

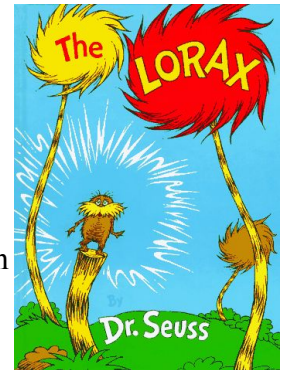
Summer Reading for 2nd Graders

Required Reading

Students entering the 2nd grade are required to read the following book over the summer:

The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss
(Book cover illustrations may vary)

Upon returning to school in August, the class will engage in a “Book Celebration” in which students will apply what they have learned from their summer reading book through discussion and engaging activities. Your child’s teacher will share detailed information with students once school begins in August.



Pleasure Reading

We encourage students to spend time over the summer reading books for pleasure. In elementary school, each child is developing as a reader. To develop strength in this area, children need lots of time to read many different books which interest them. Not only does this allow your child to practice their reading skills, but regular reading also affects a child’s vocabulary development and success in school. We have attached a Reading Log to keep up with the amount of books students read over the summer. Let’s see if we can get to 100 by the end of Summer Break! By adding reading to your summer schedule, your child will be eligible for many rewards when they return to school in August.

Why is Summer Reading Important?

Research has proven that the impact of summer reading loss can be significant. Studies also show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill.

- If your child is among the top 25 percent of readers for their age, they will probably continue to make some progress during the summer.
- If your child is an average reader for their age, they will likely remain steady or fall slightly during the summer.
- If your child is among the students who have made slower reading achievement during the school year, they are at risk of suffering from a significant reading loss over the summer.
- Research has shown that the best predictor of reading achievement is the amount of time spent reading. The more time a child spends reading, the better reader they become. So the best thing you can do for your child is reading to them, reading with them, and giving them opportunities for more reading.

My Summer Reading Log

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Directions: Write the title of each new book you read this summer.

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Reading Strategies and Ideas

Read to your child just for fun! Let them choose their favorite book, even if you have read it a 1000 times. They love familiarity. It makes for good readers.

Ask your child what they think the story will be about just by reading the title, looking at the pictures, etc.

Practice sounding like the character. You could even encourage them to sound like you and the other people in the household. Have fun with it. You could use a toy microphone.

Before reading, have your child tell you what they think the story will be about. Generate connections to the story by discussing events in your lives that relate to the story.

Have your child read aloud to you. Read any word to them that is difficult. Discuss their favorite part then re-read the story for increased confidence and fluency. Wait a longer period of time before reading those difficult words for them. They may surprise you and sound it out the second time. :)

If you do not have a fun and inviting place to read with your child, this would be a great time to create a cozy place for the both of you. On a sunny day, get out the beach chairs and sit in a shady place or pull back the curtains and pretend you're enjoying the seaside as you read together. Make a tent with an old sheet and pretend you are camping on a beautiful mountain top. The ideas are endless.

Choose from the wonderful books that you may have at home or find at your local library. Read EVERYDAY! Your children will thank you for it.