

# Summer Reading Entering 2nd Grade

## St. Thomas's Day School



**We think we can, so we can.**

Dear Parents,  
Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade! I am thrilled to have your child in my class this fall. As you enjoy the warm days of summer, I strongly encourage you to set aside some time for reading. Not only can you enjoy some favorite books, you can also go on adventures to discover some interesting books! Happy learning, and have a wonderful summer.

Warmly,  
Miss Clark

At St. Thomas's Day School, we seek to make children life-long readers by nurturing an early interest in books and by encouraging recreational reading. We strive to instill confidence so that the children become independent readers who enjoy books. The summer is a wonderful time to continue developing the reading habit. The home-school partnership is an essential component in this process.

### Summer Reading Goals

- Promote life-long reading habits
- Foster reading as a shared experience that includes reading aloud to and with your child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful discussions about books
- Discover different viewpoints and literacy genres
- Build vocabulary, enhance fluency, and deepen understanding

### Reading Matters!

- Children who read often, read better.
- Reading exercises our brains and improves concentration.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them.
- Reading improves vocabulary and develops a child's imagination.
- Reading helps kids develop empathy.
- Children who engage in the reading process perform better academically.
- Reading is entertaining and stretches the mind.

### Recommendations

- Read to your child every day.
- Check out books from your local library.
- Attend a story hour.
- Read a magazine with your child.
- Let your child observe you reading.
- Have your child make a wishlist of books he/she wants to read.
- Ask your child to draw a picture of his/her favorite part of the book.
- Talk about the books you and your child are reading.
- Visit your local bookstore.
- Read a digital book.
- Listen to an audio book.

[www.audiobooks.com](http://www.audiobooks.com)

**Be Sure to READ! READ! READ!**

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Summers are wonderful. Never forget your summers. Stuart Little

St. Thomas's Day School believes that summer is a wonderful time for children to engage in fun-filled math activities and real-world math experiences. Math is inherent in almost all summer experiences—trips, ball games, sports, board games, trading cards, puzzles, camps and cooking. It is everywhere! The enclosed list includes family-oriented activities that aim to maintain math facility in a fun and interesting way while reinforcing the intrinsic value that your family places upon mathematical development. The activities are recommended, but not required. The goal is for you to have fun with your child.

## Summer Math Goals

- Develop an understanding about how math pertains to the real world
- Promote life-long learning habits
- Foster math as a shared experience between parent and child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful conversations about math
- Prepare children for the future
- Promote critical thinking and problem solving abilities
- Have fun

## Math Matters!

- Children who practice math frequently, understand the world around them better.
- Math is a language that describes the ideas that make up our world.
- Math activities can promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Math is the foundation for many sciences and for music.
- Math is interesting and can stimulate your mind.
- Mathematics is woven throughout almost everything we do.
- The process of learning math boosts your brain power.

## Recommendations

- Give your child a handful of change to count.
- Play a board game with your child.
- Count the number of cars on the road with a CT license plate.
- Have your child estimate the height of a tree in your yard.
- Have your child create a survey to determine what kind of food people like best.
- Help your child set up a lemonade stand.
- Create a math game using a deck of cards.
- Ask your child to measure the length of the kitchen table.
- Practice addition and subtraction facts with your child while you drive.

**MATHEMATICS Is Fun!**