

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. Benton*

*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*

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*

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*

- *Marty McGuire*
- *Keena Ford*
- *Calvin Coconut*
- *Stink*
- *Ivy and Bean*
- *Guinea Dog*
- *The Year of Billy Miller*

Keep your kids learning all summer with this free Brain Camp summer learning printable.

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