

# 2nd Grade Summer Reading List 2017



Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Summer reading is a way to develop in your child a love for reading and to maintain the current level of skills that your child has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that you enthusiastically support their reading and make it a daily part of your child's summer.

Students entering Second Grade are required to read a minimum of 4 books during the summer. Please have your child complete 1 of the activities below for at least 3 of the books read. Please choose a different activity for each of the 3 books.

Please include the completed activities with your child's Summer Reading Record when you return it to your child's teacher on the first day of school. They will be for a reading grade.

## Activities:

1. Write about your favorite (or most exciting, surprising, interesting, confusing) part.
2. Make a picture showing one part of the book.
3. Draw the main character of the book. Make talking bubbles. Have the character describe himself/herself.
4. Draw a picture of the setting of the book.
5. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Write a recommendation for this book.
6. Beginning-Middle-End. Fold a paper into thirds. Tell how the story begins, what happens in the middle and how it ends. If you would like, you may draw pictures to tell about the beginning, middle, and end.
7. Come up with a different ending for the story and write it.
8. Does this story remind you of a Bible story? Tell how they are similar.
9. Did the main character demonstrate a Godly trait? Which one? Give an example.
10. Did you learn new vocabulary words? List 3 and use them in sentences.

## Entering Second Grade Book List

*A to Z Mysteries*, by *Ron Roy*  
*Amelia Bedelia Series*, by *Peggy Parish*  
*Arthur Chapter Books*, by *Marcus Brown*  
*Beezy Series*, by *Megan McDonald*  
*Berenstain Bears Series*, by *Stan and Jan Berenstain*  
*Boxcar Children*, by *Gertrude Chandler Warner*  
*Cam Jansen Series*, by *David Adler*  
*Charlie the Ranch Dog Series*, by *Ree Drummond*  
*Daisy Dawson Series*, by *Steve Voake*  
*Flat Stanley World Adventures*, by *Jeff Brown*  
*Frog and Toad Series*, by *Arnold Lobel*  
*Hello Reader Series*  
*Henry and Mudge Series*, by *Cynthia Rylant*  
*I Can Read Series*  
*Magic Tree House Series*, by *Mary Pope Osborne*  
*Mercy Watson Series*, by *Kate DiCamillo*  
*Nate the Great Series*, by *Marjorie Weinman Sharmat*  
*The — from the Black Lagoon Series*, by *Mike Thaler*  
*There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Series*

## How to Help Your Child Select a Book:

You are the key in helping your child select summer reading books which will be of high interest and will also be at your child's independent reading level. The independent reading level is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material without adult supervision. Please use these guidelines in helping your child select appropriate reading material.

- Find books about your favorite topic or hobby.
- Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator
- Browse through the book to see if the illustrations are interesting.
- Read the book summary on the back cover or book jacket.
- Choose a book that is at your independent reading level.
- Use the "Five Finger Rule." Choose a book that you think you would like to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As you come to words you can't pronounce or don't understand, put up a finger. If you put up five fingers for that page, put the

book back. It's too hard for you. If you miss 0 or 1 hard word, put the book back.  
It's too easy for you. If you miss 2 or 3 hard words, it's just right! Happy Reading!

It is our hope that your child will develop a strong love of reading. Have a wonderful and blessed summer.

Sincerely,  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teachers

