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Dear Incoming Second Grade Families,

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone! It is amazing for me to look back to the first few weeks of school and realize the incredible leaps your child has made in reading this year. Over summer vacation, I am recommending reading lists that will ensure that your child maintains his/her reading level for next year. Choose which category of books best suits your child, and read as many of the books listed as possible. Please keep a log of the titles and authors read this summer, and bring it to school on the first day. As always, please make sure that they are reading for 20 minutes EVERY day, aloud to you and silently to themselves.

The following are some books and series that can be found at the Wilkinson Library:

Yellow/Green dot equivalent books:

- Mouse Tales- Lobel
- Frog and Toad (series)- Lobel
- Dr. Seuss books (*Green Eggs and Ham/One Fish Two Fish- some are harder like Horton Hatches an Egg)
- Little Bear (series) -Minarik
- Mr.Putter and Tabby (series)-Rylant
- Shel Silverstein Poetry books
- Curious George (series)- Rey

Beginning Chapter Books:

- Amelia Bedilia series
- Arthur series- Marc Brown
- Cam Jansen series- Adler
- Francis series-Hoban
- Pink and Rex series- James Howe
- Magic Tree House series- Mary Pope Osborn
- A to Z Mystery series- Ron Roy
- Marvin Redpost series- Louis Sachar

Chapter Books:

- A Mouse Called Wolf, Mr. Potter's Pet, School Mouse- King Smith
- Necklace of Raindrops- short stories by Joan Aiken
- Chester Cricket's Pigeon Ride- Seldan

-Encyclopedia Brown series- Sobel
-Elmer and the Dragon, My Father's Dragon, The Dragons of Blue Land- Gannett
-Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes- Dahl
-Runaway Ralph- Cleary
-Iron Giant- Hughes
-The Hundred Dresses- Estes
-Stuart Little- White

***This website is also a great resource for finding appropriately leveled reading material:

<http://home.comcast.net/~ngiansante/>

This summer you are to keep a journal, in it include a list of all the books/authors you read this summer, at least one page per week journaling about your week's adventures, books you've read, movies you've seen, or anything you choose to write about.

In addition to keeping up on reading and writing, I have enclosed a math workbook that will help to review and maintain basic skills. Please work on it at least three times/week and bring it in with your journal on the first day.

Giving your child as many real life reading/writing and math opportunities as possible is a great way to maintain skills over the summer. Here are just a few ideas:

- Writing shopping lists
- Writing letters/ thank you's
- Counting money/paying at the store
- A bedside book to record dreams
- Keeping a calendar
- Telling Time (working on time increments... how long until we leave, if we are going at 11:30? etc.)
- Summerskills.com (A page a day...A great math program to review basic skills over the summer!)

Have an exciting summer!

Love,

Miss. Jen

Supply List

- 5 sturdy PLASTIC folders
- A box of pencils
- A box of pencil eraser tops
- A box of color pencils
- A box of crayons
- A box of washable markers
- Glue sticks
- A box of Expo dry erase markers
- Wipes (for cubbie cleaning)
- Marble writing journal (wide ruled)
- 1 ream of WIDE RULED looseleaf
- Water bottle (to keep in cubbie)
- Slippers/Inside shoes for winter
- Highlighters
- Colored note cards
- A small plant
- Any book or kid's CD donations (including nature sounds/classical music, etc.) are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!