

# Recommended Summer Activities



## Rising Second Grade

We are excited about your child coming to second grade this fall! Summer activities in reading, writing, and math will assist in your child's transition.

Reading with understanding is of the highest importance in all academic areas during our school day. Research has shown reading with your child and discussing what is read assists in reading with understanding. Therefore, it is very important that you read to your child or have your child read to you every day. Suggested books and series are on the following page. The minimum requirement is twenty-five books. Of course, we hope you will read and enjoy many more and record them on the Summer Reading Log.

Writing promotes reading. We encourage you to have your child write throughout the summer in various forms; such as a daily journal, fun fiction stories, and non-fiction stories. As your child writes, please encourage proper hand grip and letter formation.

It is easy to include math in everyday living. As you are enjoying your summer, have your child play with math concepts daily. Include skills such as:

- Skip counting by 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.
- Telling time on an analog clock to the hour and half hour.
- Comparing whole numbers through 100 by the symbols  $>$  and  $<$ . ( $84 > 48$ )
- Adding and subtracting 1 – 10 from any number up to 100 without regrouping. ( $45 + 2 = 47$ )
- Addition and subtraction facts up to 18. (quick recall and mastery)
- A free optional website to use to help with math facts is [www.XtraMath.org](http://www.XtraMath.org).

**Have a happy and safe summer!**  
**We look forward to a wonderful 2nd grade year!**  
**The Second Grade Teachers**



# Suggested Books for Rising Second Grade

## Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
- *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
- *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant
- *The Stray Dog* by Marc Simont
- *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola
- *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins

## Books About Friends

- *Amelia Bedelia* by Herman Parish
- *A Bargain for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- *The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi
- *Elmer* by David McKee
- *Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners* by Laurie Keller

## Books in a Series

- *A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* by Erica Silverman
- *Gus and Grandpa* by Claudia Mills
- *Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park
- *The Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Marvin Redpost* by Louis Sachar
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Pinky and Rex* by James Howe
- *Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale
- *Ready, Freddy* by Abby Klein

## Favorite Authors

- Stan and Jan Berenstain
- Peggy Parish or Herman Parish
- Kevin Henkes
- Arnold Lobel
- Dr. Seuss
- Doreen Cronin
- Shel Silverstein
- Jerry Pinkney
- Steven Kellogg
- Jan Brett
- Mo Willems
- Eric Carle

## Classics to Read Aloud

- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Just-so Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Paddington Bear* by Michael Bond
- *Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne
- *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
- *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie
- *Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers

## Historical Fiction

- *Magic Tree House Research Guides* by Will Osbourne
- *The Golly Sisters* by Betsy Byars
- *The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto* by Natalie Standiford
- *Young Wolf* by Janice Shefelman
- *Coming on Home Soon* by Jacqueline Woodson
















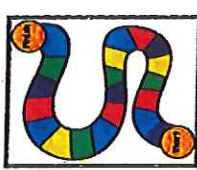








2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

# READING BINGO



Use this Reading Bingo card to make reading fun for the summer!

Complete one column or go for bingo blackout! Mark your completed squares with your parent's initials.

<p>I read a Caldecott Book.</p> 	<p>I read two books in a series.</p> 	<p>I read a mystery.</p> 	<p>I read a book with an animal character.</p> 	<p>I drew a picture of one of the characters in my book.</p> 
<p>I wrote a friend about the story I read.</p> 	<p>I read my book out loud to my parent.</p> 	<p>I read a fiction book.</p> 	<p>I listened to an audiobook.</p> 	<p>I read a book by my favorite author.</p> 
<p>I read a short story.</p> 	<p>I read the directions to a board game.</p> 	<p>I wrote a postcard, giving a book recommendation.</p> 	<p>I read a poem or song.</p> 	<p>I read a biography.</p> 
<p>I read a nonfiction book.</p> 	<p>I read a book outside.</p> 	<p>I read a book I got at the library.</p> 	<p>I read a book with a red, white, or blue cover.</p> 	<p>I read a book I wrote myself.</p> 



# Summer Reading Log

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# Technology Resources for Summer Skills Fun

Awesome Apps  
for  
Math Review



Todo Math  
K-1<sup>st</sup> grade



Splash Math  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade



Math Ninja  
2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Thinking Blocks  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Great Websites  
for  
Math Fact Practice



[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade



<http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact/mathFact.htm>  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade



<http://www.mathfactcafe.com>  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Amazing Apps  
for  
Language Arts Review



Endless Reader  
& Endless  
Wordplay  
K-1<sup>st</sup> grade



Kids A-Z  
K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade



Word Connex  
K- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Rocket Speller  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Wonderful Websites  
for  
Language Arts Practice



<https://www.funbrain.com>  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade



<http://www.abcya.com>  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade



<https://www.ixl.com/ela>  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade