

Summer Learning Calendar for Rising 2nd Graders

Talk with your child about goals. Work with them to create a goal for the day and one for the summer. Have your child draw a picture of their goals and discuss his/her progress throughout the summer.	Have your child start a journal. Have him/her record what they do each day: places they go, people they see, or daily activities. Make sure they draw and label a picture to go with each day's activities.	Have your child keep a list of all of the books they read during the summer. Have him/her write a sentence about each telling why they liked or disliked the book.	Go on a nature walk with your child. Discuss sounds, animals, plants, and point out interesting finds along the way. Have him/her write about your adventure.	Have your child make a paper airplane and watch it fly. Challenge him/her to improve their design to make it go faster or fly further.
It's changing! Have your child fill two plastic containers with water and place one in the freezer and one in the sun. Ask him/her about the changes happening to the water. Make sure to have them journal about the experience.	Have your child find sight words in the book they are reading. Have him/her write down each word as they find them. Challenge them to find 5, 10, 20!	Engineering Challenge! Have your child design and build their own invention and explain to others how it is helpful.	Have your child practice counting money using dollar bills and coins. Use Monopoly money if you have it or visit this site to print play money: https://www.familyeducation.com/printables/play-money	Have your child make oobleck by mixing 1 part water and 1.5 to 2 parts cornstarch. Check this link out for more information: https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/how-to-make-oobleck/
Have your child find the spelling patterns that make the /oo/ sound in the following words: due, few, blue, flu, chew. Have him/her make a list of other words that have the /oo/ sound.	What is their favorite fruit? Have your child make a picture graph with 4 types of fruit. Then, have them ask family members to choose their favorite and record the results. https://www.khanacademy.org/math/early-math/ccearly-math-measure-data-topic/ccearly-picture-graphs/v/picturegraphs	Plant a seed with your child and have him/her record how the plant changes over time. In their journal, have them create a drawing that shows the stages of the plant from seed to flower. At the end of the summer review all of the changes the seed had.	How many words can your child make using the letters e g h b o i n r s? Have him/her use the words to create sentences.	78 is the answer. What could the math problem possibly be? Have your child write an addition or subtraction problem. For a challenge, have them create a word problem.
Have your child find a wordless book and create their own storyline. After he/she reads the story to you, have them explain how they came up with their story using the illustrations.	Give your child a number between 100 and 500. Then have him/her mentally add and subtract 10 to or from the number given. Ex. Mentally add 10 to 192 = 202.	Play a family game of charades. Use famous people in history like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Ruby Bridges, and Martin Luther King Jr. Need some ideas? Look here: https://www.kidactivities.net/charades-ideas-forkids/	Have your child practice telling time (to the hour, half-hour, and nearest five minutes) on an analog clock. Click this link for an interactive clock: https://toytheater.com/clock/	Weather check! Have your child check the weather every day and report it to the family. Have him/her add the daily weather to their journal. At the end of the summer have them create a bar graph. Which weather was observed the most? least?

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Have extra boxes, cardboard, or cardstock? Have your child be creative and make as many items as possible that they can play with later. Challenge them to invent something useful for your family.	Go outside with your child at night and observe the sky. What do they see? Do this for several nights in a row and have him/her draw a picture of the moon in their journal and compare how it is the same and different.	Play the card game War with sight words with your child. See who can get the most sight words correct to determine the winner! Add new sight words for an extra challenge.	Make a kid-friendly snack with your child. Have him/her create a recipe card with directions on how to make the special treat.	How many words can your child make using the suffixes –ness, –er, and –est? After he/she has made their list, have them look for the words in the books that they read.
Want to know more about coding? Go to: https://code.org/learn For an unplugged activity, have your child write a code to show their way from his/her bedroom to the kitchen.	Have your child answer the riddles and write a sentence with each answer. - What begins with ch and rhymes with learn? - What ends with sh, starts with h and rhymes with rush? - What starts with m and rhymes with bath?	Create or print number cards from 100 – 1000. Place the cards in a basket and have your child draw 2 number cards at a time to compare the numbers.	Fill a bird feeder with seed. Watch the birds as they come and go with your child. Have him/her tally the number of birds they see. Want to make a homemade birdfeeder together? Look here for ideas: https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/bird-feeders-for-kids-to-make-2764688	Have your child make a creative stop motion video. Need ideas? Visit: https://tinkerlab.com/easystop-motion-animation-kids/
Create addition and subtraction flashcards. Have your child practice daily to reinforce math skills. Time him/her to see how many they can get right in 1 minute.	Did you know that many books are turned into movies? Books such as <i>Paddington</i> , <i>The Story of Ferdinand</i> , and <i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i> to name a few. Plan a book to movie night – have your child read the book and then watch the movie together!	Family game night! Choose a board game or strategy game to play. Have your child give the instructions to your family.	While traveling, have your child identify as many types of transportation they can find or think of. Have him/her illustrate and write a description of each type in their journal.	Go outside with your child to the same spot at different times of the day to observe your shadows. Have your child answer: How does your shadow change throughout the day? Why? Then have him/her draw and write about the changes in their journal.
Have your child help make a grocery list. Then, have him/her put all the items on the list in alphabetical order or color code them by the food group they belong to.	Have your child talk to a family member about your family's history. Have him/her make a family tree and draw a portrait of each family member.	Have your child plan the day. Let him/her write a schedule of all the things they plan to do today including the times.	Try a new food or restaurant with your child. Then, have him/her write a review telling what they liked or did not like about it.	Want to know more about zoo animals? Have your child check out Zoo Atlanta's website to find interesting facts about the animals they can see at the zoo. https://zoatlanta.org/animals/
Make a list of words using the prefixes un-, dis-, and re- with your child. Have him/her use the words to see if they can find them in the books they read today.	Have your child use a ruler or yardstick to measure a variety of items. Have him/her determine the length of each item in inches.	Have your child draw a picture and write about something he/she would like to learn in second grade.	Have your child read a book to someone in your house. Then have him/her identify the characters and setting.	Have your child write a letter to their new teacher to give to him/her on the 1 st day of school!

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