

June 2010

Dear Second Grade Families,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your children this upcoming school year. I look forward to many great book discussions and I encourage your children to do a lot of reading over the summer. Some suggestions to help make reading fun and enjoyable include reading aloud to your child (any time of the day), asking questions about the pictures and characters, picking your favorite picture books from your childhood, and having your child read to you. I encourage you to take trips as often as possible to your local library and book stores. Barnes and Noble has a wonderful summer program that entitles each child to a free book if they read a certain number of books. Promoting positive reading experiences will help your child build good reading habits.

I have attached a suggested list for summertime reading. Look through the list with your child and also talk to librarians for further suggestions. Each incoming second grader should keep a list of books they read over the summer. If your child reads more than five books, it is not necessary to list more than five.

As part of Dutchess Day's tradition, we would like all second graders to write three postcards telling us about their reading and summer activities. Please send one to me, one to Mrs. Nancy Pelletier and one to Mr. John Cissel. We eagerly await hearing from you.

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I hope you are having a wonderful and restful summer. I look forward to meeting your second graders this September!

Sincerely,
Diana Besteiro

Below is a list of suggested reading.

Second Grade Summer Reading List

Anansi the Spider, Gerald McDermott
A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. Williams
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Judi Barrett
Dancing with the Indians, Angela Shelf Medearis
The Doorbell Rang, Pat Hutchins
Frog and Toad books, Arnold Lobel
Franklin books, Paulette Bourgeois
Second-Grade Friends, Miriam Cohen
Henry and Mudge books, Cynthia Rylant
Danny and the Dinosaur, Syd Hoff
Little Bear books, Else H. Minarik
Pinky & Rex books, James Howe
Tales of Amanda Pig, Jean Van Leeuwen
In a Dark, Dark Room, Alvin Schwartz
Amelia Bedelia books, Peggy Parish
Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown, Paula Danziger
Arthur books, Marc Brown
The Black Lagoon books, Mike Thaler
Cam Jansen books, David A. Adler
Flat Stanley books, Jeff Brown
Horrible Harry books, Suzy Kline
Jigsaw Jones books, James Preller
Little House on the Prairie books, Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Magic Tree House books, Mary Pope Osborne
Nate the Great books, Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
The Dog that Pitched a No Hitter, Matt Christopher
The Bailey School Kids books, Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones
The Kids of Polk Street School books, Patricia Reilly Giff
The Zack Files books, Dan Greenburg
The Puppy Place books, Ellen Miles
Rip-Roaring Russell, Johanna Hurwitz
Mr. Putter and Tabby books, Cynthia Rylant
Poppleton, Cynthia Rylant
Encyclopedia Brown books, Donald Sobol
Rainbow Magic Fairies books, Daisy Meadows
Katie Kazoo Switcheroo books, Nancy Krulik