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Dear Rising Second Grade Parents,

We are very excited to welcome your child to second grade! It is a fun and memorable year as your child will take steps towards becoming an independent learner. This summer letter is designed to give your child a head start for second grade. Have a wonderful summer! We can't wait to see you in August!

### **Required Assignments:**

- ★ Keep your child reading! Your child should read at least one hour per week. This may include leveled readers, chapter books, magazine articles, comic books, or jumping on to [www.epic.com](http://www.epic.com) (usernames and passwords will be sent). Ask them questions about what they read. This is an opportunity for your child to tell you about the books they love. You will be able to see what they really comprehend.
- ★ Your child can also strengthen reading comprehension by taking [A.R. tests](#) throughout the summer. The same logins used in first grade will work until August.
- ★ Your child should also spend time on espark reading and math. [espark](#)

### **Optional Assignments**

- ★ Composition: Journaling! This is optional and does not need to be shared with us. Journaling is a fun way to record summer memories while practicing writing skills. Other opportunities to practice writing may include writing letters or postcards to friends and family. As they write, please be mindful of capitalization and punctuation, complete sentences, organized thoughts, use of details, etc.
- ★ Handwriting: Continue to encourage D'Nealian handwriting practice with everything they write over the summer.
- ★ Math: Below is a math website for your child to use over the summer: [www.splashlearn.com](http://www.splashlearn.com) (use the same login as in first grade)
- ★ Utilize the resources our community has to offer! Visit the beach, parks, museums, etc., taking time to explore with your child. It may not occur to them to ask questions about the animals, nature or historical values of the place(s) you visit, but they will assuredly, be enriched by this special time with you.

We hope these ideas will help your child stay sharp this summer. Our best advice is to squeeze in a bit of learning while enjoying the fun of summer! Your children might not even realize how much learning they've accomplished! Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

Your Second Grade Teachers