

Dear Rising Key Second Grade Student and Parents:

Summer is a great time for picnics, swimming and SUMMER READING! Parents often ask how they can help their children become life-long readers. The answer is simple. Read to them every day.

Read-Aloud advocate Jim Trelease recommends reading aloud with your child 20 minutes a day. The benefits derived from this seem endless—increased comprehension, vocabulary and other wonderful academic benefits as well as time spent together in a pleasurable, relaxing way. He encourages parents to continue reading to their child even after the child learns to read. As you read aloud to your child, take time to talk about what he or she thinks, imagines, wonders, and predicts.

Read at least **two** books from the list below. Use **one** to prepare a book talk presentation to share during the **second** week of school. See “Choose Your Own Book Presentation” on the reverse side of this sheet.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin
(or any other **Click, Clack** books)
ISBN-13: 978-0-6898-3213-0

Oh, Theodore! Guinea Pig Poems by Susan Katz
ISBN-13: 978-0-618-70222-0

Wombat Walkabout by Carol Diggory Shields
ISBN-13: 978-0-525-47865-2

The Gingerbread Girl by Lisa Campbell Ernst
ISBN-13: 978-0-5254-7667-2

Annie and Snowball and the Dress-Up Birthday
by Cynthia Rylant (or any other title in the series)
ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-0938-5

Bones and the Dog Gone Mystery by David Adler
(or any other title in the series)
ISBN-0-670-05948-X

All books are available at your local public library.

Enjoy your summer vacation and have a fabulous reading adventure!

With best wishes,
Your Second Grade Teachers

Rising 2nd Grade Key School
Choose Your Own Book Presentation Format

You get to choose the format for your book presentation. Below are some possibilities, but just about anything goes!

Book presentations will be due during the second week of school (we will announce when these should be brought to school).

Remember, show what you learned, what you enjoyed, or something interesting about the book you read.

The following are just some possibilities. Use your imagination!

Oral Report

Paper Bag (Bring props in a bag)

Poster presentation

Flip Book or Comic Book

Dramatic Performance
(Dress as a character, act out a scene)

Pamphlet

Mobile

Journal or Diary (Keep a journal as if you were the main character)

Radio or TV Advertisement

Model or Diorama
(Setting or favorite part of the story)

Board Game

Puppet Show

Letter to the Main Character
(Or the author of the book)

Newspaper Front Page
(Headlines about the book)