



NHCS Summer Reading: Rising 2nd Grade

At NHCS, we believe that establishing consistent reading habits during the early childhood years is vital to cultivating critical thinking, vocabulary development, and a lifelong love for learning. For our rising 1st graders, summer reading is all about engagement and practice rather than specific assignments. Parents are asked to help their children track the total number of minutes spent reading independently or being read aloud to. To keep things exciting, students can read (or be read to) with physical books, or they can read on the Reading A-Z website. Just make sure to track your minutes if you are reading physical books. You can earn fun reading milestone rewards when we return in the fall!

Please Note: The book lists provided on the left are strictly suggestions and excellent examples of high-quality, age-appropriate literature. Students are welcome to track minutes using any books they choose!

- Adler, David A. Cam Jansen (Series)
- Bond, Michael. A Bear Called Paddington
- Brown, Jeff. Flat Stanley (Series)
- Cameron, Ann. The Stories Julian Tells
- Cole, Joanna. The Magic School Bus (Series)
- DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson (Series)
- Gannett, Ruth Stiles. My Father's Dragon
- Jenkins, Emily. The Toys Go Out (Series)
- Jules, Jacqueline. The Sofia Martinez (Series)
- Lin, Grace. The Ling & Ting (Series)
- Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad (Series)
- Marshall, James. Fox and His Friends (Series)
- Minarik, Else Holmelund. Little Bear (Series)
- Osborne, Mary Pope. The Magic Tree House (Series)
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia (Series)
- Peterson, John. The Littles (Series)
- Roy, Ron. A to Z Mysteries (Series)
- Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge (Series), Poppleton (Series), and Mr. Putter & Tabby (Series)
- Rylant, Cynthia. The Lighthouse Family (Series); Mr. Putter & Tabby (Series); etc
- Sharmat, Marjorie. Nate the Great (Series)
- Sobol, Donald. Encyclopedia Brown (Series)
- Warner, Gertrude. The Boxcar Children (Series)
- Winkler, Henry. Here's Hank (Series)

Reading Guidelines & Tracking

The Goal: Cultivate a daily reading habit! We encourage students to aim for consistent reading blocks throughout the summer to prevent the "summer slide"!

How to Record Minutes:

- Option 1 (Digital): Log in to the Reading A-Z website using your student credentials to listen to stories, read leveled books, and take quizzes. Minutes are tracked automatically!
- Option 2 (Physical): Read hard copies of your favorite books at home and keep a handwritten log of the book titles and the total minutes spent reading or listening.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded based on total minutes read.

Prize Levels:

- Level 1 - 50 Minutes
- Level 2 - 100 Minutes
- Level 3 - 150 Minutes
- Level 4 - 200 Minutes
- Level 5 - 250+ Minutes