

## Second Grade Summer Reading



Dear Parents,

Reading is a skill just like riding a bike or roller skating. You may wonder how. Well, it is true, because the only way to continue to improve this skill like any other is to **practice** doing it. In hopes of helping each student develop better reading skills and a love of reading, I have developed a summer reading plan that allows for flexibility and choice.

As a part of the reading plan, each upcoming 2nd grade student is required to read one of the three following books:

### 1) **Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald**

These books are very funny. The series can also help teach kids facts about all kinds of topics, from algebra to pirate lore, endangered species to the American Revolution.

### 2) **Stink : The Incredible Shrinking Kid\* by Megan McDonald**

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

### 3) **Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth\* by David Adler**

Cam uses her photographic memory to help a classmate find the tooth she lost at school.

We will complete back-to-school activities about these books during the first week of school.

**In addition**, upcoming second graders should read a minimum of **400 minutes** over the summer in preparation for school in August. Other than the (1) required book above, your child may choose what he/she wants to read. **I encourage you to help your child choose a variety of quality literature to reach this goal.** Please have your child color on the attached pages to record his/her reading minutes. Your child will also include the titles of the books they liked the most on these pages. At the back of the packet, there is a reading log to record all the books that your child reads throughout the summer. Please give your child whatever assistance he/she needs to record the books read. **The coloring pages and book log should be brought to school on the first day of class in August. This is not a requirement!!!! I thought it might be a fun way to encourage reading over the summer. The students that return these will receive a special prize!**

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning your child's summer reading. I look forward to seeing you in second grade!! Have a "sun-sational" summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jennifer Williams  
Second Grade Teacher

