Second Grade Summer Assignment

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is finally here and your child will be getting ready to begin a new adventure in the fall. It is school policy to assign summer reading and math work to keep your child’s skills sharp.

Students will do a Book in a Box book report. The directions and rubric for the report are attached. You will also find a list of suggested books but your child is free to pick the book of their choice for the report. Children will present an oral report on their book in September using the items in the can to describe the character, story events, and opinion of the book. This will take place the first week of school.

I am also attaching a list of 2nd grade sight words. These are words children should be able to read just by looking at it (no sounding out). Please practice these words over the summer. You might give 10 words at a time and move on to more when they are mastered.

You will find a math packet attached which is a review of skills learned in first grade. This is also due the first day of school.

All work must be in the students own handwriting.
The book report and math packet will be graded as the first mark of the new year.

Wishing you a healthy and relaxing summer! I can’t wait to see all of your smiling faces in Sept.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fenerty
Book in a Box

The Project
Decorate a box to represent the book and fill it with objects that represent different parts of the book.

The Details
- You can use a shoebox, oatmeal canister, coffee can or other similarly sized container for this project.
- Decorate your box to go with the book. You can draw pictures yourself or use pictures from magazines or the internet. Be sure to include the title and author of the book on the box as well as your name.
- Find at least 8 different objects. You can use pictures if the object you want to use is too big to fit inside your box.
- For each object, make a note card that includes the name of the object at the top and a paragraph about how the object is and important part of the book. (A sentence or two is fine.)

Tips for Success
- As you read the book, keep a list of ideas for objects that you might want to use for this project.
- If you use pictures, glue them onto cardboard backings to make them more durable and appealing.
- Try to find at least one object for each chapter of the book.

Name: ___________________________ Due Date: Sept. 9, 2020

Title of Book: ________________________________
# Book in a Box Rubric

**Name** __________________________________________  **Book Title** __________________________________________

## Overall
- At least 8 objects were included.
- Each object has a note card with title and paragraph.
- Shoebox is decorated.

## Quality
- Note cards are neat with correct paragraph form, spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Shoebox is appealing. Care was taken with work.

## Accuracy
- Objects represent important elements in the story.
- Note cards explain importance of each object.
- Shoebox is decorated appropriately; title and author are prominently displayed.

## Teacher Comments:

Don’t forget to practice your report toward the end of the summer. Oral reports will be Thurs. and Fri. of the first week of school.

Total Score

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Second Grade Summer Reading List (age 7 – 8)

If your second-grade reader like FUNNY books, they’ll love:

- Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
- The Bad Guys #1 by Aaron Blabey
- The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey
- Stick Dog by Tom Watson
- The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken by Doreen Cronin
- Bird and Squirrel on Ice by James Burks
- Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers by John Dougherty
- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Wedgie & Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors
- Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit’s Bad Habits by Julian Gough & Jim Field

If your 2nd grade child likes magic and mythical creatures, they’ll love:

- Dragons and Marshmallows: Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro
- Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home by Christina Soontornvat
- Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey. West
- The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone by Katrina Charman
- Magical Animal Adoption Agency by Kallie George
- My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish by Mo O’Hara

If your 2nd grade reader likes mysteries, they’ll love:

- The Haunted Library by Dori Hillestad Butler
- The Whodunit Detective Agency by Martin Widmark
- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye by Colleen AF Venable
- The Big Bad Detective Agency by Bruce Hale
- Mac Undercover (Kid Spy #1) by Mac Barnett
- Crime Biters: My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog by Tommy Greenwald

If your 2nd grader loves realistic stories, try:

- Amelia Bedelia Means Business by Herman Parish
- Pug Pals: Two’s a Crowd by Flora Ahn
- Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon
- Stink by Megan McDonald
- Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
- Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door by Hilary McKay
- Daisy Dawson is On Her Way by Steve Voake
- Lola Levine Is Not Mean by Monica Brown
# Second Grade Word List

Please Review These Words Over the Summer Break!

Practice reading, writing and spelling these words.

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