

Dear Soon-To-Be-Second Graders,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have finished *Grade 1*, and in September you will be in *Grade 2*! We are excited about starting our school year together and hope that you are too!

We know you are looking forward to a fun summer before that happens, and we are sure one of the activities you will be enjoying will be reading books. We have included a list of books to help you in selecting some that we think you will enjoy. **You can read one of these books, any books your Grade 1 teachers have assigned you, or other books that you really enjoy. Check out an expanded list at the end of this letter:**

Any of the *Nate the Great* books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
*A Girl Named Helen Keller* by Margo Landell  
The *Keena Ford* books, by Melissa Thompson  
The *Princess in Black* series by Shannon Hale  
Any of the *Cam Jansen* books, by David A. Adler  
The *Magic Treehouse* series, by Mary Pope Osborne  
All *Aboard Science Reader* books published by Penguin Young Reader (Level 3)  
Any of the *Mercy Watson* books, by Kate DiCamillo

We would like to know of your reading habits over the summer, so we have included a Summer Reading Log as well as a list of suggested new books that you may not be aware of yet. Whenever you finish a book write down the date, the name of the book, the author, and a star rating to tell us what you thought of the book. One star means you didn't like it very much and 5 stars means you loved this book! For **two** of the books you read (one **fiction** and one **nonfiction**), we would like you to fill out a book report sheet included in this packet. The sheets ask for the following things:

- 1) The title of the book
- 2) The author of the book
- 3) Describe what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the book  
**Or:** What are two facts you learned
- 4) A picture of your favorite part

We know how good you are at math, but we also know that if you don't practice math then it's easy to forget things. That's why Ms. Bassiacos and Ms. Park are assigning you a math packet to practice your skills over the summer. Make sure to work on **no more than 2 pages a week**, all summer long (Please don't try to finish them all at the beginning of the summer, or leave them all until the end of the summer). That way, we know you'll be ready for *Grade 2* when you return in September.

Have a super summer! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Recht and Ms. Muniz

## Fiction

1) Title of book \_\_\_\_\_

2) Author \_\_\_\_\_

3) Describe what happens in the beginning of the story.

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4) What happens in the middle of the story?

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5) What happens at the end of story?

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6) Draw a picture of your favorite part.



4) Draw a picture of your favorite part.

## **Reading Suggestions**

Here is a link to some great books for Grade 2:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/second-grade-books/>

Here is a link to some books that are new this year:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/bankstreet-wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BBL-2022-Five-to-Nine-for-web.pdf>

Here is a link to children's books about racism. This link connects to six books that are links in themselves to the books being read aloud. These books are wonderful opportunities to watch with your child and to spark conversations about race.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T\\_Y/preview?pru=AAABcrgwDJ4\\*LCnP5W-UFrfzBYfVBzspOQ&slide=id.g8628bccfda\\_0\\_13](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T_Y/preview?pru=AAABcrgwDJ4*LCnP5W-UFrfzBYfVBzspOQ&slide=id.g8628bccfda_0_13)