



Second Grade Summer Reading Adventure

Dear Families,

Children who read throughout the summer gain skills, can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them, and discover the JOY of reading. The more they like to read, the more they will read.

Reading every day, even if it's for just a few minutes, improves children's ability to read and learn all year long.

For your summer reading activities, students have a **Reading Adventure:**

Summer Reading Adventure Checklist for the 10 weeks of summer; students should check off what they do on the list below. Please make sure to read a variety of books and read for 20 minutes each day from our list of books!

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/for-you/kids.html>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-second-graders/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/2nd-grade-books-that-celebrate-diversity/>

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-third-graders/>

Students will hand this to the teacher when they return to school. Looking forward to having you in my class next year!

Have a great summer!

Mr. Begley

Week 1: Celebrate Summer	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Write a list of things you want to do this summer. Don't forget to include reading!	
• Take a walk. Write about or draw the things you see that show summer!	
Start a summer scrapbook. Include souvenirs of any trips you take, photos, ticket stubs, and projects you work on during the summer.	
List all the books by your favorite author. See how many you can read this summer.	
Share books with a friend. Keep sharing books throughout summer.	
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Week 2: Keeping in Touch	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Make a personal phone book. List phone numbers and addresses of your friends and relatives.	
Design your own stationery and write a letter to a friend.	
Start a journal with a friend or relative. Take turns writing in it all summer long. You can even do this by mail or e-mail.	
Write a letter to your favorite author. A librarian can help you find a postal or e-mail address.	
Draw a picture postcard of an imaginary place. On the back, write a message. Mail it to a friend or relative or put it in your scrapbook.	
Word game! Invent a code (A=1, B=2, for example). Send a message in code to a friend	

Week 3: Summer Cooking	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Now put them in A-BC order.	
Invent a recipe for a cool summer drink. Write it on a recipe card. Serve the drink to your friends.	
Go to the library and find a cookbook. Make the most interesting dish in the book.	
Read the directions for a recipe; Ask a parent if you can help make the recipe.	
Work up an appetite by reading a story about food. Make and eat the food you read about.	
Word game! How many smaller words can you find in the word <i>watermelon</i> ?	

Week 4: Travel Fun	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
If you are going on a family vacation this summer, read about your trip. Mark your travel route on a map.	
Pretend you are going to visit another city, state, or country with a friend or relative. Visit the library and find books about the place you want to visit. Or search online for information. Plan your itinerary and don't forget to check the weather!	
Pick an important news event from another city, state, or country. Find as much information on the topic as possible read newspapers, listen to the radio, and watch TV news. Talk about what you learned.	
Journal about your vacation; tell all about using your 5 senses!	
Word game! Look for out-of-state license plates. Make a list of all the state names and slogans you saw!	
Describe your trip through pictures; draw and label your favorite parts of your trip!	

Week 5: Going Outside	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Find leaves or flowers and press them between the pages of a heavy book until the end of summer.	
Plan a backyard camping trip with a friend. List all the things you will need to survive.	
Plan a family 'booknic' at your favorite outdoor spot, such as the beach, a park, or the woods. Pack lunch and plenty to read.	
Collect shells at the beach or rocks along a trail. Use a nature guide to identify them.	
Find something small enough to put in your pocket. Write or tell a story about it.	
Look for shapes and designs in the clouds. Draw them.	

Week 6: Fun Places	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
An animal has escaped from the zoo! Make up a story about it. Tell it to a friend or family member or write it down. Add pictures, if you'd like.	
What museums are close to your house? Are there any old, historic buildings in the area? Find these places on a map.	
Go back in time and pretend you lived in the oldest building in your area. Write a story about how you spent your time.	
Make a list of zoo animals. Sort them by different categories, such as type of animal (mammals, fish, etc.) or coloring (green, brown, striped, etc.).	
Visit the zoo with friends or relatives and find the animals on your list.	
Visit a museum or historical building with friends or relatives. Write a list of things you see that you didn't expect.	

Week 7: Being Creative!	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Make your own joke book. Collect jokes and riddles from your family and friends.	
Cut out pictures from an old magazine or catalog. Write a story about them.	
Create a rebus story (a story that uses pictures to represent words). Write a short story, and then substitute pictures (that you draw or cut out) for some of the words.	
Start a round-robin story. Write the beginning, then ask friends to add to it until it has an ending.	

Week 8: The Sky is the Limit!	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Learn what birds live in your area. (Birds are described in books called Field Guides.) Wake up early to go bird watching and list the birds you see.	
Which constellations can you see on a clear summer night? Look at the sky using a star guide to help you find the constellations.	
People have been looking at the skies for generations. Ask a grandparent or a much older friend to tell you a story about his or her childhood.	
The first UFO was reported in 1947. Read a science fiction book in honor of it.	
• Word game! Baseballs also fly through the sky in summer. Find a list of baseball teams in the sports section of the newspaper. Put them in A-B-C order.	

Week 9: Designing and Building	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Invent a tool to help you do chores more easily. Draw a picture of it or make it from some old junk.	
Check out cars as you go for a ride. Design a new car and name it.	
Walk around your neighborhood and look at the houses. Design a house that would best suit your lifestyle.	
Design your own board game and write the rules.	
Everything we use was designed by someone. Start a collection of things you like, or add to a collection you already have.	

Week 10: From Summer to School Fun	
Activities	Check off if Complete, then Put into Folder
Remember the leaves or flowers you pressed between the pages of a heavy book? Remove them, and put them in your summer scrapbook or paste them on heavy paper to make a bookmark.	
Review the chart you made to track the books you read this summer. Pick new books to read.	
Plan an end-of-summer celebration. Write a list of the 10 best things you did this summer. Design a menu of your favorite summer treats.	
Make a list of the supplies you need for school. Start shopping.	
Word game! Summer days are the longest days of the year. List the longest words you know	