



## Cornerstone Christian School *Summer Reading for Second Grade*

Summer is a wonderful opportunity to spend time relaxing and enjoying loads of wonderful books!

Your child has learned many phonics and decoding skills, as well as sight words in first grade. Please be certain he/she continues to practice these skills by reading each day.

Reading with your child and asking him/her questions about what he/she is reading helps to develop comprehension skills. Children usually enjoy sharing the events from a story, and can easily create a new adventure for the main characters, or draw a picture which tells about his/her favorite part of the book.

Be certain to check-out summer programs at your local library! Many libraries conduct free programs and/or contests that encourage reading.

**Your child is required to read two books, and complete an activity for each selection. The first book should be one from the Henry and Mudge series, by Cynthia Rylant.**

The **second book should be selected by your child**, and can be either fiction or nonfiction. Libraries often have an "easy reader," section, and I have included a list of some well-liked series to help with the selection process.

Reading Responses: Attached are the reading response worksheets for your child to complete and be ready to share on the first day of second grade!

May the Lord richly bless you!

## 'EASY READER' SERIES FOR SECOND GRADERS

**Pinky & Rex** *by James Howe*

**Young Cam Jansen & Bones books** *by David Adler*

**Minnie & Moo** *by Denys Cazet*

**Pets to the Rescue** *by Andrew Clements*

**Poppleton the Pig** *by Cynthia Rylant*

**Mercy Watson** *by Kate DiCamillo*

**Second Grade Amber Brown** *by Paula Danziger*

**Nate the Great** *by Marjorie & Craig Sharmat*

**Frog & Toad** *by Arnold Lobel*

**Fancy Nancy** *by Jane O'Connor*

**Commander Toad** *by Jane Yolen*

**Easy Readers** *by Grace Maccarone*

**26 Fairmont Avenue** *by Tomie DePaola (biography)*

**Amanda Pig** *by Jean Van Leeuwen*

**Arthur books** *by Lillian Hoban*

**An I Can Read Book** *by Crosby Bonsall*

**Fox books** *by Edward Marshall*

**Aunt Eaters** *by Doug Cushman*

**Kids of Polk Street School** *by Patricia Reilly Giff*

**Amelia Bedelia** *by Peggy & Herman Parish*

**Horrible Harry** *by Suzy Kline*

**Fly Guy** *by Tedd Arnold*

**Morris the Moose** *by Wiseman*

**Arthur chapter books** *by Marc Brown*

**George & Martha books** *by Marshall*

**Books** *by Syd Hoff*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: *First Day of School*

Summer Reading Responses  
Henry & Mudge Book

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: Cynthia Rylant

Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In this adventure of Henry & Mudge, I thought Mudge was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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2. If Mudge was my dog, we would \_\_\_\_\_

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(Second Book Selection):

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

I thought this book was \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Tell about TWO important characters in the book.

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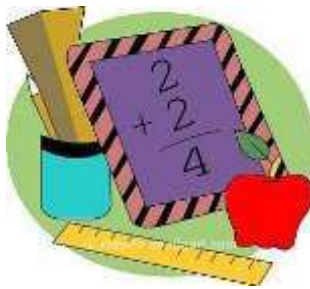
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3. If I had to give this book a new title, it would be:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Here's a picture of a new cover for this book, with its new title!





## SUMMER MATH WORK FOR SECOND GRADERS

The summer months can be an excellent time for your child to master the addition and subtraction facts. Using flash cards to play a game and/or using drill sheets can help your child memorize these facts. Many dollar stores sell addition and subtraction flash cards, and grade level math practice books. Reviewing these facts a few minutes each day will help your child be more prepared for second grade mathematics. You can also go to our school website [www.ccsny.org](http://www.ccsny.org) and look at the Helpful Resources for Math tutorials and fun activities.



## SUMMER WRITING ASSIGNMENTS FOR SECOND GRADERS

To help prepare your child for the second grade, some writing assignments will be due during the first week of school. Writing down thoughts and ideas is a difficult process for most young children, so hopefully, writing a few simple paragraphs will help the second graders feel more confident when faced with an increase in written work in September. You will find two 'Story Starters' on the following pages.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE: *First Day of School*

MY WRITING RESPONSES

Directions: Read the story starter

Talk about your ideas with an adult.

Write down your ideas/opinions.

Draw a picture to go with each assignment.

Share your work with an adult, sibling, or a friend!

1. Favorite Bible Story - \_\_\_\_\_

This is my favorite Bible story because, \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's a picture of my favorite Bible story.



2. One day, as I was walking down the street, I found a \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the sidewalk! I picked-up the \_\_\_\_\_ and

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Here's a picture!

