

Summer Reading Program 2023

Savannah Adventist Christian School

Summer is almost here, a time for fun and family. It's time for a change of pace and a change of scenery. It's also a time for children to forget what they learned the previous school year. This loss of learning is sometimes called the "summer slide". If you'd like to read more about it, check out the links below.

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2018/8-resources-for-parents-to-promote-summer-learning/>

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide.html>

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2016/five-ways-to-promote-summer-lovinof-math/>

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

The Summer Reading and Skill Reinforcement Program for SACS students will help ensure that your child maintains his or her academic success for the next school year. We encourage you to make this fun for your child, but to also make it intentional. Come up with a plan so there is no need to panic as summer comes to an end. You are welcome to read *with* your child, discuss the book as they go along, and of course, read more than the minimum!

This is due on the first day of class in the 2023-2024 school year and will be worth 100 points for the reading grade for first quarter.

Have fun and read!

We strongly recommend this Summer Bridge Book for rising 2nd graders:

https://www.amazon.com/Summer-Bridge-Activities%C2%AE-Grades-Activities/dp/1483815811/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=142RDF56Z9LZF&keywords=summer+bridge+activities+1-2&qid=1559133239&s=gateway&srefix=summer+bridge%2Caps%2C168&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1

Directions for rising 2nd graders:

Choose books that are interesting to you. If they are too hard to read, get a family member to read to you! But some of the time, you should read books that are “just right” for you so you can practice your reading skills and be ready for school in August!

Frustrating I HAVE TO WORK REALLY HARD TO UNDERSTAND THIS BOOK.	Just Right NOT TOO HARD OR TOO EASY. I LOVE THIS BOOK!
Boring THIS BOOK IS NOT NECESSARILY CHALLENGING. IT JUST MAKES ME YAWN.	Entertaining I AM TOTALLY INTO THIS BOOK, BUT IT MIGHT BE TOO EASY FOR ME.

Tips for Choosing “Just Right” Books for Independent Reading:

- Read one of the first full pages in the book. Count how many words you don’t know. If it’s more than 2-3, it might prove to be a difficult read. If you are really interested and think you’ll stick with it, it’s worth a challenge. If not, it might be better to try a different book because you don’t want to miss any of the important parts.
- When you read it out loud, can you read it smoothly? If so, it might be a good fit.
- Does the topic of the book interest you? If so, that’s a good sign.
- Read a few pages. Do you understand what you are reading? Can you tell someone about it? If you can, it might be a good choice.
- Is this book in a genre that you normally enjoy? If you typically like informational text and it’s an informational book, chances are that you’ll enjoy it.
- Give the book a chance! If you think you’ll like it but can’t get into it within 25-50 pages, it’s okay to abandon the book and try something else.

Keep in mind: WHEN READING INDEPENDENTLY, TRY TO SELECT A BOOK THAT IS interesting to you AND THAT YOU CAN COMPREHEND.

FINAL NOTE: The number of books you read is not as important as it is that you choose books are “just right” books and that you consistently spend time throughout the summer practicing your reading skills!

Suggested Reading List for Rising Second Grade Students

A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry

Aesop's Fables translated by S. A. Hanford

Amelia Bedelia book from series by Peggy Parish

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz

Andy and the Lion by James Daugherty

Billy and Blaze or any other title in the series by C. W. Anderson

James Herriot's Treasury for Children by James Herriott

Chanticleer and the Fox by Barbara Cooney

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Crow Boy by Taro Yashima

Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla

Fireflies! by Julie Brinckloe

Frances book from the series by Russell Hoban

Frog and Toad book from the series by Arnold Lobel

George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz

George the Drummer Boy by Nathaniel Benchley

Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley

Katie and the Big Snow by Virginia Burton

The Little House by Virginia Burton

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Saint George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown

The Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner

Suggested Reading List for Rising First Grade (Advanced) Students

(If the books on the previous page are too difficult, try some of these.)

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Fox in Socks Dr. Seuss

Green Eggs and Ham Dr. Seuss

Hop on Pop Dr. Seuss

There's a Wocket in my Pocket Dr. Seuss

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

First Grade, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson

Who Is That, Cat the Cat? by Mo Willems

We Are Growing by Laurie Keller

Big Cat by Ethan Long

The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat

Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick

Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear by Kevin Bolger

Trucktown by Jon Scieszka

My Toothbrush is Missing by Jan Thomas

What Is Chasing Duck? by Jan Thomas

We Are in a Book by Mo Willems

The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow by Andy Griffiths

Book Summaries



Summer 2023 Rising Second Grade

Book Title	Author	Two-sentence Summary MUST BE IN YOUR OWN WORDS Do not copy from anywhere!
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By signing below, you truthfully declare that these books were approved by the parent and read by the student named below during the summer of 2023.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date