

Dear Incoming 2nd Grade Families,

You may be wondering why your child has received a Summer Reading Enrichment Assignment. Statistics point to the disappointing loss of learning that takes place when young people are not in school during the summer. Your child has worked extremely hard this school year in Grade 1 Literacy, and we want to be sure that your child takes advantage of the academic gains s/he has made during his/her time off this summer. By providing you with this summer enrichment assignment, we are able to provide our students with the tools necessary to ensure year-long learning success while stimulating your child's interest in reading.

The goals of the summer reading assignment are to:

- advance literacy and academic performance by engaging students in reading-related activities during the summer
- increase successful reading experiences
- involve parents and family members in their child's reading experiences
- prepare each student for the reading and writing skills that will be introduced in his/her Grade 2 Literacy course.

The completion of this summer reading assignment is not optional. This will be students first reading grade for the year. Work should be turned in on the first day of school.

Students Assignment:

Students should pick any two books that are of interest to them, they can be fiction or nonfiction. A list of recommended books has been attached, but students can read any books that they like. After you have chosen your books, you will complete 1 assignment for each book.

Assignment #1:

For 1 book, you will make an informative and colorful poster about that book. Your poster will be displayed in the hallway; therefore, it is to be no bigger than a half sheet of poster paper. We want to be able to display all of the posters for everyone to see.

- The poster must have the book title and author (2 points), as well as illustrations about the story (neat, colorful, organized, from the story, at least 2 illustrations: 5 points), at least 2 sentences about the story (relate to your illustrations, complete sentences, correct grammar, capitalization and punctuation=5 points), and your name (2 points).
- Be creative with your ideas and materials! (1 point)

Assignment #2:

For the other book, you will complete the story map provided.

(title=1 point, author=1 point, setting=1 point, characters=2 points, b/m/e=3 points, name on project=1 point, handed in on time=1 point, neatly written= 1 point, complete sentences, correct grammar, capitalization and punctuation=4 points) TOTAL OF 15 POINTS CAN BE EARNED.

All work must be completed by your child in their own handwriting.

Thank you for your ongoing support inside and outside of the classroom. We are committed to giving your child the best education possible, filled with endless resources and opportunities for advancement. During the upcoming school year, your child will be expected to successfully master the skills from a rigorous 2nd grade literacy curriculum. Completing this summer reading assignment is the first step in preparing for a brand new engaging, challenging, and rewarding school year.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

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Incoming Second Graders Suggested Reading Lists

Avoid the “summer slide” with these great reads. These wonderful books will ensure your future 2nd grader lots of summer reading fun!

Amelia Bedelia (Series) by Peggy Parish
Frog and Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great (Series) Marjorie Weinman
Sharmat Junie B. Jones (Series) by Barbara Park
Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne
Amber Brown (Series) by Paula Danziger
Arthur Chapter Books (Series) by Stephen Krensky
Young Cam Jansen (Series) by David A. Adler
Flat Stanley (Series) by Sara Pennypacker
Clifford the Big Red Dog (Series) by Norman Bridwell
Curious George (Series) by H.A. Rey
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Series) by Laura Numeroff
Little Critter (Series) by Mercer Mayer Olivia
Meet the Barkers (Series) by Tomie DePaola
Tub People (Series) by Pam Conrad
The Book with a Hole by Herve Tullet
Labracadabra by Jessie Nelson and Karen Leigh Hopkins
12 Dancing Princesses by Brigitte Barrager
Bats at the Beach by Brian Lies
A Birthday for Bear by Bonny Becker
Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet
How to Clean a Hippopotamus by Robin Page
Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein and Ed Young
The Retired Kid by John Agee
Stellaluna by Janell and Jewell Cannon
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
The Listening Walk by Paul Showers
Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Five Little Monkeys with Nothing to Do by Eileen Christelow
The Great Pig Escape by Eileen Christelow
Albert by Donna Jo Napoli

and many more!!!



Title	Author
Setting	Characters
Beginning	
Middle	
End	

Student Name _____