

Dear Rising Second Grade Parent -

I am excited to have your child in Second Grade next year!

Enclosed please find the supply list for next year. Please note that some items (glue sticks, for example), may need to be replenished throughout the year. I will send a note home at some point in the year, letting parents know specifically what your child needs more of.

Enclosed you will also find a suggested summer reading list. Of course, your children are welcome to read any other books they want - these are just some suggestions to get them started. The most important thing is that they read!

The first list lists some books by types of books, the second list lists books by genre, and the third list is for rising First Graders, but your child may enjoy them and gain confidence by reading a book that is easy to read.

I have also included a handout which makes it simple to know if the book your child has chosen is within their reading level or not. Please note that books that are difficult to read should not be *eliminated*, only that those books are choices that would need to be read together with a parent, so you can help with difficult words and explain what is going on with the plot as needed.

Again, I am looking forward to having your son or daughter in class next year, and I will be praying for a safe summer for you and your family!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Torres
Second Grade Teacher



Five Finger Rule

1. Choose a book!
2. Open the book to any page and begin reading.
3. Put one finger up for each word you don't know.



Too Easy

0-1 Fingers



Just Right!

2-3 Fingers



Too Hard

4-5 Fingers

Rising 2nd Grade Summer Reading List

The following books are suggestions for summer reading. Please feel free to read other books that are not on this list. The most important thing is to read this summer! It will help keep your skills sharp. Remember to read silently, read aloud to someone else, or have someone read to you. All three types of reading are important to help you grow as a reader! Happy Reading!

Picture Books

Alexander – How the Cat Swallowed Thunder
Brown - Arthur Series
Brett Comet's – Nine Lives
Falconer – Olivia Series
Long – How I Became a Pirate
Moss – Amelia Series
Pfister – Rainbow Fish Series
San Souci – The Talking Egg
Silverstein – The Giving Tree
Steig – Doctor DeSoto

Beginning Chapter Books

Brenner – Wagon Wheels
Brown – Arthur Chapter Book Series
Hoff - Danny the Dinosaur
Howe – Pinky and Rex Series
Kessler – Stan the Hot Dog Man
Lobel – Frog and Toad Series
Mills – Gus and Grandpa Series
Sharmat – Nate the Great Series
Van Leeuwen – Oliver and Amanda Pig

Longer Chapter Books

Brown – Stanley and the Magic Lamp
Invisible Stanley
Byars – Tornado
Christopher – The Lucky Baseball Bat
Cleary – Ramona Series
Conford – A Case for Jenny Archer
Danziger – Amber Brown is NOT a Crayon
DiCamillo – Mercy Watson to the Rescue
Duffey – Hey, New Kid
King-Smith – Ace, the Very Important Pig
Mahy – Rattle bang Picnic
McMullan – Fluffy Series
Osborne – Magic Tree House Series
Park – Junie B. Jones Series
Sobol – Encyclopedia Brown Series
Warner – The Boxcar Children Series



2nd Grade Summer Reading List

If you like funny books, you'll love:

- [Bad Kitty](#)
- [Mr. Pants](#)
- [Mal and Chad](#)
- [Captain Underpants](#)
- [Lulu and the Brontosaurus](#)
- [Misadventures of Salem Hyde](#)
- [Mercy Watson](#)
- [Frannie K. Stein](#)

- [Marty McGuire](#)
- [Keena Ford](#)
- [Calvin Coconut](#)
- [Stink](#)
- [Ivy and Bean](#)
- [Guinea Dog](#)
- [The Year of Billy Miller](#)

If you like mythical creatures, you'll love:

- [My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish](#)
- [Beasts of Olympus](#)
- [Myth-O-Mania](#)
- [Dragonbreath](#)
- [Echo and the Bat Pack](#)
- [Beastologist](#)
- [Never Girls](#)
- [Dragon Slayer's Academy](#)
- [Rainbow Magic Fairies](#)

Keep your kids learning all summer with this [free Brain Camp summer learning printable](#).

(<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-printable-for-kids/>)

If you like adventure stories, you'll love:

- [Zita the Spacegirl](#)
- [Magic Tree House](#)
- [Three-Ring Rascals](#)
- [Galaxy Zack](#)
- [Recipe for Adventure](#)

If you like mysteries, you'll love:

- [The Haunted Library](#)
- [The Whodunit Detective Agency](#)
- [A to Z Mysteries](#)
- [Ballpark Mysteries](#)
- [Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye](#)
- [Cam Jansen](#)

If you love realistic stories, you'll like:

- [Sparkle Spa](#)
- [Rainbow Street Shelter](#)
- [Zeke Meeks](#)



1st Grade Summer Reading List

Beginning Readers

- [Clara and Clem](#)
- [Little Big Horse](#)
- [Steve & Wessley](#)
- [Trucktown](#)
- [Cat the Cat](#)
- [Elephant and Piggie](#)

Easiest Chapter Books

SILLY

- [Fly Guy](#)
- [Moldylocks and the Three Beards](#)
- [Claude in the City](#)

REALISTIC

- [Pinch and Dash](#)
- [Bink & Gollie Best Friends Forever](#)
- [Aggie the Brave](#)

ADVENTURE

- [LEGO Ninjago](#)
- [The Princess in Black](#)

ANIMALS

- [The Chicken Squad](#)
- [Monkey and Elephant Get Better](#)

Beginning Chapter Books

ANIMALS

- [Shelter Pet Squad: Jelly Bean](#)
- [Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door](#)
- [Bad Kitty](#)
- [Daisy Dawson](#)
- [Lulu and the Brontosaurus](#)
- [Breyer Stablemates](#)

FANTASY

- [Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper](#)
- [Space Taxi Archie Takes Flight](#)
- [The Big Bad Detective Agency](#)
- [The Notebook of Doom](#)

REALISTIC

- [Dory Fantasmagory](#)
- [Here's Hank](#)

FUNNY

- [Monkey Me](#)
- [Kung Pow Chicken](#)
- [Phonics Comics](#)