



## Ideas for Summer Literacy Practice for Rising 2nd Graders

- Read aloud to your child! Try reading lots of different types of books (fiction, non-fiction, fairy tales, silly stories etc.) or in lots of different places (under a tree, on a swing etc.)
- Write and illustrate letters to family or friends. Help your child spell by having them segment each word into sounds and then write the corresponding letters.
- Visit the public library to check out books and participate in fun programs, including the Norwich Summer Reading Challenge. You can find info about events here: <https://www.norwichlibrary.org/>
- Encourage your child to do a phonics workbook to strengthen their reading and spelling skills. MCS recommends the Primary Phonics and Explode the Code series. Make it fun by putting a sticker on each completed page or letting your child earn a small reward.
- Read and discuss the MCS Community Read book. Look for your copy in your child's backpack during the last week of school.
- Listen to an audiobook using the Libby app (free through the public library). Use the "juvenile" audience filter to find appropriate options.
- Play free literacy games online with the Starfall app, Khan Academy kids app or the PBS Kids app/website
- If your child is working on strengthening their decoding skills, have them practice reading phonetically decodable books aloud. You can find a variety of high interest options for free here: <https://justrightreader.com/pages/decodables-e-library> (scroll down for books that are longer and more challenging)