



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.



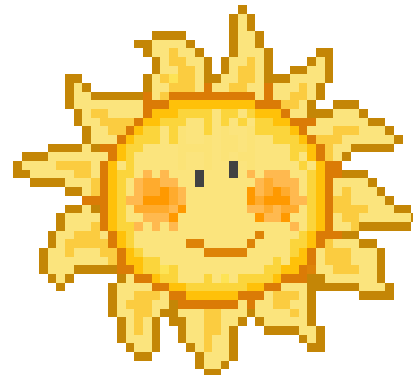
Why do summer reading?



- Increase reading level
- Individualize reading material
- Language skills
- Vocabulary
- Ethics
- Expand World

Below you will find some tips to make summer reading a fun experience for you and your child. Below 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.





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 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 too. 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.



Here are some great books that second graders love to read!



EASY READING



Ant Plays Bear - Betsy Byars



Can I Keep Him – Steven Kellogg



McDuff Moves In – Rosemary Wells



McDuff Comes Home – Rosemary Wells



Are You My Friend Today – Gyo Fujikawa



Rabbit and Hare Divide an Apple – Harriet Ziefert



The Giving Tree – Shel Silverstein



Houses and Homes – Ann Morris



The Drill – David Armentrout



Tools – Karen Bryant-Mole



The Bicycle for Rosaura – Danial Barbot



D. W. Rides Again – Marc Brown



Little Duck's Bicycle Ride – Dorothy Stott



George and Martha – James Marshall



My Best Friend – Pat Hutchins




A Friend for Dragon – Dav Pilkey




Hats, Hats, Hats – Ann Morris


 ON-LEVEL 

 How Many Teeth – Paul Showers

 Jimmy Lee Did It – Pat Cummings


 What You Do Is Easy, What I Do Is Hard – Jake Wolf

 One of Each – Mary Ann Hoberman

 Poppleton – Cynthia Rylant

 Mr. Potter and Tabby Walk the Dog – Cynthia Rylant

 Chop, Simmer, Season – Alexa Brandenburg


 The Art Box – Gail Gibbons

 How A House is Built – Gail Gibbons


 Mrs. Peachtree's Bicycle – Erica Silverman

 The Paperboy – Dav Pilkey

 Frog and Toad All Year – Arnold Lobel

 Frog and Toad Together – Arnold Lobel

 Amazing Bikes – Trevor Lord

 My Friend John – Charlotte Zolotow

 CHALLENGE 



Saturday At The New You – Barbara Barber



And Then What – Jake Wolf



Martha Speaks – Susan Meddaugh



Martha Walks the Dog – Susan Meddaugh



Martha Calling – Susan Meddaugh



The Math Wiz – Betsy Duffey



The House I'll Build for the Wrens – Shirley Neitzel



We're Making Breakfast for Mother – Shirley Neitzel



My Rows and Piles of Coins – Tololwa M. Mollel



Supergrandpa – David Schwartz



Metropolitan Cow – Tim Egan



Toddlecreek Post Office – Uri Shulevitz



Fishing Sunday – Tony Johnston



Adventure on Klickitat Island – Hilary Horder Hippely



A Picture Book of Helen Keller – David A. Adler



Baseball Saved Us – Ken Mochizuki




Teammates – Peter Golenbock


 FAVORITE SERIES 

 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

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

First

Next

Last
