



Hip! Hip! Hooray! We're in second grade! Learning to read, write, and problem solve, we will make great memories together.

Let's all work hard this summer and come back sharp. We are expecting you to know your addition and subtraction facts to ten. That means you don't have to count up to get the sum or the difference; you just know them automatically.

Reading is the BEST part of learning! We are going to dive into some GREAT books when you get back from vacation, but don't wait for us. Read every day, all summer long. Here is a list of some FUN reads to get you started.

- Henry and Mudge the First Book by: Cynthia Rylant
- Flat Stanley the First Book by: Jeff Brown
- The Magic Tree House Dinosaurs Before Dark by: Mary Pope Osborne

When you arrive in second grade, you will be required to take an Accelerated Reader test on at least one of these books.

Remember, good readers sound out words that are unfamiliar, visualize (read the book like a movie in your head), and make predictions as they read. Trying to figure out what is going to happen before the author tells you is so much fun, especially when the prediction is correct, or when the author throws in a twist to the story.

We promise to give our very BEST effort every single day, and we want the same from you! Second grade is going to be challenging, but everything is until you know how to do it. We will work together, make some mistakes (because that's how we learn), and grow into strong readers and critical thinkers.

Your child will receive a Summer Bridge Workbook to help prevent that summer learning gap. Everyone who completes the Summer Bridge Workbook will enjoy an extra recess. Bonus pages in all three sections are optional (pp 43-48, pp 91-96, and pp 139-144). This summer, play hard, have FUN, and stay sharp! See you soon!

Happy days ahead,
Second Grade Teachers