricia Palaco	Various books
Robert Quackenbush	Daughter of Liberty (2 nd -3 rd grade)
Pam M. Ryan	Amelia and Eleanor go for a Ride (1 st -4 th grade)
Peter Spier	Rhyming Historical Collection
Sarah Stewart	The Gardener (K-4 th grade)
Various Authors	I Can Read Books (1 st -2 nd grade)
Dr. Seuss	Various Books
Jan Brett	Various Books
Marc Brown	Arthur Books
David Adler	A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin
	Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	Nate the Great Books
Mercer Mayer	Little Critter Stories

Books on Geography, Weather and American History, concentrating on Pilgrims