Dear Parents of Incoming Second Grade Students,

Welcome to second grade! Your children have grown as readers and, over the summer, we would like to help them maintain all that they have achieved. With the absence of tests, reports, and writing assignments, students can just get lost in a book, making summer one of the most enjoyable times to read.

To help you and your child choose books for summer reading, we have attached a list of book series which have been favorites of our second grade students. These recommendations represent a variety of reading levels as well as both fiction and nonfiction titles, so that your child will be able to choose (with your guidance) a "just right" book based on his/her interests. In addition to fiction stories that are full of adventure, or have interesting characters, second graders are interested in nonfiction books about animals, famous people, states and landmarks, and historical events. Reading both fiction and nonfiction books will keep your child engaged and learning all summer long!

We hope that while reading this summer, your child will discover new favorite characters, enjoy a new adventure, or learn something new about himself/herself, or the world.

We wish you and your child a fun-filled summer with many happy hours of reading. We are encouraging your child to read as many books as possible. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,
The Second Grade Team
**Book Series We Think Second Graders Will Love**

*Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems - Level G  
*Elephant and Piggie Like Reading* by various authors - Level H  
*Dragon Series* by Dav Pilkey - Level I  
*Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold - Level I  
*Young Cam Jansen* by David A. Adler - Level J  
*Nate the Great* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat - Level K  
*Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger - Level K  
*Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel - Level K  
*Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo - Level K  
*Cam Jansen* by David A. Adler - Level L  
*Hot Rod Hamster* by Cynthia Lord - Level L  
*My Weird School* by Dan Gutman - Level L  
*Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne - Level M  
*Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows - Level M  
*Jigsaw Jones* by James Preller - Level M  
*Marvin Redpost* by Louis Sachar - Level M  
*National Geographic Kids*

**Picture Books We Think Second Graders Will Love**

*The Cookie Fiasco* by Dan Santat  
*We Are Growing!* by Laurie Keller  
*How to Code a Sandcastle* by Josh Funk  
*The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Daywalt  
*Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers

In addition, we recommend titles by Cynthia Rylant. She is the author of many book series of various reading levels, including *Henry and Mudge*, *Poppleton*, *The High Rise Private Eyes*, and *Cobble Street Cousins*.

We also suggest titles from leveled libraries such as *Step Into Reading*, *I Can Read*, *DK Readers* or *All Aboard Reading*. These libraries include many nonfiction titles, as well as fiction titles.