



Lower School Summer Learning Entering Second Grade

Summer is a great time for children to take a break from a formal learning structure, but it is never good for anyone to take a break from learning. My hope is that you approach the summer with the goals of fostering your child's love of learning and creating opportunities for growth and discovery for your child. My goal is that you take advantage of the special summer days to encourage your child's curiosity, creativity, reading, and growth.

- Tours of museums, zoos and historical sites (in-person or virtual)
- Games (educational, board, puzzles, outdoor...)
- Vacation Bible School or other faith-based opportunities
- Building a project or creating something fun
- Learn a new skill (swimming, sewing, sport, etc.)
- Outdoor adventures (nature treasure hunt, hiking, start an insect collection...)
- Review math facts
- Keep a summer journal
- Create a photo album or scrapbook
- Parent Read-Aloud books from this suggested list:
 - Novels (Little House series, Beverly Cleary books...)
 - Picture Books by Patricia Polacco, Bill Peet, William Steig, Eve Bunting, and/or Russel and Lillian Hoban
 - The book of Mark
- Age-Leveled Reading from this suggested list:
 - *Henry and Mudge* (series) by Cynthia Rylant
 - *Frog and Toad* (series) by Arnold Lobel
 - *Make Way for Ducklings* and *One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey
 - *Magic Treehouse* (series) by Mary Pope Osborne
 - *Nate the Great* (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
 - *Cam Jansen* (series) or *Young Cam Jansen* (series) by David A. Adler
- *Little House on the Prairie* (series by Laura Ingalls Wilder) or *Little House Chapter Books* (shorter chapter books adapted from Wilder's original stories)