



Dear Parents,

Reading Rocks!

Here is the summer reading list (Back Page). This summer we want the children to read for fun, pleasure, and information. Each child is expected to read at least **two books** and to choose one of the books from the list and write a small report. The report should be accompanied by an illustration of something of interest in the book. The report should list the title, author, what was liked about the book, and why another reader would like it. We will have a special reading celebration at the beginning of school.

It is imperative that children continue to read over the summer. Children can lose as much as one full year of reading if they do not practice. For some children in first grade, this means that they could lose the entire year's work. The way to become better readers is to READ, READ, READ, and then READ some more!

Here are some suggestions to make reading easy for your child:

- Read right after breakfast for 15 minutes.
- Read again just before going to bed for another 15 minutes. That's a great half hour of reading!
- Read in the car if you can (not everyone can).
- Pack a book with the beach bag.
- Read aloud to an adult. (This helps to increase automaticity and speed in reading.) It gives you an opportunity to help with reading expression!
- When you're keyed up, read. It's relaxing!

Happy Summer Reading!  
Mrs. Henderson and Mme. Trotin

P.S. Please share this letter with your child.  
Don't forget to read to them too!  
(In addition to their own reading time)

# **Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School**

## **Second Grade Summer Reading List**

### **Open Court Supplemental Readings**

Abiyoyo by Pete Seeger  
A Chair for My Mother, Vera Williams  
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman  
A New Coat For Anna by Harriet Ziefert  
A Story, A Story by Gail Haley  
Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina  
Corduroy by Don Freeman  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff  
Ming Lo Moves the Mountain by Arnold Lobel  
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney  
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett  
Once a Mouse by Marcia Brown  
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachian  
Song and dance Man by Karen Ackerman  
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon  
Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig  
The Boston Coffee Party by Doreen Rappaport  
The Little House by Virginia Burton  
The Mitten by Jan Brett  
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats  
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

### **Chapter Books**

Amelia Bedelia (series) by Peggy Parish  
Arthur (series) by Marc Tolon Brown  
Boxcar Children (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White  
Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel  
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant  
Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster  
Stories Julian Tells (series) by Ann Cameron

### **Classics**

Aesop's Fables  
Curious George by Hans Rey  
Make Way For Ducklings by Robert McClosky  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter  
Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne