

# Incoming Grade 2 Summer Reading



Dear Parents,

The goal this summer is to assist your child in becoming a lifelong reader. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences.

The following tips may be helpful:

- Encourage your child to select the books that interest them
- Whenever possible, children should read at least 20 minutes per day
- Read aloud to your child
- Read outside
- Ask your child questions about the book; who, what, where, why, when and how

Your child is required to read **all four books** this summer from the required list below. They are required to complete one written response and drawing on one of the books. The written response should be a summary of the book. Please follow the 5 Finger Rules to Writing in this written response: Capitalization, Finger Spacing, Spelling, Does it Make Sense and Punctuation.

1)Pete the Cat Goes Camping by Kimberly and James Dean

2)Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo

3) Henry and Mudge in the Green Time by Cynthia Rylant

4) Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea by Cynthia Rylant

## **Journal Writing**

Grade 2 will be using notebooks each day in class. Purchase a marble notebook and have your child keep a journal of what they are doing, where they are traveling, and any special moments from their summer vacation. Students are required to record 2 - 3 sentences about their experiences weekly. Your child will need assistance with this task.

Educational websites to explore:

<https://www-spelling-words-well.com/first-grade-phonics-worksheets.html>

<https://www.kizphonics.com>

<https://www.splashlearn.com/math-skills/first-grade>

www.ixl.com (parents can sign up for one month free)

## **Summer Reading List Recommendations:**

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than 5 words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to

your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

Any books in the following series:

Judy Moody (Series) by Meg McDonald

Amelia Bedelia (Series) by Peggy Parish

Flat Stanley (Series) by Jeff Brown

Junie B. Jones (Series) by Barbara Park

Ramona (Series) by Beverly Cleary

Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne

Cam Jansen (Series) by David A. Adler

Frog & Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel

Amber Brown (Series) by Paula Danziger

Curious George (Series) by H.A. Rey

Arthur (Series) by Marc Brown

The Magic School Bus (Series) by Joanna Cole

Nate the Great (Series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

### **Nonfiction Titles:**

Any titles by Seymour Simon

Any titles by DK Publishing

Magazines such as Ranger Rick & National Geographic Kids

Check out a fun biography & learn about someone's life

### **Other Titles:**

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

Alice the Fairy by David Shannon

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Pirates Don't Change Diapers by Melinda Long

If the Dinosaurs Came Back by Bernard Most

The Crazy Case of Missing Thunder by Tony Abbott

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond

Mr. Putter & Tabby Feed the Fish by Cynthia Rylant