



Rising Second Grader 2018 Summer Reading Packet



STUART
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART

Dear Parents,

“Life is a learning process, learning is a lifelong process: you can’t separate them”...even in the summer! Each student is expected to engage in fun and consistent practice throughout the summer to avoid the summer slide. Brains need rest, too, however, so don’t forget to take some time off.

Second Grade Summer Work Expectations and Guidelines:

1. Spend time reading every day.

2. Print out this packet. If you don’t have access to a printer, you may pick up a hard copy at school.

- This packet includes: the summer reading list by grade and a menu containing additional activities to encourage the building of literacy skills. Appropriate and vetted websites for your daughter.

Family Activities:

- Play board games- they are a wonderful way for your child to learn turn-taking, game strategies, and perseverance.
- Keep a family journal of trips taken or build a scrapbook with pictures and text that explain where you were and what you did on vacation.
- Use sidewalk chalk and play hangman or write poetry.
- Using magnetic letters on the refrigerator, build words.
- At the beach, write words in the sand with a stick.
- Work on a craft project - helping your daughter read the directions.
- Plan a family meal- help your daughter write out a menu, read the recipe, then prepare the meal.

Play games in the car such as:

- 20 questions
- Listen to a book on tape that is entertaining for the entire family.

Summer Reading for Second Grade

Research has shown that reading over the summer months helps to reduce the summer slide. Get to know your local bookstores and town librarian. Also, explore storytelling programs or plays available during the summer. Continue building your daughter's reading habits, choosing books from the categories listed below.

Second graders are required to read books by Tomie dePaola. We encourage the students to read as many of his books as possible, especially the ones about Strega Nona. Activities and assignments based on the works of Mr. dePaola will be done during the month of September. The student should come to school in September with three books by Tomie dePaola.

Of course we hope your daughter will enjoy many more books than those required.

FICTION-AUTHORS

Ludwig Bemelmans	James Marshall	Marc Brown	Patricia McKissack
Babette Cole	Laura Numeroff	Barbara Cooney	Patricia Polacco
Tomie dePaola	Jerry Pinkney	Helme Heine	H.A. Rey
Kevin Henkes	Faith Ringgold	Russell Hoban	Cynthia Rylant
Ezra Jack Keats	David Shannon	Anne Lindbergh	Amy Schwartz
Reeve Lindbergh	Dr. Seuss	Leo Lionni	Rosemary Wells

We recommend books by the following authors to be read aloud by an adult or for independent reading:

Beverly Cleary	Roald Dahl	Ruth Stiles Gannett	Astrid Lindgren
Dick King Smith	Ann Turner	E.B. White	

FOLKTALES

Multicultural folktales
Aesop's Fables Michael Hague
The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales (as told by Virginia Hamilton)

BIOGRAPHY

We recommend picture book story biographies published by Children’s Press, Troll Publishers, and Rookie Books. We also recommend biographies by author David Adler.

NONFICTION

USA Atlases World Atlases Eyewitness (series) Golden Guides

The Magic School Bus (series) by Joanna Cole See How They Grow (series)

Usborne First Nature (series) Poetry Anthologies

Free websites:

Name	Website
National Geographic Kids	http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/
Time for Kids	http://www.timeforkids.com/
Kids Reads	http://www.kidsreads.com/
Giggle Poetry	http://www.gigglepoetry.com/
American Library Association Websites	
Great Websites for Kids	http://gws.ala.org/category/reference-desk
Literature websites	http://gws.ala.org/category/literature-languages
Authors and Illustrators	http://gws.ala.org/category/literature-amp-languages/authors-illustrators
Expanding the classics	http://gws.ala.org/category/literature-amp-languages/expanding-classics
Notable Children's books	http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb

Websites that require a subscription:

Name	Website	Description
ABCmouse	www.abcmouse.com	Early Learning Website

Apps: There are many, many apps that provide practice in reading and skill work. Choose the one your child likes the most!

Name: _____

Keep track on the log below to show the time you spent reading, working to complete an activity from the additional suggestions list, and anything else educational you did this summer. This sheet will be collected with the menu on the first day of school in September.

Homework Log for June:

Date/Week	Activity

Homework Log for July:

Date/Week	Activity

Homework Log for August:

Date/Week	Activity

Summer Menu

Select 5 activities from the menu below. Write the date you finished the activity. The empty boxes at the bottom are for you to add any other activity you did over the summer.

<p>Visit the local library and take out a book to share with your family.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Help someone plan a family meal. Write out the menu/ read the recipe/ make the meal and enjoy. Make a nametag for each person's place.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Read the directions for a game and then play the game with someone at home.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Read and Ride. Take a book on a bike ride with a parent. Stop somewhere and read your book.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>
<p>Write and illustrate a poem with someone at home.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Take a walk and write about the things you see/ heard or felt on your walk.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Send a postcard to a family or friend.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Join a local book club at your local library.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>
<p>Memorize your favorite poem then share it with a friend or family member.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Write a letter to the main character of the book you are reading. Tell him or her what your favorite part of the book was.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Read a book to your favorite stuffed animal.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>	<p>Read riddles with a family member. Try to memorize your favorite one.</p> <p>Date Completed:</p>
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