



Dear Parents,

Reading Rocks!

Here is the summer reading list. 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 Mrs. 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

Book Report Grade Two

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Book Title _____ Author _____

Characters _____

This book is fiction/nonfiction because _____

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Why did you like it? _____

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