

2022-2023 Summer Reading for Second Grade

Research has shown that reading over the summer months helps to reduce the summer slide. Get to know your local bookstores and town librarian. Also, explore storytelling programs or plays available during the summer. Continue building your child's reading habits by choosing books from the categories listed below. Be sure to print out the Reading Log below and track how many books you read during the summer!

FICTION

American Girl (series)

Dear America (series)

The Bailey School Kids (series) by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones

Boxcar Children (series) by Gertrude Warner

Catwings (series) by Ursula LeGuin

The Kids on Polk Street (series) by Patricia Reilly Giff

Little House books (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Love, from Your Friend Hannah by Mindy Warshaw Skolsky

The Magic Tree House (series)

Pee Wee Scouts (series) by Judy Delton

Key to the Treasure by Peggy Parish

The Cobble Street Cousins (series) by Cynthia Rylant

Jenny Archer (series) by Ellen Conford Annabel the Actress (series) by Ellen Conford

Cam Jansen (series) by David A. Adler

Pony Pals (series) by Jeanne Betancourt

A to Z Mysteries (series) by Ron Roy

Series of Unfortunate Events (series) by Lemony Snicket

Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Sharmat

Girls to the Rescue (series) by Bruce Lansky

Ivy & Bean (series) by Annie Barrows

Junie B. Jones (series) by Barbara Park

Additional Authors

Dr. Seuss (His books help with reading fluency. Great for emergent readers!)

Beverly Cleary (Henry, Beezus, and Ramona series)

Judy Blume

Roald Dahl

Elizabeth Enright

Ruth Stiles Gannett

Marguerite Henry

Anne Lindbergh

Astrid Lindgren

Lois Lenski

Peggy Parish

Patricia Polacco

Barbara Robinson

Dick King Smith

POETRY

Sing a Song of Popcorn selected by Beatrice Schenk DeRegniers

Under the Sunday Tree by Eloise Greenfield

Honey I Love by Eloise Greenfield

For Laughing Out Loud by Jack Prelutsky

The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Random House Book of Poetry for Children

Poems of A. Nonny Mouse selected by Jack Prelutsky

NONFICTION

Some of the second-grade curricular themes will include geography, map making, Native American studies, animals, and engineering, and plants and the environment. The following titles and authors are only suggestions. Please encourage your child to read any book about any theme that piques his or her interest.

Who Was... (series)

I survived... (series)

Eyewitness Books

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Eyewitness Junior

Magic School Bus (series)

My First Book of Biographies by Jean Marzollo

Rookie Biographies by Carol Greene

Usbourne Books

Scholastic Zoobooks magazine

Kids Discover magazine

Sports Illustrated for Kids magazine

National Geographic for Kids magazine

American Girl magazine

Women of Our Time (series) authors vary

NON-FICTION READING

As we transition to third grade, children will be interacting with greater amounts of non-fiction texts. The readability of non-fiction texts is more challenging than fiction texts due to the vast amounts of information and actual content found in them.

We find that most third graders struggle with successfully comprehending nonfiction texts. Because of this, we are highly encouraging that the children read more non-fiction at home as well. With practice and exposure, students success with non-fiction will increase significantly.

Kids love to read about real people, places, and events. Nonfiction books present real information in engaging and interesting ways. However, most kids read a lot more fiction than nonfiction, so spend some extra time helping your reader learn how to navigate a nonfiction book.

Talk about nonfiction- Begin by explaining that the book you're about to share is nonfiction. That means that the book will give us information that is true. The book will be organized around a specific topic or idea, and we may learn new facts through reading. Some kids even enjoy sorting their home libraries into fiction and nonfiction books. This simple categorization task helps your child understand the difference between fiction and nonfiction.

Most good nonfiction books will have helpful features that are not a part of most fiction books. These parts include a table of contents, an index, a glossary, photographs and charts with captions, and a list of sources. Share the purpose of the features with your reader.

Table of Contents

Located at the front of a book, the table of contents displays a list of the big ideas within the book and where to find them.

Index

An index is an alphabetical list of almost everything covered within the book, with page numbers. Readers can use the index to look up specific terms or concepts and go right to the specific information they're looking for.

Glossary

Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words that are related to the topic and their definitions. These definitions provide more information about new vocabulary words.

Captions

Captions are usually right under photographs, figures, maps, and charts. Captions give a quick summary of what information is presented in the graphic.

Photos/Charts

A lot of information can be found by "reading" the charts and photos found within nonfiction text. Readers will first need to figure out what information is presented. Then they'll need to discover how to navigate the information. Some charts use clear labels, others require more careful examination. Help your reader learn more about the different ways information can be displayed.

Books I've Read this Summer!-

Remember try to read both Fiction and Non Fiction
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Book Title	Date Completed
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**Try and complete 3 activities each week

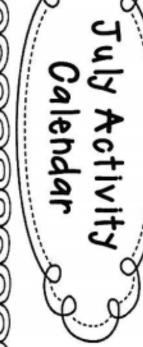
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June Activity Calendar

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Read a picture book to someone younger than you. Use a different voice for each character.	Solve.	from the library this week. Reread your favorite poem to an adult.	Write a letter to your parents. Tell four things ou would like to do this summer.	Monday		
to Make a list of 2D and 3D an shapes. Go on a nature thike to hunt for those ter. shapes.	Write 3,892 using words. Then expanded form.	Ask an adult to call out a s number between 100 – 900. Mentally add and subtract 10. Repeat.	r Fill a jar with Cheerios. ngs Estimate how many are this in there. Count them. How close were you?	Tuesday		
Bake cookies today! While they are baking, write the steps for making the cookies. Use time words like first, next, then, and last.	Which holiday is the best? Write a paragraph stating why you think that.	Create a grocery list of 10 items you would like to buy. Write an adjective in front of each item.	Write a paragraph about something fun you did yesterday. Circle the vivid verbs you used.	Wednesday		
Make a piece of toast. Cut it into four equal pieces. What fraction is two pieces? Three pieces? Four pieces?	Draw: rectangle, pentagon, hexagon, and quadrilateral. How many sides and vertices on each?	Plan a dream family vacation. Give reasons why you want to visit that place.	Solve. 54 + 23 + 76 + 89 =	Thursday		
Count by 5s and 10s. Can You make it up to 500?	Start reading a chapter book today. Your goal is to finish it by next Friday.	Gather a handful of coins. Count. How much more do you need for \$5,00?	Go for a walk. Make a list of 10 things you saw while walking. Now make those words plural.	Friday		
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	Practice subtraction facts.	Start reading a chapter book today. Your goal is to finish it by Friday.	Go to the library and check out a book of fables. What is the moral or lesson in your favorite fable?	Practice addition facts.	Monday		
Challenge yourself to	Set the table for dinner. How many utensils will you need for 4 people? Seven people?	Name 5 ways to make 50 cents. Draw the coins to show your thinking. Now show 7 ways to make \$1.00.	What is the sum of 549 and 808? What is the difference?	Write down the time you eat dinner. What time will it be in 15 minutes? 40 minutes?	Tuesday	MARCHAN	
Challenge yourself to complete at least 3	Write addition problems outside with sidewalk chalk.	Write a letter or send an email to a family member.	Read a non fiction book today. Write down 3 facts you learned and three questions you have.	Make a Venn diagram. Label one side ice cream and the other popsicle. List 3 details in each section.	Wednesday	<u> </u>	
activities each week!	Make 3D shapes using tiny marshmallows and toothpicks. Tell how many sides and vertices on each.	What is the sum of 397 and 962? What is the difference?	How much is one quarter, 3 dimes, 3 nickels, and four pennies?	Write down ten 3 digit numbers. Put them in order from greatest to least. Then subtract 10 from each number.	Thursday		
	Make some lemonade. Play a board game.	Write 3 facts about your summer vacation. Now write 3 opinions about it.	Read the first part of a picture book. Predict what you think will happen next.	Read a non fiction book today. Look for text and graphic features.	Fridgy		



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Challenge yourself to complete at least	Draw a picture outside with sidewalk chalk. Then write a story about it.	What do these prefixes mean – re, pre, un, dis?	Draw 3 clocks. Show the time when you woke up, ate lunch, and when your favorite to show starts.	Draw pictures to show: 2 x 7 5 x 4 3 x 5	Tuesday	6 2 3
/	Practice the subtraction double facts. (Ex. 18 – 9 =)	Practice the addition double facts. (Ex. 6 + 6 =)	Write a letter to a family member. Do you know how to address an envelope?	Write a poem about something in nature. Illustrate it.	Wednesday	August Acti
3 activities each week!	Solve. 561 + 839 + 642	Count by 3s and 4s. Can you make it past 50?	Pretend you are a teacher. Write 5 questions to ask your students about the book you are reading.	Start reading a chapter book today. Make a list of the main characters. Write a character trait for each one.	Thursday	V-TV
NECK!	Add the price of your school supplies. What is the total?	Write a letter to your new teacher. Describe some of the fun summer activities you did.	Write the time you woke up this morning. What time was is 45 minutes earlier? One hour and 15 min. earlier?	Think about the chapter book you are reading. Which character would you like for a friend? Explain your thinking.	Eriday	

