

Summer Reading and Enrichment

During the summer we encourage all of our students to read for enjoyment. This summer we are also requiring each class to read a book. The assigned book, listed below, will be discussed with each class at our return from summer vacation.

Entering 1st Grade - Alphabet Mystery by Audrey Wood

Entering 2nd Grade - Nate the Great and the Lost List by Marjorie Weinman

Entering 3rd Grade - Revolutionary War On Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne

Entering 4th Grade - Skylark by Patricia Maclachlan

Besides reading, please consider purchasing one of the books listed below to support your child in maintaining their skills over the summer.

Summer Bridge Book

This book can be purchased at Learning How and most bookstores. Also they can be ordered at

http://www.schoodoodle.com/home/sch/smartlist_1085/summer_bridge_books.html

Summer Skills Book

This book is available from <http://www.summerskills.com/mathdetail.htm>

Below are listed some free educational websites you might find valuable to use over the summer with your children for enrichment. Of course, when working with free websites, often times one has to navigate around advertisements. I have found the websites listed below quite easy to pilot.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/>

<http://www.seaworld.org/>

<http://www.counton.org/>

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/foreignlang.html>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

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Summer Reading Recommendation For Incoming Second Grade

The following suggestions are made to serve as a guideline for parents in the selection of children's books for summer reading. It is hoped that as you browse through the library shelves that you may discover other books of even greater interest to you and your child.

Looking ahead to the second grade curriculum, you may also wish to select nonfiction books about Christopher Columbus, the American Pioneers, and the American Revolution (located in the 900s section of the children's library), as well as nonfiction science books on the solar system, the human body, and the five senses (located in the 500s section of the children's library). You may also wish to explore the biography (either B or BIO or 92), folk tales and fairy tales (398.2), poetry (800s), and religion books on the miracles of Jesus (200s), which will be included in the second grade religion curriculum. The following are a few suggestions for incoming second grade science series:

Joanna Cole – “The Magic Schoolbus”	Scholastic – “A First Discovery Book”
Dorling Kindersley Readers – Science	Seymour Simon – Science Series
Gail Gibbons – Science	

The following authors of general fiction books can be found in the “E” or “JUV FIC” section of the public library:

Fiction:

Mitsumasa Anno	Susan Jeffers	Robert San Souci
Edward Ardizzone	Steven Kellog	John Steptoe
Beverly Cleary	Gloria Jean Pinkney	Chris Van Allsburg
Tomie de Paola	Patricia Polacco	Jane Yolen
Russell Hoban	Cynthia Rylant	

Poetry:

Jack Prelutsky
Shel Silverstein

The following are a few suggestions of authors and series of early chapter books, which can be found in the “JUV FIC” section of the public library:

“American Girl” Series	Carolyn Keene – “Nancy Drew Notebooks”
David Adler - “Cam Jansen” Series	Mary Pope Osborne – “Magic Tree House”
Matt Christopher – Sports Series	Louis Sachar – “Marvin Redpost”
Debbie Dadey - “Bailey School Kids”	Laura Wilder – “Little House Chapter Books”

The following magazines are also recommended for this age group:

“Contact”	“Kids Discover”	“Your Big Backyard”
“Highlights”	“National Geographic World”	“Zoobooks”
“Ladybug”	“Ranger Rick”	“Spider”

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