

Summer Reading

Second Grade Students – August 2017



Dear Parents,

Your child has grown to be a very good reader this year. He or she has gained many reading skills that need to be practiced over the summer to ensure retention. Summer reading is the bridge between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next school year.

To further develop reading appreciation and to practice reading strategies, **all second grade students will be expected to read 2 required books.** Of course, we encourage more than the 2 books recommended. A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at their reading level is to have them choose a page from the book (not the first page) and read it aloud to you. If he or she does not know five or more words, then the book is too hard for pleasant reading. Please decide when it is necessary to read a story along with your child.

Below are a few reading strategies that you may wish to use with your child so he or she receives the maximum benefit from the summer reading experience:

- Pre-read the story by examining the illustrations
- Use phonics to decode words
- Make and confirm predictions
- Sequence events and summarize the story
- Re-read the story: silently, orally, or together
- Identify the beginning, middle, and end of the story
- Identify the problem and the solution in the story
- Select special words you wish to remember and add them to a notebook

Upon returning to school, your child will take the Accelerated Reader (AR) comprehension test on their book.

Enjoy your reading time together this summer!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Denner

Mrs. Martinez

Mrs. Poetz

The 2nd Grade Team

2nd Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Book Report

Required Summer Reading for your "to be" second grader!

- **Muggie Maggie** by Beverly Cleary, Ana Cristina Wering Millet

When Maggie's first attempt at cursive writing earns her the name *Muggie Maggie* because she doesn't make the "a" correctly, she vows never to write in cursive again...after all, she can always use the computer. Will Maggie really go on printing her whole life?

- **Me on the Map** by Joan Sweeney

Illustrated in full color. In this playful introduction to maps and geography, step by simple step, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house, her house on the map of her street--all the way to her country on a map of the world. Once the reader is familiar with the maps, she demonstrates how readers can find their own country, state, and town--all the way back to their room--on each colorful map. Easy-to-read text, bright artwork, and charming details give children a lot to search for and will have them eager to help navigate on the next family vacation.

*Happy Reading!!

