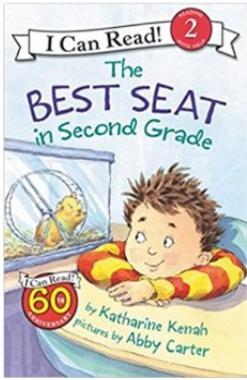


Summer Reading Assignment 2020 - Due 9/2/2020



Reading is so important - it is part of everything we do! Reading allows us to learn new things, and experience new worlds. We shouldn't stop reading just because school is closed for the summer. It is important to keep our skills sharp! This summer, future second grade students at Resurrection Regional will be reading *The Best Seat in Second Grade* by Katharine Kenah.

In addition to reading *The Best Seat in Second Grade*, future second grade students will complete a book report by answering questions about the story. Students will also be writing a letter to our principal, Mr. Bellantoni! In the

letter, each student will tell Mr. Bellantoni about a class pet that they would like to have in their second grade classroom - this assignment will make more sense once students have read *The Best Seat in Second Grade*. (Hint: The story has to do with a special class pet!) At the bottom of the letter, there is a space for students to draw a picture of the class pet they wrote about. Make sure to try your best, and **add color** to your drawing using crayons or colored pencils!

When completing these assignments, students should use their best printing - neatness is so important in second grade! Students should use proper capitalization and punctuation in their writing. **The book report questions will serve as each student's first reading grade. The letter to Mr. Bellantoni will serve as each student's first writing grade.** It is our hope to hang the students' letters in the hallway during the first week of school for everyone to see!

Here are a few places to find *The Best Seat in Second Grade* by Katharine Kenah:

- **Amazon** - Search *The Best Seat in Second Grade* on www.Amazon.com. The first result will show our Summer Reading book. It is currently being sold for \$4.50, and is eligible for quick delivery for Amazon **Prime** members. If you choose not to purchase via Prime, you can find "Used" or "Like New" copies of the book for cheaper than \$4.50 (plus shipping).
- **Barnes and Noble (online)** - Search *The Best Seat in Second Grade* on www.barnesandnoble.com. It is slightly more expensive than Amazon, at \$4.99.
- **Local Library** - Hopefully later this summer, local libraries may open and enable students to borrow the book. Until then, parents/guardians who are interested can obtain a free Library Card for their child at www.freelibrary.org.
- **YouTube** - Although students **will** need to read the book on their own, there is also an opportunity to listen to the book as it is read aloud on www.youtube.com. Simply search *The Best Seat in Second Grade* on YouTube and you will find videos of both teachers and students reading the story aloud. **(Please note: Students should also be reading the story on their own. Listening on YouTube, while beneficial, cannot replace the experience the students will get from practicing reading the book on their own).**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Cumba via email: Imoore@resurrectschool.org or scumba@resurrectschool.org.

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This is your first assignment as a **second grader!** That's a pretty BIG deal. So, remember to use your neatest printing. Make sure to use complete sentences, and check that every sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period or other punctuation mark. You can do it!

PART 1

1. What is the title of the book?

2. Who is the author? What is the author's job?

3. Who is the illustrator? What is the illustrator's job?

4. What is the main character's name?

5. Who are the other characters in the story?

6. What classroom job does Sam really want to get?

7. How does Sam sneak George Washington into the Science Museum?

8. What happens to George Washington at the Hamster Habitat?

9. How does Sam recognize George Washington out of all of the other hamsters at the Hamster Habitat?

10. Where is the best seat in second grade?

PART 2

What if your future second grade class could have a class pet next year? What pet would you choose, and why? Write a letter to Mr. Bellantoni and convince him to let your second grade class have the class pet you want! Make sure to include 2 reasons why your choice would make a good class pet. Then, draw and color a picture of the pet in the picture frame below. Use your neatest printing!

Dear Mr. Bellantoni,

I think second grade deserves to have a _____ as a class pet.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.



From,

Future Second Grader