



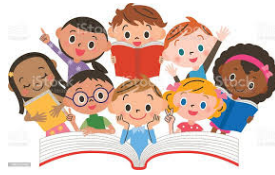
EPISCOPAL  
SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE

*Lower School*  
**STEP-UP PACKET**  
2026-2027

**2nd Grade**



## Second Grade Summer Reading



Second Graders must read and record at least 5 books they have read over the summer. Here are suggested books to read. [Here](#) is a link to record books.

**Read, read, read!**

**Berenstain Bears (Step into Reading)** by Stan Berenstain

**Elephant & Piggie** by Mo Willems

**Mittens** by Lola M. Schaefer

**Pete the Cat (I Can Read!)** by Kimberly and James Dean

**Pup and Hound** by Susan Hood

**Berenstain Bears (Step into Reading)** by Stan Berenstain

**Danny and the Dinosaur** by Syd Hoff

**Green Light Readers Level 2**

**Little Mouse** by Robert Kraus

**Robin Hill School** by Margaret McNamara

**All About ... (Habitats)** by Christina Mia Gardeski

**Dragon Tales** by Dav Pilkey

**Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold

**Little Critter** by Mercer Mayer

**Messy Bessy (Rookie Reader)** by Patricia C. McKissack

**Monster and Friends** by Cari Meister

**Annie and Snowball** by Cynthia Rylant

**Dixie (I Can Read!)** by Grace Gilman

**Dragon Tales** by Dav Pilkey

**Fancy Nancy (I Can Read!)** by Jane O'Connor

**Fox** by James Marshall

**Henry and Mudge** by Cynthia Rylant

**High-Rise Private Eyes** by Cynthia Rylant

**Iris and Walter** by Elissa Haden Guest

**Katie Woo** by Fran Manushkin

**Little Bear** by Else Holmelund Minarik

**Morris the Moose** by Bernard Wiseman

**Mr. Putter and Tabby** by Cynthia Rylant

**Poppleton** by Cynthia Rylant

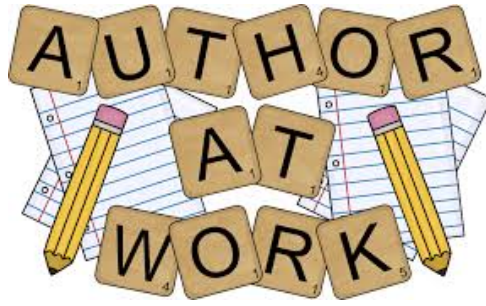
**Young Cam Jansen** by David A. Adler



## Second Grade Summer Math

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| <b>Family game night</b>               | <p>This is a great way to have fun with math! Many games encourage counting, flexible thinking, problem-solving, strategic thinking, and multi-step problem-solving, spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, resource management ... and so on! <a href="#">Here</a> are a few of our favorites, and here are a few other sites with great ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://mindresearch.org">mindresearch.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://understood.org">understood.org</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://discoverexplorelern.com">discoverexplorelern.com</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Cook together</b>                   | <p>There's tons of math in cooking! From measuring the ingredients to setting the oven temperature and timer to determining how many portions a meal will make -- and it's fun too!</p>  |
| <b>Calendar</b>                        | <p>Encourage your child to keep a calendar on the wall. Give your child a list of the events s/he will do this summer and put them to work with filling in the calendar. From time to time, ask your child calendar questions -- How many more days until Sunday? When do we go to the library? What day of the week is that? How many more days until school ends. And so on!</p>   |
| <b>Pay with cash/coins</b>             | <p>Encourage your child to save his/her own money and buy things on their own. By counting cash and coins for real-world reasons, their motivation to use money skills will surely stay fresh! And encourage them to determine change. If something costs \$2.89 and your child pays with \$3, how much change will they get back?</p>   |
| <b>Facts</b>                           | <p>Math facts are often practiced with flashcards, but children actually learn facts best with manipulatives or by skip counting, <i>seeing</i> numbers as groups. Use objects (such as buttons or beads) to make groups -- see if your child can find all the different ways to make 10s or 20s for addition or make different groups for multiplication. Also for x facts, make games out of skip counting -- race to see who can get to 70 first, counting by 7s. Or skip count by 4's while you walk together. Children have an easier time learning the facts if they know strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Strategies for Addition</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Strategies for Subtraction</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Strategies for Multiplication</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>Singapore Math "Extra Practice"</b> | <p>Consider purchasing an Extra Practice workbook, not to complete the whole workbook over the summer, but just to practice the math skills that are tricky for your child. Your teacher can help you with ideas. We recommend ordering the book for the grade your child just finished, not the grade ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Just In Time Summer Math</b>        | <p>Consider enrolling your child in a virtual <a href="#">Just in Time summer math session</a> with one of the creators of Think! Mathematics, the Singapore Math program Episcopal will</p>   |

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| <b>Sessions</b>     | adopt this fall. Sessions are one - four sessions, targeted on specific math skills, and developmentally based on a child's age.   |
| <b>Analog watch</b> | If your child doesn't have one - buy one! And ask them often to tell time and practice elapsed time -- for example, if you're heading to the park at 10:00, and it's 8:30, ask them how much longer until you need to leave? |



| Summer Writing Ideas  |   |
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| <p><b>Rising 1st - 6th Students</b> -- Encourage your child to write over the summer too! Writing for authentic purposes (and sometimes for an audience) will keep writing fresh and purposeful for your child.</p> |   |
| <b>Journal</b>  | Buy a small spiral notebook and invite your child to decorate the cover with a special summer theme. Invite your child to journal a bit each day. If you keep one too, you'll be modeling the importance of writing. Your child could write about adventures from each day and hopes for the next day.  |
| <b>Persuasive Writing</b>   | All children have strong opinions about one thing or another, so encourage them to persuade you through writing! Go to a water park? Buy a new toy? Invite over a friend? Ask them to convince you through their writing!   |
| <b>Thank you notes or email a teacher</b>   | These are great ways to encourage writing -- take time to remind your child to write thank-you notes this summer -- and ask them to write or email their teacher once in a while!   |
| <b>Compose a song</b>   | Most children love to write poetry - and poems are often like songs -- so if your child enjoys either - give them encouragement and time to be creative - and make sure someone is ready to listen and enjoy their creative work!   |
| <b>Make lists</b>   | Lists are great ways to encourage writing. And when the list is meaningful to the child, the motivation is high. If you're heading out to the grocery store, ask your child to write the list for you. Packing for a trip? Ask your child to create his/her own packing list. Setting goals for the day? Ask your child to make a to-do list! |

\*\*Don't forget to play and use your  
imagination!

\*\*Limit Screen time.



2026 - 2027  
Second Grade Supply List

- 2 large Elmer's glue sticks, **not purple**
- 1 4 ounce liquid school Elmer's glue
- 1 Fiskar Scissors –pointy
- 1 8 pack of water colors
- 1 12 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 pack of Index Cards (5 X 8)
- 1 pack of cap erasers
- 1 4 pack of Sharpies (Fine Point) (black)
- 2 Crayola Crayons (24 pack)
- 1 Crayola Thick Classic Markers (10 pack)
- 1 Blue Plastic Pocket Folder (WIP)
- 4 Matte Finish Pocket & Brad Folders (purple, green, yellow, orange)
- 1 Avery® Write-On Dividers with Pockets, 8 1/2" x 11", Multicolor, 5-Tab Set
- 1 1 inch White View Through Binder  
(it has a clear plastic part on the top and bottom to slide papers in and out)
- 1 Box Baby Wipes
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 1 4 pack of Expo THIN Markers
- 1 Paper Towel Roll
- 1 Kleenex
- 1 Zipper Bag (any zipper bag is fine) for pencils, crayons
- 1 box of Ziplocs Boys (Gallon Size) Girls (Quart Size)
- 1 Book sack/backpack (NO WHEELS)  
Label your child's full name (not just initials).

**Enrichment Supplies:**

**Art** - Clorox wipes

**Library** - 1 box of Kleenex

**Religion**- Crayola Thick/Broad Classic Markers (10 pack)

**Spanish** - red folder, girls bring 1 box of markers and boys bring 1 box of crayons

**QUEST** - dry erase markers (8 count), 1 roll of paper towels