

Dear Parents

Summer is here! In the midst of your sun and fun, please encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes each day. Children who don't read during the summer lose up to one month of their instruction, while children who DO read come back to school ready to learn! Attached is a fun Summer Reading Program for your child to participate in. This packet has **EVERYTHING** you need to encourage your child to read this summer.

Keep Reading,



What can you read?

Library Books

Visit your local library and sign up for a library card.

Join their summer reading program. Check out books to take home and read.

EPIC

Sign up for EPIC Online Library for \$4.99 per month (first 30 days are free). You can read the books online—on a tablet, phone, or computer.

Your Books

Look through your collection of books at home. Reread some old favorites.

Summer Reading Club

The Rules

For every day that you read for 20–30 minutes, add a sticker to that date on the calendar. You may skip one day each week if you would like.

The Reason

Reading throughout the summer will keep you prepared for the new school year. Instead of losing ground and forgetting what you've learned, you'll excel.

The Reward

Before beginning, work with your parents to determine a fair reward. Turn in your full calendars for your reward.

Suggested 1st grade books

Series to Read:

Junie B. Jones

Frog and Toad

Magic Tree House

Cam Jansen

Henry and Mudge

Fly Guy

Froggy

Pete the Cat

Pinkalicious

Fancy Nancy

Authors to Read:

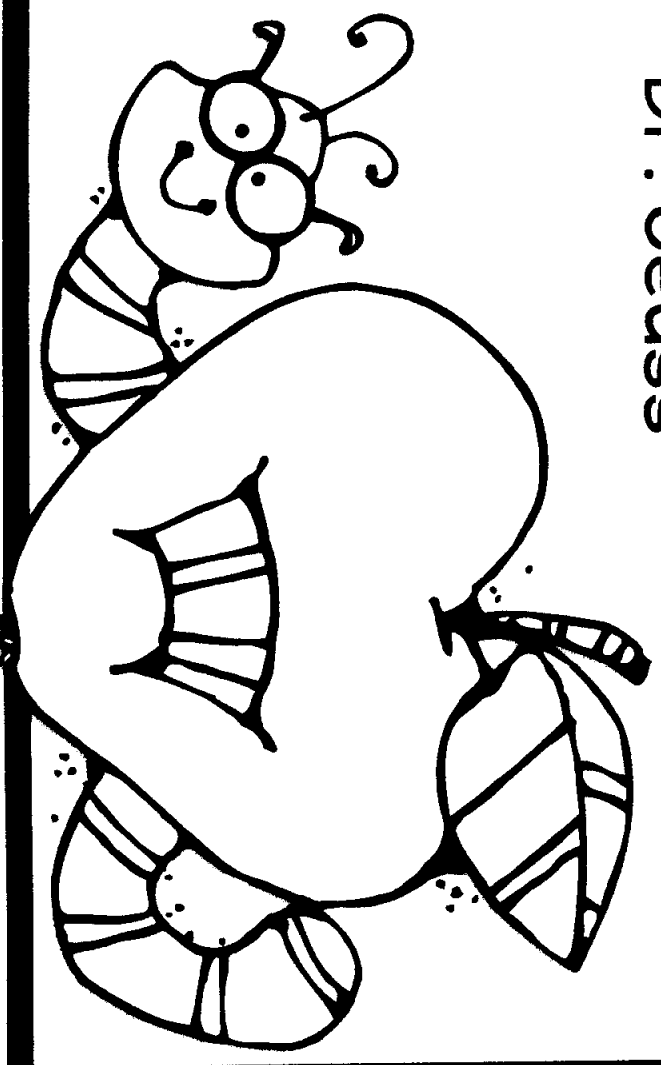
Kevin Henkes

Robert Munsch

Laura Numeroff

Jan Brett

Dr. Seuss



Suggested **2nd grade books**

Series to Read:

Who Would Win

A to Z Mysteries

What If You had...

Judy Moody

Mr. Putter and Tabby

Nancy Clancy

Amelia Bedelia

Horrible Harry

Stink

Authors to Read:

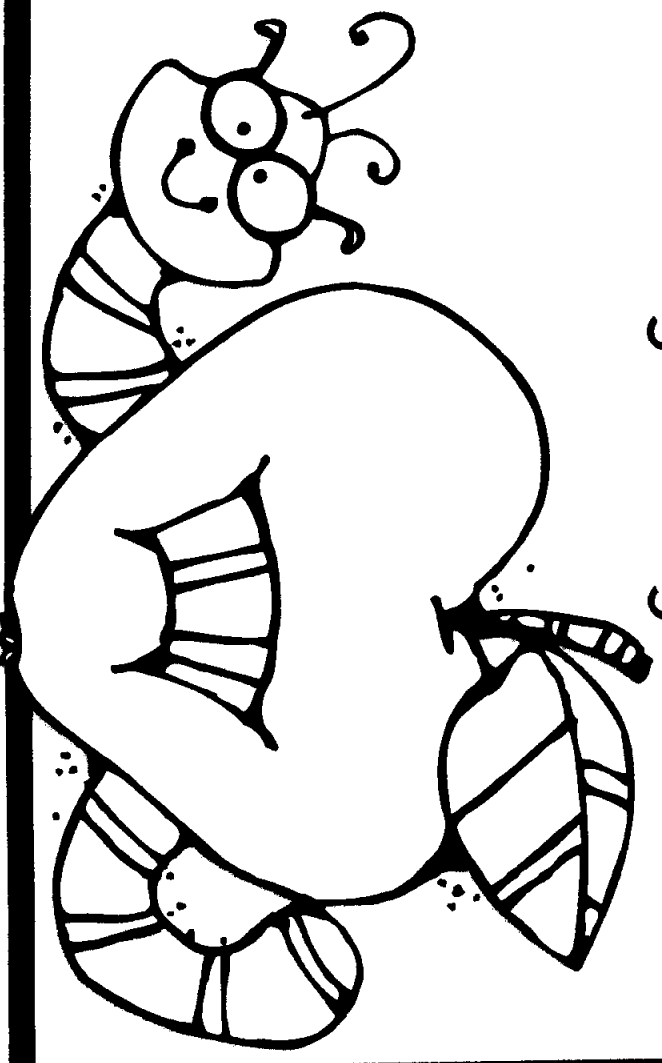
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Robert Munsch

Beverly Cleary



Suggested **3rd grade books**

Series to Read:

Who Would Win

Who Was...

Nancy Drew

Mouse and the

Motorcycle

Little House on the

Prairie

The Boxcar Children

Authors to Read:

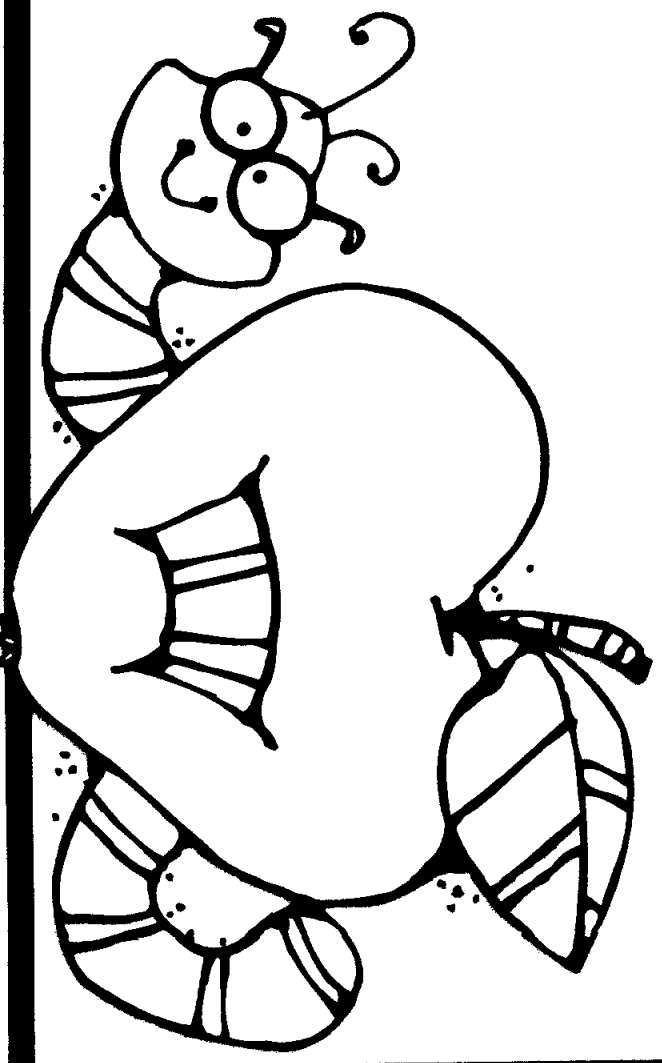
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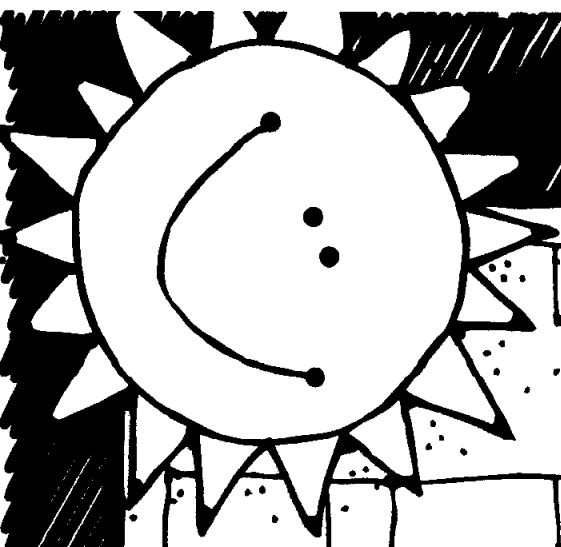
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Judy Blume

Andrew Clements



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A black and white line drawing of a grid. The grid is composed of 6 rows and 6 columns of squares, totaling 36 squares. In the top-left corner, there is a stylized sun with a circular face, two dots for eyes, and a jagged, triangular border. The sun is partially overlapping the top-left square of the grid. The grid lines are simple and hand-drawn, with some irregularities in the spacing and alignment. The overall style is that of a child's drawing or a simple template.

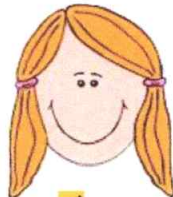
Number the dates on the calendar.
Place a sticker on each day that you read for 20-30 minutes.

What gets a capital letter?

names of people



Tom



Jan

names of places

Disneyland



McDonalds

names of pets



Rex



Fluffy

Target



months of the year

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

days of the week

at the beginning of a sentence



My dog found her bone.

the word 'I'

May I have some gum?



names of holidays

Thanksgiving



Christmas



Valentine's Day



Memorial Day



Here is a list of different ways your student can use the leftover pages of the writing journal over the summer.

- 1- Use it as a summer reading log
- 2- A score record for Xtramath.org (access continues over the summer)
- 3- Write creative stories, opinion writing, or use as a journal for summer adventures.
- 4- Write and solve your own math word problems (addition and subtraction).
- 5- Practice handwriting including letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers (1-200), first and last name, birthday, address, phone number, days of the week, months of the year. Writing neatly and forming letters correctly with good spacing is especially important in second grade☺.
- 6- Practice skip counting by 2's, 5's, 10's, 100's, and 100's with decades (example, 100, 110, 120, etc.)
- 7- Make lists of common and proper nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns.
- 8- Make a list then put the words in ABC order.
- 9- Write the words "Summer Vacation" at the top of a page. Try to make as many words as you can, using the letters in those words.
- 10- Draw detailed pictures and write captions for each one.
- 11- Draw pictures of exciting things you see over the summer.
- 12- Make a list of rhyming words.
- 13- Make a prediction of what the next school year will be like.

*Remember to read, read, read (all summer) and practice shoe tying.

★ Parts of Speech ★

NOUNS - Name a person, place, thing or idea.

examples: teacher school desk book language recess

PROPER NOUNS - Name a special person, place or thing

examples: Ms. Taylor Daniel Hunt Park September Tuesday

PRONOUNS - Take the place of a noun.

examples: he she it her his they their we our
She called her mother.

ADJECTIVES - Are modifying words that describe a noun, such as size, color and number.

examples: small heavy yellow many new soft

The young boy rode his red bike.

It has been a good day.

VERBS - Show action or state of being.

examples: see run read swim think watch sing

I walk to school. (present)

Sam waited in the car. (past)

You will enjoy your new school. (future)

ADVERBS - Describe verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.

They specify when, where and how much.

examples: loud quiet fast slow quick high up down very

She ran home quickly.

My teacher is very nice.

PREPOSITIONS - Show how a noun or pronoun is related to another word in a sentence.

When used with a verb, it changes the meaning of the verb.

examples: in with from about to above on

The boy with curly hair ate lunch in the park.

CONJUNCTIONS - Join words, phrases and clauses together.

examples: and as or so because however

Randy and Kim called because it was my birthday.

ARTICLES - Three special words that can be used before a noun.

examples: a an the

A bird flew in the tree.

INTERJECTIONS - State an exclamation or remark!

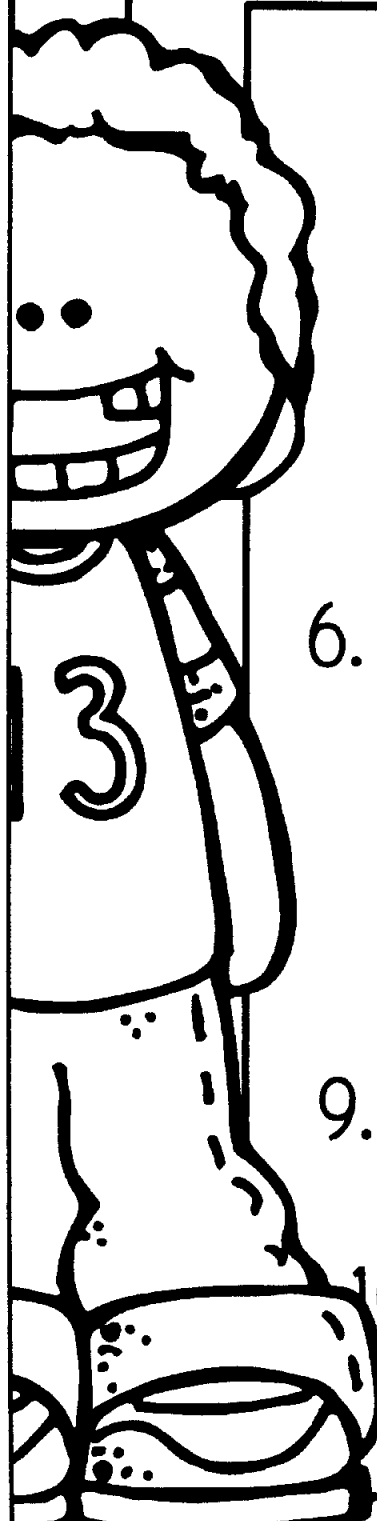
(Usually followed with an exclamation mark)

examples: Ouch! Hooray! Oh! Yes! Wow!

Summer READING LOG

Name: _____

10 Best I-pad Apps for Reading



1. Speed Reading Academy
2. EPIC Virtual Library
3. Reading Rainbow
4. Time for Kids
5. Starfall
6. Sight Words Learning Games & Reading Flashcards
7. BOB Books
8. Sight Word Ninja
9. Teach Your Monster to Read
10. Dr. Seuss Treasury



Great Apps for Spelling Practice!

These are great for writing spelling words! All apps are free, and can be found by searching for them by name in the App Store. Have fun!

Real Chalkboard
Sand Draw
Doodle Buddy
Hello Chalk
Hello Color Pencil
Hello Crayons
White Board
Heat Pad
Sand Magic
Paint Sparkle
Kids Doodle
Draw Free
Dust
Gold Dust
Magic Finger
Glow Free
Finger paint

Free vs. Paid Sites

Free

Starfall
Fun Brain
Storyline Online
Abcya
Math Game Time
National Geographic Kids
Sheppard Software
Into the Book (you can skip login)
We Give Books
Cool Math 4 Kids
Fun 4 the Brain
Scholastic Study Jams
Math Blaster
Science Kids
Arcademics
Cool Math
Turtle Diary (you can skip login)
PBS Kids
Highlights Kids
A Plus Math
Sum Dog (you can play as a guest)

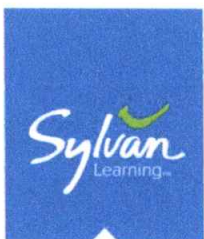
Paid

Raz Kids
Moby Max
Pebble Go
Tumble Books
Accelerated Reader
Renzulli Learning
Lexia Learning
iXL

Join

FREE

Brain Pop (classroom access)
Brain Pop Jr. (classroom access)
Camp Wonderopolis
Help Kids Learn (free version available)
Spelling City



Sylvan Learning Recommended Summer Reading List

Grades K-2

Sports

- *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*, By Audrey Vernick
- *Clorinda Plays Baseball!*, By Robert Kinerk
- *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball*, By David A. Adler

Adventure

- *The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle: A Story About Recycling*, By Alison Inches
- *Transformers Dark of the Moon: Optimus Prime's Friends and Foes*, By Kirsten Mayer
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, By Maurice Sendak

Education

- *My Book about Me*, By Dr. Seuss, Roy McKie
- *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day—Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros: A Bilingual Picture Book*, By Pat Mora
- *Marco Goes to School*, By Roz Chast

Innovators

- *Goodnight iPad: A Parody for the Next Generation*, By Ann Droyd
- *My First Human Body Book*, By Patricia J. Wynne
- *Disney Pixar Storybook Collections*, By Annie Auerbach
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*, By William Kamkwamba
- *Planting a Rainbow*, By Lois Ehlert

Arts

- *Sign Language: My First 100 Words*, By Michiyo Nelson
- *Where on Earth?*, By Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff
- *Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry*, By Jane Yolen, Andrew Fusek Peters
- *Press Here*, By Hervé Tullet
- *Opuestos: Mexican Folk Art Opposites in English and Spanish*, By Cynthia Weill
- *Mousterpiece*, By Jane Breskin Zalben

History

- *Looking at Lincoln*, By Maira Kalman
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*, By Robert Byrd
- *Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*, By Doreen Rappaport

Movies

- *The Man in the Moon (Guardians of Childhood)*, By William Joyce
- *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, By Judi Barrett
- *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The Junior Novel*, By J.E. Bright

Learning Should Be Personal.

Grades 3-5

Sports

- *Sports Illustrated Kids 1st and 10: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Football*, By Sports Illustrated for Kids
- *The Everything Kids' Soccer Book: Rules, techniques, and more about your favorite sport!*, By Deborah W. Crisfield
- *Extreme Sports*, By John Crossingham, Bobbie Kalman
- *Combat Sports*, By Clive Gifford
- *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis*, By Matt de la Peña
- *Hothead*, By Cal Ripken Jr., Kevin Cowherd

Adventure

- *Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids' Guide*, By Lynn Brunelle
- *Adventurers: 20th Century Lives*, By Jane Bingham
- *How to Be a Spy Kid*, By Kate Egan
- *The Mostly True Adventures Of Homer P. Figg*, By Rodman Philbrick
- *How to be a Detective*, By Dan Waddell

Education

- *Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas*, By Molly Bang, Penny Chisholm
- *The Everything Kids' Science Experiments Book: Boil Ice, Float Water, Measure Gravity- Challenge the World Around You!* (Everything Kids Series), By Tom Robinson

Innovators

- *Profiles #3: Tech Titans*, By Carla Killough McClafferty
- *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions*, By Don L. Wulffson
- *Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future with 20 Projects*, By Kathy Ceceri
- *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*, By Emily Arnold McCully

Arts

- *13 Artists Children Should Know*, By Angela Wenzel
- *The Art of Healthy Eating - Kids*, By Maria Emmerich
- *An Eye for Color: The Story of J  sef Albers*, By Natasha Wing
- *Uh-oh, Leonardo!: The Adventures of Providence Traveler*, By Robert Sabuda

History

- *Car Science*, By Richard Hammond
- *Election!: A Kid's Guide to Picking Our President* (2012 Edition), By Dan Gutman
- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*, By Kathleen Krull
- *The Boston Tea Party*, By Russell Freedman
- *If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution*, By Kay Moore

Movies

- *How to Train Your Dragon*, By Cressida Cowell
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, By Jeff Kinney
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, By Richard Atwater, Florence Atwater
- *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, By C.S. Lewis
- *Harry Potter Literary Series*, By J.K. Rowling

ABC Handwriting Chart



Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee

Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj

Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo

Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy

Zz

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