

Dear Almost-2nd Graders and Families,

Contained in this packet is a suggested summer reading list, a book talk, a reading log, sight words to practice, and LEXIA information.

- (1) **Daily Independent Reading:** Students should read a book at their level for at least 5-10 minutes daily. Log your reading on the attached book log.
- (2) **Summer Journal** - Continue writing and drawing from your 1st grade journal or use another journal to write and draw about the events of summertime. Be prepared to share parts of your journal with your new classmates in 2nd grade
- (3) **Shared Reading:** In addition to independent reading, an adult should frequently read interesting books to your child to model fluency and help build vocabulary and exposure to complex literature.
- (4) **Book Talk:** When we return to school, students will **share** a book from their summer reading with their classmates in ELA class. Be prepared to share details and opinions about the book
- (5) **LEXIA:** If your student has not completed **Level 9** on LEXIA please continue to work towards this goal over the summer.
- (6) **Sight Words:** See the attached sight word list for words to practice recognizing and spelling. You can make it fun! Write the words on index cards and play memory or go fish. Challenge your child to find as many of one word as possible around the house, etc. For online practice with these words, you can search for “Dolch Sight Words, 1st Grade” and many free ideas will come up.

Enjoy your summer,
Your ELA Teachers

In addition to the books listed below, this website has a list of recommendations that would suit most rising 2nd graders: <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-first-graders/> .

You can find many of the books on this list for free at the New Orleans Public Library and on Epic Books.

Easiest Chapter Books

Easy chapter books have pictures with words. The easiest chapter books have just a few sentences per page.

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Aggie the Brave by Lori Ries

Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog by Cynthia Rylant

Pinch and Dash Make Soup by Michael J. Daley

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Monkey and Elephant Get Better by Carole Lexa Schaefer

Penny and Her Marble by Kevin Henkes

Bink & Gollie Best Friends Forever by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee

Meet Mo and Jo: The Boulder Brothers by Sarah Lynn

Ling and Ting Not Exactly the Same by Grace Lin

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton

Easy Chapter Books

Easy chapter books still have bigger text, but now will have pictures only every few pages. These books range from middle of first grade to beginning of second grade reading levels.

If you like funny books, read:

Monkey Me by Timothy Roland

Kung Pow Chicken by Cindi Marko

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Moldylocks and the Three Beards by Noah Z. Jones

If you like realistic books, read:

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman

Sharmat

Sofia Martinez My Vida Loca by Jacqueline Jules

A New Friend for Sophie Mouse by Poppy Green, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott

The Party and Other Stories (Fox and Chick) by Sergio Ruzzier

If you like adventure and fantasy books, try:

The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #1 by Dav Pilkey

Notebook of Doom #1 by Troy Cummings

Rise of the Earth Dragon #1 by Tracey West

Haggis & Tank: All Paws on Deck by Jessica Young

Dig to Disaster: A Miss Mallard Mystery by Robert Quackenbush

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list adapted from Imagination Soup

Dolch Sight Words

First Grade (41 words)

after
again
an
any
as
ask
by
could
every
fly
from
give
going
had
has
her
him
his
how
just
know

let
live
may
of
old
once
open
over
put
round
some
stop
take
thank
them
then
think
walk
were
when

My Reading Log

Title	Author	Review: Did you like it or not?
		   