

# Second Grade Summer Reading

Dear Second Grade Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Don't forget, there's no better time to get lost in the adventures of reading! ☺ Summer is very important to maintain and strengthen already acquired reading skills. Research shows that learning loss can occur over the summer if children do not practice their skills.

## Required Second Grade Reading

☀ You are required to read any TWO books by the following authors/illustrators:

- Doreen Cronin
- Pat Cummings
- Tomie DePaola
- Kevin Henkes
- Jerry Pinkney
- Patricia Palocco
- Cynthia Rylant

## Required Projects

- ☀ You are required to complete ONE project from the following list for ONE of the titles you choose to read by selected author and/or illustrator. Books can be purchased or checked out at your local library. Librarians are able to assist you in selecting the perfect book.
  - ✓ Create a diorama based on a scene from a selected story.
  - ✓ Construct a comic depicting at least 3 scenes from a selected story.
  - ✓ Make a book report story map (listing the author, title, setting, characters, problem and resolution).
  - ✓ List 5 unique or unfamiliar vocabulary words and their meanings in a crossword puzzle.
  - ✓ Design a book jacket for your story. Include the author, title and a picture on the front cover and a three sentence description of the story on the back cover.
  - ✓ Make puppets using paper bags or popsicle sticks and paper to act out the story
- ☀ These projects may, but need not be, computer generated. A helpful site for all of the projects listed (except for the diorama) may be Read, Write, Think. Please visit [http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource\\_type=164grade=9](http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource_type=164grade=9) if you so choose.
- ☀ Project is due anytime the FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL and will be counted as a READING grade. After the first week of school, 10 points will be taken off for every day late.

## Recommended Reading

- ☀ We strongly recommend that students **read at least TWO non-fiction books** of student's choice (write 3 facts you learned while reading ONE of the books). Write this information on an index card or notebook paper. If able, bring the book to share with the class.

Some Helpful Educational Websites to practice reading, math, and other learning skills:

- ☀ [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)
- ☀ [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)
- ☀ [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)
- ☀ [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)
- ☀ [www.abcy.com](http://www.abcy.com)
- ☀ [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)
- ☀ [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

- ☀ [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)
- ☀ [www.readingrockets.com](http://www.readingrockets.com)
- ☀ <http://scholastic.com/summer/parents>
- ☀ [www.scholastic.com/summer2](http://www.scholastic.com/summer2)
  
- ☀ <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/parents/>

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Your Second Grade Teacher