



**Reading Assignment Summer 2024**  
**Directions for Rising Second Grade Students**

Dear Parents,

Research has shown that the best predictor of reading achievement is the amount of time spent reading. The best thing to do with your child is to read to them, read with them, and give them opportunities for independent reading. Please encourage positive reading experiences so that your child will look forward to it.

This reading assignment is a requirement for all incoming second graders and will be graded for 25 points (5 points per story map).

1. Please choose 5 books to read over the summer. Please see the book list for suggestions, but you may choose any books you would like.
  - 4 fiction books
  - 1 non-fiction book
2. After reading, your child will then complete a story map for each book read. Each story map will be worth 5 points for a total of 25 points. There is one map that can be printed for the 4 fiction books and 1 form for the non-fiction book.
3. Each child must turn in a story map for each book (5 total) on the first day of school, Monday, August 26, 2024.
4. We encourage students to read more than 5 books this summer, but it is only necessary to read 5 and complete the story maps.
5. Happy reading! ☺
6. Along with reading practice, students are encouraged to practice on the Language Arts IXL. This is not required, but available for your use.

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Teachers

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## Suggested Books for Rising Second Grade Students

### Favorite Picture Books

- *Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- *Batman's Dark Secret* by Kelly Puckett & Jon J Muth
- *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser
- *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick & Susie Blackall
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems
- *Henry Aaron's Dream* by Matt Tavares
- *Skippy Jon Jones* by Judy Schachner
- *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers
- *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney
- *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler and Jared Lee

### Favorite Series

- *Arthur* books by Arthur Lobel
- *Fly Guy Presents* by Tedd Arnold
- *Frog and Toad Series* by Arnold Lobel
- *Froggy* by J. Landon
- *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Borrowes
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Sharmant
- *The Pigeon Series* by Mo Willems

### Early Chapter Books

- *Cam Jansen* by David Adler
- *Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems
- *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- *Fox and Friends* by James Marshall
- *Horrible Harry and Song Lee* by Suzy Kline
- *Iris and Walter* by Elissa Guet
- *The Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osbourne
- *The Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliot
- *Young Cam Jansen* by David Adler

### Favorite Authors

- Bernard Waber
- Cynthia Rylant
- Doreen Cronin
- Dr. Seuss
- Eric Carle
- Gail Gibbons
- Jan Brett
- Judith Viorst
- Kevin Henkes
- Marc Brown
- Mo Willems
- Patricia Polacco
- Rosemary Wells
- Tomie dePaolo
- Tony Abbott

\_\_\_\_\_ 's Story Map

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

End: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Book Report: Non-Fiction



title: \_\_\_\_\_

author: \_\_\_\_\_

This book was \_\_\_\_\_ number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_  
(easy, just right, hard)

Describe what the book is about.

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List three interesting facts you learned from this book.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you like this book? Tell why or why not. \_\_\_\_\_

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