

Have a Hoppin' Summer



GRADE 2 SUMMER READING TIPS!

Your children have grown to be great readers this year. They have gained many reading skills that will still need to be practiced over the summer to ensure retention. Thus, it is important to keep your children reading over the summer. Summer reading can bridge the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.

WHY DO SUMMER READING?

- ◆ Increase reading level
- ◆ Individual reading material
- ◆ Language skills
- ◆ Vocabulary
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ Expand World

I have listed some tips to make summer reading a fun experience for you and your child. Following the tips, you will find my suggestions of great books to read for the summer. I hope this list will help you find many books that a second grader would enjoy.

I ask that your child read every day for at least fifteen minutes.
In this packet you will find a book report form. Please have your child choose his or her favorite book and complete the report.
Students should bring the completed book report to school on the first day of school.



SUMMER
READING



Some Tips for Summer Reading!!!!

- ◆ Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sports bags and campers' backpacks.
- ◆ Get your child his own library card. Take or allow him to go to the library often, browse for books and enjoy special activities.
- ◆ Help your child select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level. A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- ◆ Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.
- ◆ Stock up on inexpensive books that can be exposed to the elements or swapped for others at camp.
- ◆ Connect reading with other summer activities. For example, read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing. Perhaps you will visit the beach or go camping; there are many good books about the beach and camping!
- ◆ Set goals and reward reading. Reward reading with more reading. If your child finishes one book, stop by the store and let him pick out another.
- ◆ Let your kids see you read. Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in a doctor's office while you wait, and stuff a paperback into your purse, pocket, or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.
- ◆ Make reading together fun and memorable. Even if your child is a super reader, they still love to be read to. You may want to use different voices for different characters when you read to your child. Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling- another way to show your love as a caring adult. Children love to read letters and notes you write them. Maybe have a day of no talking only writing and reading each other's notes.
- ◆ Read it, and then do it. Does your child want to learn magic tricks? Juggling? Computer games? There's sure to be a book that can help him. Have your child read the instructions and then give it a try.

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? By: Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this interactive guessing book, beautifully illustrated in cut-paper collage, which was awarded a Caldecott Honor.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! By: Mo Willems

The bus driver is leaving for a little while and has one simple request: Don't let the pigeon drive the bus! It won't be easy; this bird is pushy. And he can be very persuasive. This simply (but delightfully) illustrated story puts kids in the driver's seat, letting them decide the difference between right and wrong.

The Thank You Book (An Elephant and Piggie Book) By: Mo Willems

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In **The Thank You Book!**, Piggie wants to thank EVERYONE. But Gerald is worried Piggie will forget someone . . . someone important.

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale By: Mo Willems

Trixie, Daddy, and Knuffle Bunny take a trip to the neighborhood Laundromat. But the exciting adventure takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes somebunny was left behind. Using a combination of muted black-and-white photographs and expressive illustrations, this stunning book tells a brilliantly true-to-life tale about what happens when Daddy's in charge and...

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type By: Doreen Cronin

Doreen Cronin's understated text and Betsy Lewin's expressive illustrations make the most of this hilarious situation. Come join the fun as a bunch of literate cows turn Farmer Brown's farm upside down.

The Giving Tree By: Shel Silverstein

This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

Falling Up By: Shel Silverstein

Poor Screamin' Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic*. Here you will also meet Allison Beals and her twenty-five eels; Danny O'Dare, the dancin' bear; the Human Balloon; and Headphone Harold

Doctor De Soto By: William Steig

Doctor De Soto, the mouse dentist, is very good at his work. He treats small animals in his normal dentist's chair, and bigger animals by climbing on a ladder. He reaches the biggest animals by pulley, and he works right in their mouths. But he and his assistant (who also happens to be his wife) are very careful not to let in "dangerous" animals — animals who eat mice, that is...

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear By: Lindsay Mattick
In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie, after his hometown of Winnipeg, and he took the bear to war. Harry Colebourn's real-life great-granddaughter tells the true story of a remarkable friendship and an even more remarkable journey, from the fields of Canada to a convoy across the ocean to an army base in England...And finally to the London Zoo, where Winnie made another new friend: a real boy named Christopher Robin.

Nana in the City By: Lauren Castillo

In this magical picture book, a young boy visits his nana and is frightened by the noise and crowds in the city where she lives. Then Nana makes him a special cape to help him be brave, and soon the city's everyday sights and sounds are not scary, but wonderful.

Noah's Ark By: Jerry Pinkney

This powerful story of salvation has fascinated people of all ages for centuries. Now, four-time Caldecott Honor recipient Jerry Pinkney captures all the courage, drama, and beauty of this ancient parable in rich, glorious paintings. Full of sensitive detail and emotion, his art brings new life and meaning to an important message of peace. This elegant edition of *Noah's Ark* promises to give readers strength and hope for many years to come.

Blackout By: John Rocco

One hot summer night in the city, all the power goes out. The TV shuts off and a boy wails, "Mommm!" His sister can no longer use the phone, Mom can't work on her computer, and Dad can't finish cooking dinner. What's a family to do?

Me...Jane By: Patrick McDonnell

With anecdotes taken directly from Jane Goodall's autobiography, McDonnell makes this very true story accessible for the very young — and young at heart

Duck for President By: Doreen Cronin

When Duck gets tired of working for Farmer Brown, his political ambition eventually leads to his being elected President.

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball (Cam Jansen, Book #6)

By: David A. Adler

When a baseball autographed by Babe Ruth disappears from the community hobby show, Cam and Eric are sure that it's been stolen. But the police aren't convinced, so it's up to Cam to find the valuable ball and catch the thief red-handed.

A Girl Named Helen Keller By: Margo Lundell

Readers exposed to the remarkable life of Helen Keller for the very first time will find this version of her inspiring story easy to read. Being a first Hello Reader! book, it tells Helen's story using basic words to reinforce phonics and sight vocabulary.

Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown! By: Paula Danziger

Amber Brown and her classmates are worried about the new teacher. The students' concerns are soon put to rest as Ms. Light meets them at the door wearing cool earrings and revealing an upbeat attitude.

Officer Buckle and Gloria By: Peggy Rathmann

Officer Buckle's safety presentation at Napville Elementary School is always ignored. It's so dull, in fact, that it puts audiences to sleep. Z Z z z z z... But soon, children are paying attention...to Officer Buckle's new police dog, Gloria, who stands behind him, impishly miming the dire consequences and accidents involved in not using one's head. Buckle is surprised to see the children suddenly so attentive, even applauding and laughing, and each time he checks on Gloria, she is sitting at attention.

Emperor Penguins By: Roberta Edwards

Beginning readers can chill out with one of the coolest creatures around—the emperor penguin. Did you know that penguins can't fly? Or that emperor penguins can stay underwater for almost twenty minutes?

Pete the Cat's Got Class By: James Dean

New York Times bestselling author and artist James Dean brings us a new story about the classiest cat around—Pete! This time Pete teaches us how to add and subtract our way to loving math in **Pete the Cat's Got Class**—which comes complete with a poster, stickers, and a set of 20 punch-out flash cards that teach counting, adding, and...

Series Books for Second Graders

[Amelia Bedelia](#) – Peggy Parish

[Nate the Great](#) – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

[Horrible Harry](#) – Suzy Kline

[Frog and Toad](#) – Arnold Lobel

[Magic Tree House](#) – Mary Pope Osborne

[Junie B. Jones](#) – Barbara Park

[Bailey School Kids](#) – Debbie Dadey & Marcia Jones

[Clue Jr. Mystery](#) – Parker Hinter

[Owl at Home](#) – Arnold Lobel

[Henry & Mudge](#) – Cynthia Rylant

[Cam Jansen](#) – David Adler

[Ivy & Bean](#) – Barrows

[Pinky & Rex](#) – Jacobson

[Horrible Harry](#) – Kline

[Tacky the Penguin](#) - Lester

[Splat the Cat](#) – Scotton

[A to Z Mysteries](#) - Roy

[Flat Stanley](#) – Jeff Brown



Name: _____

Second Grade Book Report Form Title of my book:

The author's name is

My favorite character in the book was

Write two sentences describing your favorite character.

[illegible]

Draw a picture and write a sentence telling about what happened in your book.

First

Last