

Welcome to Second Grade!

*I am THRILLED to have your child in my class this year. Below is an explanation of the Summer Reading and Math assignments. Please read through them carefully and let me know if you have any questions! Have a wonderful summer!*

God bless,  
Ms. Meaghan Osborne

## **SECOND GRADE SUMMER MATH ASSIGNMENT**

Mastery of basic math facts is essential! Please help your child build math fluency. Fluent means “quickly and accurately”. The fluency standard for incoming second graders is to fluently add and subtract within the numbers 1-10. By the end of second grade the students should be able to fluently add and subtract within the numbers 1-20.

There are many ways to learn and practice all math skills. Some ideas are to use online programs, drill facts orally or with flashcards, complete workbook pages, and play games. I am asking the incoming second graders to practice their math skills regularly (10 minutes a day) over the summer.

Below are some websites that will help your child practice math skills:

<http://sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<http://www.xtramath.org>

<http://www.adaptedmind.com/gradelist.php>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/cc-2nd-grade-math>

## **SECOND GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**

Reading is SO important! Students need to read daily in order to become strong readers. Read for enrichment and enjoyment! Below are some suggested stories. Please fill out this Reading Log, which I will collect during the first week of school. If you are participating in your local library’s Summer Reading Program, you can fill out their Reading Log to turn in a copy of to me.

## **FUN BOOKS TO SHARE**

- ***Crickwing*** by **Cannon** c2000 insects, fiction

Crickwing the cockroach saves the day for the leaf-cutter ants when their forest enemies attack them.

- ***Below*** by **Crews**: c2006 fiction

When Jack drops his action figure into a mysterious hole, he has to devise a rescue.

- ***Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen*** by **Ernst**: c2005 fantasy animals, humor

Although Sylvia Jean owns plenty of costumes, she struggles to come up with a costume for the big party.

- ***You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together*** by **Hoberman**: c2001 rhyming stories

A collection of short, rhythmic stories and cheerful art.

- ***Dear Mr. Blueberry*** by **James:** c1991 letter writing

A teacher and his young student correspond with each other concerning an imaginary whale in the little girl's pond.

- ***Little Critter*** by **Mayer:** stories fantasy, animals

Little Critter is a small creature who is amazingly like a young human. Different members of his family take him on daily life experiences.

- ***Flossie and the Fox*** by **McKissack:** c1986 folklore, ethnic diversity

African American folk tale, a known egg stealing fox encounters a young girl who continues to deny that he is a fox without proof.

- ***The Honest-to-Goodness Truth*** by **McKissack:** c2000 character, ethnic diversity

A young girl promises not to ever lie but then discovers that there are times that one actually should not tell the entire truth.

- ***Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*** by **McNaughton:** c2004 school story

Mr. Gee, the new teacher, changes "ordinary" when he challenges all the children to use their imaginations.

- ***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*** by **Numeroff:** and sequels c1985 cumulative tales

When a mouse requests a cookie, a cycle of events occurs that brings the reader full circle.

- ***Dory Story*** by **Pallotta:** c2000 sea story, fiction

Danny's ocean adventures are completely enchanting, even if they take place in the bathtub.

- ***Amelia Bedelia*** by **Parish:** stories classics, fiction

Amelia Bedelia, who is a housekeeper, is very literal minded when others give her directions; the results are hilarious.

- ***Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*** by **Pearson:** c2002 kindness, fiction

When young Mary secretly leaves berries on a lady's porch, the kindness is multiplied many times over by others.

- ***Don't Forget Winona*** by **Peterson:** c2004 historical fiction

In the 1930s during the days of the dust bowl in Oklahoma and the Great Depression, a young girl tells about her family's experiences on Route 66 heading toward California.

- ***Skippyjon Jones*** by **Schachner:** c2003 humor

This Siamese kitten spends his "time-out" imagining himself as "El-Skippito" who comes to the rescue of some Chihuahuas.

- ***And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon*** by **Stevens:** c2001 nursery rhymes

From the Mother Goose nursery rhyme, Dish and Spoon run away. Concerned about the fate of the rhyme, Cat, Cow and Dog set out to find them.

- ***The House On East*** by **Waber:** 88th Street c1962 crocodiles, classic

When Lyle the Crocodile appears in the bathtub of the Primm family, the family is very upset; but Lyle soon wins their hearts.

- ***The Other Side*** by **Woodson:** c2001 friendship, ethnic diversity

A fence divides a town where two girls - one white and one black - sit and gradually become acquainted.

## **BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDS**

- ***A Bargain for Frances*** by Hoban
- ***The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room*** by Giff
- ***Fox on the Job*** by Marshall
- ***Horrible Harry and the Green Slime*** by Kline
- ***Pinky and Rex*** by Howe

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

- ***American Girls Series***
- ***Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers*** by Rosenbloom
- ***Kamishibai Man*** by Say

## **LEARNING TO READ STORIES**

- ***Berenstain Bears*** series by Berenstain
- ***Cam Jensen*** series by Adler
- ***Hello Reader!***
- ***I Can Read Books***
- ***Junie B. Jones*** series by Park
- ***Puffin Easy-to-Read***
- ***Step Into Reading Levels 1-4***
- ***The Stories Julian Tells*** by Cameron

## **CALDECOTT AWARDS AND HONOR BOOKS**

- ***The Funny Little Woman*** by Mosel
- ***Many Moons*** by Thurber
- ***The Ox-Cart Man*** by Hall
- ***The Story of Jumping Mouse*** by Steptoe
- ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*** by Steig
- ***When I Was Young in the Mountains*** by Rylant

