



Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy Summer! We are excited for your child to be in second grade at St. John's next year!

Reading is so very important, so please make reading a PRIORITY this summer....read at the pool, at the beach, in a fort under the dining room table, under a tree or under the stars.

We have suggested a list of books to help you locate reading materials and book titles for your second graders. (See attached summer reading lists from Montgomery County Public Libraries for 2nd & 3rd graders.)

To help determine a book's readability, use the **Five-Finger Rule**:

Have your child read one whole page aloud, putting up one finger for every word that your child finds challenging. If more than two fingers go up, help your child choose an easier book and save the challenging book as a Read aloud.

Have your child read every day for **at least** twenty minutes...

Twenty Minutes a Day

Read to your children twenty minutes a day. You have time and so do they.

Read while the laundry is in the machine or read while the dinner cooks;

Tuck a child in the crook of your arm, and reach for the library books.

Hide the remote, let the computer games cool, for one day, your children will be off to school!

Read in the morning; Read over noon; Read by the light of Goodnight Moon.

Turn the pages together, sitting close as you'll fit.

Till a small voice beside you says, "Hey, don't quit!"

Getting Children and Books Together:

1. Create a reading environment in your home!
2. Let your children see you read.
3. Read what your children are reading.
4. Turn off electronics; read a book, magazine, newspaper, recipe, directions for a game, Lego set, etc.
5. Establish a reading routine with time set aside for each family member.
6. Read aloud; this is one of the best ways to foster an interest in reading and help develop and improve language skills.
7. Encourage family members to talk about what they are reading.
8. Take a book along – anytime, anywhere!
9. Relate books to family activities and events.
10. Visit your library or Bookstore!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Rudolph