

Summer Work Packet for Students Entering Second Grade

Dear Parents,

This packet includes a Summer Writing Journal, Reading and Math minute logs, and a Summer Reading list book activity. There is also a School Supply List for second grade included.

Part of the Language Arts summer work for students entering second grade will be to read 200 minutes over summer. These minutes should be recorded on the reading log, please sign for each entry on the log. To maintain strong reading skills, it is important that your child reads every day. Please try to have your child read for at least 15 minutes every day.

To maintain and reinforce writing skills, we are asking the children to write in a Summer Writing Journal. This journal should contain at least 15 entries. The children may wish to write about vacation or special family outings. The children should also include a colored illustration for each entry in the picture box. A Draw and Write Journal has been given to your child for these entries.

The Math summer work will be for the children to spend 200 minutes on math related activities. This can include interactive math sites online, card games, board games, or real life math. For example your child may have the opportunity to help count money by helping you work at a concession stand. Any type of activity that has a math connection can be used for the math minutes. We would like the children to focus on their basic addition and subtraction facts when working on the math sites. There are many free online math sites, some sites are listed at the bottom of this letter. They may use some of these sites or any other math sites that you may find. These math minutes should be recorded on the math log, please sign for each entry. This work is for the children to do over summer to help keep their skills in practice.

For math, extra practice with addition and subtraction flashcards, telling time to the hour and half hour, and identifying and counting coins would be extremely helpful. In second grade, your child will be expected to know by heart the facts up to 20, and a head start in the summertime will make second grade an easier transition. Time and money tend to be the most difficult math skills in second grade, practicing these skills in the summer would be very beneficial for your child. You can find addition/subtraction flashcards and manipulatives for time and money at office stores and many other stores for an inexpensive price.

Here are some websites where your child can practice math facts as well:

www.firstinmath.com (school logins should work until July 31st)

www.ixl.com/math/grade1 (school logins work until July 31st)

Thank you for your help with the summer work packet. All summer work will be due the first week of school. Please be aware that this work packet is required summer work, it will be graded as a project grade in second grade. Have a safe and fun summer!

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