



Grade 2 Summer Tips

Keep Academic Skills Strong This Summer in Preparation for Grade 3

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READING

Here are some series that are popular and appropriate for a variety of levels.

See your child's independent reading level):

- A to Z Mysteries
- American Girl
- Horrible Harry
- Babysitter's Club
- Bailey School Kids
- Beverly Cleary
- Black Lagoon
- Adventures
- The Boxcar Children
- Cam Jansen
- Clementine
- Daisy Dawson
- Encyclopedia Brown
- Flat Stanley
- Geronimo Stilton
- Hank Zipzer
- Humphrey books
- Ivy & Bean
- Judy Moody
- Magic Tree House
- Matt Christopher
- Roald Dahl
- Ready Freddy
- Stink
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing/
- Judy Blume

Reading Fluency: (n. the ability to read text accurately and quickly, with good expression)

Every child should practice reading fluency this summer through the use of text that is familiar and levels of text that are not too difficult. You can do repeated readings of favorite books or poems.

Try a fun way to listen to your child read - record them reading aloud on an iPod, computer, or electronic recorder! Have them listen back to their reading and then read it again, aiming to improve phrasing expression! Read together - assign characters for reading parts, read fun repetitive text like Dr. Seuss, a favorite picture book, some fun poems, or try You Read to Me, I'll Read to You books!

Your child's reading fluency folder was sent home full of poems with which to practice fluency.

Reading Comprehension:

No matter the reading level, it is not enough to simply read a book and move on.

It is imperative that every reader read independently but also that they are read to and read with! Exposure to language, sustaining understanding, and enhancing reading comprehension is crucial so that every reader continues to grow! Make it a family event - read a book together, or sit down and read at the same time!

Here are some comprehension strategies you can use at home:

Before reading

- Connect Prior Knowledge
- Make Predictions
- Discuss wonderings or questions you have?
- Discuss the setting
- Look at the text features/structures
- Set a purpose for reading!

During reading

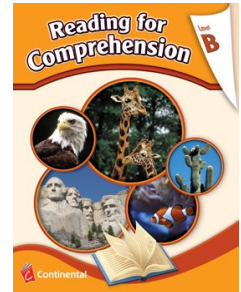
- Point to the Words
- Make Connections
- Summarize as you read
- Make inferences
- Ask Questions
- Make predictions
- Visualize
- Chunk the words/syllables as you read
- Stop and think- does this make sense? If not, reread!

After reading

- Discuss the main idea and details
- Sequence
- Cause and Effect
- Compare and Contrast
- Make Connections
 - text to self
 - text to world
 - text to text
- Draw Conclusions
- Evaluate the author's point of view

Here are some specific questions you can ask your child based on their reading level - [JK](#) [LM](#) [NOPQ](#)

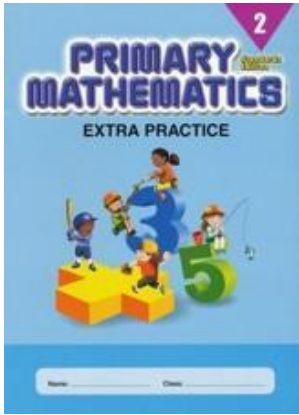
Complete the remaining stories in the Reading for Comprehension workbook.



WRITING

Your summer is going to be filled with so many fun-filled days: trips to the pool, play dates with friends, camps, games, vacations with families, etc. Be sure to keep a record of all your exciting activities in a writing journal. Add photos or illustrations. Edit all your written work to make sure that you have told the whole story with details and that others can understand it clearly (punctuation, capitalization, spelling – and of course, neatness).

In addition to a journal you can keep writing skills strong by sending letters to family and friends (use your Charlotte Christian School Community Directory for addresses). You could even try an email. Your teacher would LOVE to get a note from you in her inbox! You may find it exciting to write to a business or company (or even a famous person/role model) you like (Carolina Panthers, LEGO, Star Wars, American Girl Doll) and request information from them! Remind anyone you write to write you back so you can receive mail as well!



MATH

[Second Grade Math Extra Practice Book](#)

For additional practice, you can purchase a math extra practice workbook on Amazon. This workbook is the extra practice from our math series.

Be sure to use the math pack for reinforcement of concepts that are on grade level expectations.

Math fact fluency is an essential skill for rising third graders. Practice both addition and subtraction facts and work for quicker and quicker recall (with accuracy) of answers. Practice math skills on your own using a whiteboard or sidewalk chalk. Practice number bonds for addition and subtraction or multiplication and division! Or use an app below!


Do not let their problem solving skills weaken. They can solve word problems with model drawing! Families can make up problems for students to solve at the dinner table, in the car, etc.

What time is it?! Students can keep up with the time with their own analog watch! When someone asks you what time it is, they will know! Parents, when discussing the time with your child, also discuss “elapsed time.” Ask questions like “If the movie begins at 3:30 p.m. and lasts two hours, what time will it be over?” or “How long were we at the park today?”

Finally, use this [CCS summer math calendar](#) for simple, daily math practice to keep skills fresh over the summer!

HELPFUL LINKS: Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

Reading: All Charlotte Christian students are strongly encouraged to read over the summer!

	<u>NC Kids Digital Library</u>
	<u>https://nckids.overdrive.com/</u> Username: Library card number Provided by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library’s ONE Access program which offers public library accounts for all students.



[Book Wizard by Scholastic](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/)

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>

Website or App - Use your own login.

Search Scholastic Book Wizard for children's books from all publishers by reading level and grade levels. You can use the website to find good fit books when at home or the app on mobile devices (at the bookstore, library, etc).



[Epic](https://www.getepic.com/students)

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Sign in with code: zwq8099 then select your name.

Digital picture books and chapter books for students. Epic includes read-aloud, audiobooks, educational videos, and quizzes. (Note: Epic is restricted to school hours and will expire at the end of June)



[Sora](https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/201439)

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Library Card Number: CCS(insert student ID) ex: CCS12345

Password/Pin: Four digit year of student's birth

Ebook and audiobook digital library. Please note that the books in this collection have not been curated by CCS, so parent oversight is recommended. This can be accessed on a web browser or by downloading the app.

Math Apps:

Sushi Monster - Free



Freckle - Free

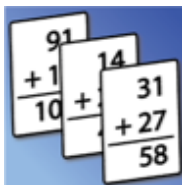


Freckle

24 Game - \$1.99



Mental Math Cards - Free



Math Duel - \$2.99

