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EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents of Incoming Second Graders,

At St. Michael's, we believe that learning is a year-round journey, and we want to ensure our students are well prepared for the exciting challenges of the coming year. To support that goal, **all students entering first through eighth grade are required to complete a summer math and reading program.** The following information outlines the expectations for students entering second grade:

Math
Each student will complete a summer math workbook designed to reinforce concepts learned in first grade. This workbook will be sent home with your child on the last day of school.

- Please **remove the answer key** from the back of the book and use it to check your child's work throughout the summer.
- **Calculators should not be used**; we encourage students to practice their mental math skills.
- Once completed, the workbook should be **signed by a parent** and returned to your child's homeroom teacher on the **first day of school: Tuesday, September 1**.

Reading
Students are also expected to:

- Read **at least three books** over the summer.
- Complete both the **summer reading log** and the **reading response pages (print three copies)**.

A suggested reading list and all necessary forms are attached to this letter and can also be found on our website on the **Summer Homework** page. Please ensure the **reading log is signed by a parent**, and that all reading materials are returned to the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

Grading and Support
Students who do not submit their completed summer work will receive an **Incomplete** in math and/or literature on their first trimester report card.

We encourage families to establish a regular routine that balances summer fun with time for learning. Starting early and spreading the work out over the summer will make the experience

more enjoyable and effective for your child. Waiting until the final weeks of summer can make it harder for students to retain and apply their skills.

If you have any questions about the summer homework requirements, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher at **juliebuck@smeds.com**.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. We look forward to welcoming your child to second grade in the fall!

Sincerely,

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Summer Reading 2026
Incoming Second Grade

Dear Parents,
For summer 2026, incoming second-grade students are expected to read at least three books and complete the attached work pages (also posted on the SMEDS Website). As they read during the summer, they are also asked to record the titles of **all** the books they read on the Reading Log and rate the books (1-4 stars). The completed work is to be brought to their teacher on the first day of school in September.

Below are some suggested titles for incoming second-graders. Your child **does not have to choose from the list below**. These are just some recommendations. **Please help your child pick books at their level that they can read independently.**

Fiction Books

Adventures with The Secret Explorers: Collection One: 4-Book Box Set of Educational Fiction Chapter Books by SJ King
Amelia Bedelia (series) *Level 1 Readers*, *Level 2 Readers*, *Chapter Books* by Peggy & Herman Parish
A to Z Mysteries (series) by Ron Roy
Beverly Cleary books
Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler
Critter Club (series) by Callie Barkley
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol (series) by Andres Miedoso
Dory Fantasmagory (series) by Abby Hanlon
Dragon Masters (series) by Tracey West
Flat Stanley (series) *Level 2*, *Worldwide Adventures*, *Original Series* by Jeff Brown
Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel
Good Dog (series) by Cam Higgins
Henry Heckelbeck (series) by Wanda Coven
Henry and Mudge (series) by Cynthia Rylant
Humphrey books (series) by Betty G. Birney
I Survived books (series)
King & Kayla (series) by Doris Hillestad
Magic School Bus (series) *Original Series*, *Level 2 Readers*, *Chapter Books* by Joanna Cole
Magic Animal Friends (series) by Daisy Meadows
Magic Treehouse (series) by Mary Pope Osbourne
Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo
Mia Mayhem (series) by Kara West
Mo Jackson (series) by David Adler

Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Craig Sharmat
National Park Mystery (series) by Aaron Johnson
Owl Diaries (series) by Rebecca Elliott
Ricky Ricotta (series) by Dav Pilkey
Roald Dahl books
The Boxcar Children books (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner (**not book 1**)
Zoey and Sassafras (series) by Asia Citro

Non-Fiction Books
Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley
Fly Guy Presents (series) by Tedd Arnould
National Geographic Readers
The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories
Who Would Win? books

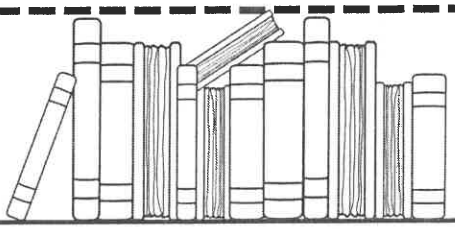
My Reading Log **Name: _____**

Title	Author	Rating 

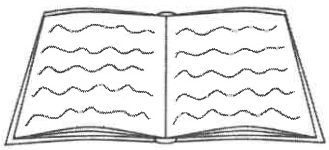
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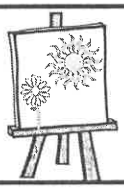
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Illustrator:



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