

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. They will also have to complete a book activity. They may choose one of the books from their minutes for this activity.

To maintain and reinforce writing skills, we are asking the children to write in a Summer Writing Journal. This journal should contain at least 10 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. 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. These math minutes should be recorded on the math log, please sign for each entry.

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.

Please take your child to Mass often over the summer. In second grade, we prepare to receive two sacraments. It would be very helpful if your child is familiar with Mass.

Finally, in second grade we learn to write in cursive. Please do not teach your child in advance.

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

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

www.ixl.com/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. Have a safe and fun summer!

Please email me at mrs.long@stmmhbg.org with any questions.

Mrs. Long

Second Grade Classroom Supply List

- 2 red pens
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 pack of 12 pencils, sharpened
- 2 big pink erasers, rectangular shape
- 1 box of 24 count crayons - may need to be replenished after the new year
- 2 dry-erase markers and eraser
- 3 boxes of tissues - additional may be requested later
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes - additional may be requested later
- 3 reams of white copy paper (not Amazon Basic) - additional may be requested later
- 2 rolls of clear Con-tact paper to cover workbooks as they are sent home. This will protect the books and make them easy to wipe clean.
- 1 set of headphones to be used only during instruction and will be kept in school.
- 1 plastic supply box size 8x5x2.25 inches to fit in their desks and hold their supplies
- 2 plastic full size folders with prongs, 1 green, 1 yellow to be used for Take Home Folder and Desk Folders
- NO wheelie backpacks, please!
- Pop-top, spill proof water bottles only! Must be taken home and cleaned every evening.

Please bring only what is on this list, additional supplies may be requested at another time. Label everything that is brought into school each day with name and grade.



* Choose one book from your Reading Log for this activity *

Title: _____

Author: _____

Characters

Setting

Problem

Beginning

Middle

End

Conclusion

