



# Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2016 Second Grade

## Encourage Your Child to Read

- Encourage your child to read both orally and silently.
- When reading a nonfiction book, discuss the purpose of the book. Have your child tell whether the book was written to answer a question, explain something, or describe something.
- Encourage your child to use technology to access e-books (iPod, iPad, Kindle, etc.).
- When reading a fiction story with your child, ask him/her to write down or to tell you what the theme of the story is. Discuss how the characters in the story respond to challenges.

## Writing

- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary to tell about things he/she knows or have learned.
- Read informational and literary text and have your child write about his/her opinions on the text.
- Encourage your child to use linking words to create more complex sentences (e.g., The story was exciting because...).
- Read articles and stories on the Internet together.
- Use books and Internet sources to gather information; have your child write about what he/she learned.

## Mathematics

- Practice adding up to four two-digit numbers together.
- Practice adding and subtracting within 1,000.
- Glue dry macaroni or other pasta to a piece of paper, or use drawings, to illustrate an addition or subtraction word problem within 100.
- Quickly add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies, such as counting on and/or using addition to solve subtraction problems.
- Identify the value of a given digit in the 1's, 10's and 100's place. For example, given 319, the 3 is in hundreds place and has a value of 300.
- Count within 1,000 by ones and skip-count by 5s, 10s, and 100s.
- Compare two three-digit numbers (e.g., 473 and 462) using the hundreds, tens and/or ones place (place value) to determine which number is greater than or less than the other.
- Take a small number of mixed coins and/or dollar bills and determine the total value. Write the amount using a decimal and a dollar sign.



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## Science

- Observe insects in nature.
- Read a book on insects and identify all their parts.
- Keep a daily log of temperature, wind, rain or other weather details.
- Draw the phases of the moon over a 2-4 week period of time.
- Sort items by living and non-living characteristics.





## Recommended Summer Reading

**Blackout** by John Rocco

**Bring on the Birds** by Susan Stockadale

**Can We Save the Tiger?** by Martin Jenkins

**The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred** by Samantha R. Vamos

**Chirchir is Singing** by Kelly Cunnane

**Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?** by Susan A. Shea

**Dot** by Patricia Intriago

**Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site** by Sherri Duskey Rinker

**Grandpa Green** by Lane Smith

**I Broke my Trunk** by Mo Willems

**I Want My Hat Back** by Jon Klassen

**Ladybugs** by Gail Gibbons

**Little Treasures: Endearment from Around the World** by Jacqueline K. Ogburn

**Little White Rabbit** by Kevin Henkes

**Me....Jane** by Patrick McDonnell

**Mooshka, a Quilt Story** by Julie Paschkis

**Mouse & Lion** by Rand Burkert

**A New Year's Reunion** by Yu Li-Qiong

**Prudence Wants a Pet** by Cathleen Daly

**See Me Run** by Paul Meisel

**Stars** by Mary Lyn Ray

**Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature** by Joyce Sidman

**Ten Little Caterpillars** by Bill Martin

**These Hands** by Margaret H. Mason

**Tia Isa Wants a Car** by Meg Medina

**Tillie the Terrible Swede: How One Women, a Sewing Needle, and a Bicycle Changed History** by Sue Stauffacher

**The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps** by Jeanette Winter

### Note to Parents

CCSD offers the above list of links to summer reading lists and resources in our continued support of student achievement and the love of reading. Book lists cover a wide range of topics and interest levels. It is the parents' responsibility to verify the appropriateness of any book for their child. Also, please check with your child's school online, as many schools provide summer reading lists that support site-specific programs and classes.

### Science Activities Online

- [www.easy-kids-science-experiments.com/](http://www.easy-kids-science-experiments.com/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/topic/science.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/topic/science.shtml)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5\\_6/science\\_5\\_6.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/science_5_6.shtml)
- [www.internet4classrooms.com/science\\_elem.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/science_elem.htm)
- [www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html)
- [www.sciencekids.co.nz/](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/)

### Links to Summer Reading

- <http://readkiddoread.com/>
- [www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html](http://www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html)
- [http://lvccld.org/kids/school\\_age/what\\_to\\_read.cfm](http://lvccld.org/kids/school_age/what_to_read.cfm)
- [www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/kids.aspx](http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/kids.aspx)
- [www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm](http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm)
- <http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>
- <http://bclibrary.org/kids-resources/>

### Local Adventures

- Lake Mead
- Red Rock Canyon Lied Discovery Children's Museum
- Museum of Natural History
- Springs Preserve

For more options visit:

<http://museums.nevadaculture.org/>  
<http://www.nvoutdoorkids.org/>

