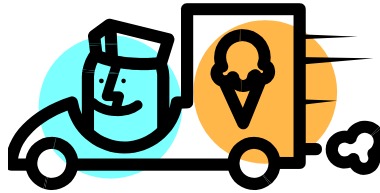


No Brain Freeze, Please!



Dear incoming Second Graders and families,

We are excited to see you in August! You have learned so much in first grade and we want to help you stay ready for second grade. Please spend some of your time this summer exercising your brain. Below is what your 2nd grade teachers expect from you this summer. Turn this in to your 2nd grade teacher on the first day of school. Don't let your brain freeze this summer!

Sincerely,

Your Second Grade teachers

Mrs. Hanlon, Mrs. Jacquinot, and Mr. Langford

1. **READ!** Please read at least four books this summer. Write down the title and author of each book you read (page 3). Put a ☺ by your favorite book. At least two of the books should be from the recommended list.

2. **WRITE!** Please complete a Book Report (page 4) for one of the books you read.

Please write about a favorite memory or activity this summer (page 5). Illustrate your story.

3. **SPELL!** Please learn the first 50 words on the No Excuse List (page 6).

4. **ADD & SUBTRACT!** Please spend at least 15 minutes each week reviewing first grade math skills on www.ixl.com . Use your login and password from first grade so we can view your work. You may try second grade skills when you finish the first grade review.

Please practice your addition and subtraction math facts for speed and accuracy. Please visit MathFactsCafe.com to create your own basic fact worksheets. Incoming 2nd graders should be able to complete 15 addition facts in 2 minutes.

5. **TYPE!** Typing Club is recommended but not required. Many of the standardized tests now require students to type their answers instead of writing them. Good keyboarding skills will allow students to focus on quality answers and not on finding letters! Students may access www.traut.typingclub.com using the same login/password used for IXL math.

2nd Grade Summer Reading List

This list is designed to give your future second grader some ideas for fun reading alone or with you.

Just Right Books

Books are listed alphabetically by author and by incremental complexity.

AUTHORS:

Aliki

Bonsall, Crosby	Hoff, Syd
Coombs, Patricia	Kraus, Robert
Eastman, P.D.	Dr. Seuss
Hoban, Julia	

SERIES:

Brand New Readers, Candlewick Press

My First I CAN READ, Harper Collins

Early I Can Read Books, Harper Trophy

Puffin Easy to Read, Level 1, Puffin

Early Step Into Reading, Random House

Bob Books, Scholastic

AUTHORS:

Anno, Mitsumasa	Parrish, Peggy
Briggs, Raymond	Sendak, Maurice
Burton, Virginia Lee	Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman
Keats, Ezra Jack	Udry, Janice May
Kessler, Leonard	Wells, Rosemary
Morris, Ann	Zolotow, Charlotte

SERIES:

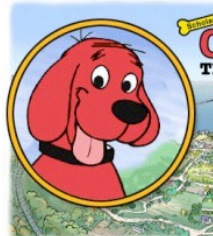
Carrotville Series (Brenner, Barbara)

Clifford (Bridwell, Norman)

Willy... (Browne, Anthony)

Jesse Bear (Carlstrom, Nancy White)

Rookie Reader (Children's Press)



First Graders From Mars (Corey, Shana)

I.Q. Series (Fraser, Mary Ann)

Polka Dot Private Eye (Giff, Patricia Reilly)

Iris and Walter (Guest, Elissa Haden)

Green Light Reader, Level 1 (Harcourt)

An I Can Read, Level 1 (Harper Collins)

Let's Read & Find Out Science Stage (Harper)

Geraldine (Keller, Holly)

Frog & Toad (Lobel, Arnold)

Fox (Marshall, James)

Little Bear (Minarik, Else)

Puffin Easy to Read, Level 1 (Puffin)

Step Into Reading, Step 1 (Random House)

Just for a Day Books (Ryder, Joanne)

Henry & Mudge

Poppleton (Rylant, Cynthia)

Amanda Pig (Van Leeuwen, Jean)

Morris & Boris (Wiseman, Bernard)

Harry (Zion, Gene)



AUTHORS:

Burmingham, John	Johnson, Crockett
Carlson, Nancy	Kellogg, Steven
Coerr, Eleanor	Pinkwater, Daniel
Cohen, Miriam	Spier, Peter
DiCamillo, Kate	Steptoe, John
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Viorst, Judith

SERIES:

Madeline (Bemelmans, Ludwig or Marciano, John B.)

Berenstain Bears (Berenstain, Stan & Jan)

Arthur (Brown, Marc)

Rookie Read About Science (Children's Press)

I Can Read? (Harper Collins)

Jamaica... (Havill, Juanita)

Angelina (Holabird, Katharine)

Adventures of Mole & Troll (Johnston, Tony)

Lionel & His Friends (Krensky, Stephen)

Martha Speaks books (Meddaugh, Susan)

Gus & Grandpa (Mills, Claudia)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Numeroff, Laura)

Amelia Bedelia (Parish, Peggy)

Mr. Putter & Tabby (Rylant, Cynthia)

Nate the Great (Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman)

Lyle... (Waber, Bernard)

Adventures of Benny & Watch (Warner, Gertrude)

Max (Wells, Rosemary)

AUTHORS:

Bang, Molly	Politi, Leo
Benchley, Nathaniel	Prelutsky, Jack
Brett, Jan	Singer, Marilyn
De Paola, Tommie	Steig, William
Gibbons, Gail	Waters, Kate
Hakes-Noble, Trinka	Wilhelm, Hans
Peet, Bill	Wisniewski, David

SERIES:

Miss Nelson (Allard, Harry)

Little Tim (Ardizzone, Edward)

Paddington Bear Picture Books (Bond, Michael)

Franklin books (Bourgeois, Paulette)

Rotten Ralph (Gantos, Jack)

My Weird School (Gutman, Dan)

Pinky & Rex (Howe, James)

Horrible Harry (Kline, Suzy)

Magic Tree House (Osborne, Mary Pope)

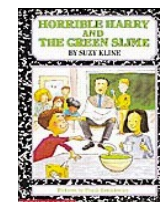
Curious George (Rey, H.A.)

M & M Twins (Ross, Pat)

Junior Gymnasts (Slater, Teddy)

Albert books (Tryon, Leslie)

Commander Toad (Yolen, Jane)



Open Circle Books

Fred Stays With Me (Coffelt, Nancy)

Bink & Gollie (DiCamillo, Kate)

Houndsley & Catina (Howe, James)

Gooney Bird Greene Series (Lowry, Lois)

My Rows and Piles of Coins (Mollel, Tololwa)

Back of the Bus (Reynolds, Aaron)

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (Sternberg, Julie)

I read these books!

Draw a ☺ next to your favorite book.

Title

Author

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

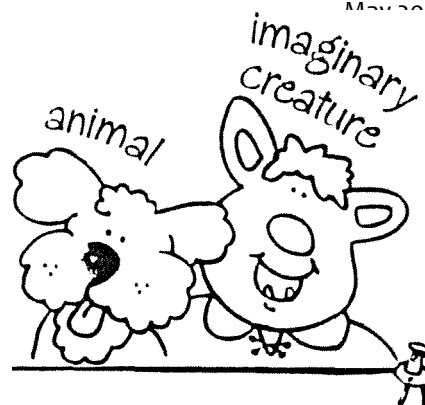
10. _____

Name _____



Main Character

Book Report Form



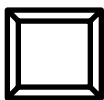
Title:
Author:
Illustrator:

Draw the main character here:

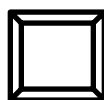
Write a sentence that tells about the character:

Would you like to have the character as a friend? Yes No
Tell why or why not:

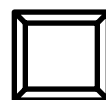
The Character is:



a person



an imaginary creature



an animal

Dear Parents,

This is your child's independent reading book. After your child has read the book, ask him or her to tell you who is the main character of the story. Encourage your child to describe the character and to tell if the character would be a good friend. Help your child fill in the report form.

Summer Memory

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 10 sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

No Excuse Word List

1. the
2. of
3. and
4. a
5. to
6. in
7. is
8. you
9. that
10. it
11. he
12. for
13. was
14. on
15. are
16. as
17. with
18. his
19. they
20. at
21. be
22. this
23. from
24. I
25. have
26. or
27. by
28. one
29. had
30. not
31. but
32. what
33. all
34. were
35. when
36. we
37. out
38. can
39. an
40. your
41. which
42. them
43. said
44. if
45. do
46. will
47. each
48. about
49. how
50. up