

2019-2020 Linton Hall School

2nd Grade Summer Work Assignments

June 2019

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! Your child totally rocked first grade and they are officially a second grade student. As you celebrate your child's new status this summer, please take some time to keep their school skills fresh and prepare them for next year.

Students, on average, lose up to two months of grade level equivalency skills during the summer months. These early years of learning are truly setting a foundation and to create the most solid base, it is vital that children K-2 practice skills learned. Therefore, the summer work requirement for rising second graders is the following:

Rising 2nd grade Summer Language Arts Homework:

Students are required to read the book **We're all Wonders** by **R. J. Palacio**. A project accompanies this book. The students must also read a **minimum of 3** books throughout the summer. I encourage your child to read more! Please help your child with completing the enclosed reading record to include the book's title, author, and date completed.

Research shows that, in addition to reading instruction, the more children read independently the greater their reading accomplishments. Your child probably made a LOT of progress with their reading during first grade, and you certainly don't want those gains to be lost over the summer.

For help choosing books that are **just right** for your soon-to-be second grader, please have your child read aloud the first two pages to you. On those first two pages, your child should be able to read all but about three of the words. If there are more than three tricky words on these two pages, this is a good indication that the book is too hard for your child and will frustrate him/her. Here are some suggestions of series and authors to check out.

Series	Fiction	Non-fiction
Cam Jansen - Adler	Judy Blume	Joanna Cole - author of
Miss Nelson is Missing - Allard	Doreen Cronin	"The Magic School Bus"
Bink & Gollie - DiCamillo	Ree Drummond	series
Zack Files - Greenburg	Kevin Henkes	Gail Gibbons
Ready, Freddy! - Klein	Leo Lionni	Jerry Pallotta - author of
Horrible Harry - Kline	Robert Munsch	the "Who Would Win"
Frog and Toad - Lobel	Laura Numeroff	series
Magic Tree House - Osborne	Patricia Polacco	Seymour Simon (science)
Amelia Bedelia - Parish	Jon Scieszka	Greg Tang (math)
Calendar Mysteries - Roy	David Shannon	
Henry and Mudge - Rylant	William Steig	
Nate the Great - Sharmat	Melanie Watt	

In my classroom, I will use a Balanced Literacy approach. Balanced Literacy provides and cultivates the skills of reading, writing, thinking, speaking and listening for all students. It has been said that the best way to improve anyone's reading is to have him or her write. Writing focuses students on

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phonics, comprehension, mechanics, developing their voice or perspective, and communicating this perspective to others. Therefore, students are also asked to complete the **We're all Wonders project**. The project is to be turned in on the first day of school. The directions can be found at the end of this packet.

Rising 2nd grade Summer Math Homework:

Students are **required** to do a Math packet. The Math packet will be posted to the Linton Hall website <https://lintonhall.edu/parents/forms/> for you to download and print out.

The school supply list for this year is attached to this packet. Please send school supplies, along with the completed project and Math packet to school on the first day.

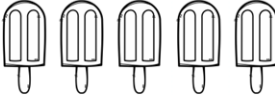
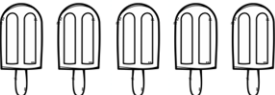
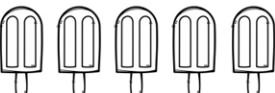


I hope that your summer is spent having many fun adventures and spending as much time as possible together as a family. So, have an **AMAZING** summer!

I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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Summer Reading Log

On the chart, list the title, author, and rate the book. One popsicle is the lowest and five popsicles are the best. At the end of the summer, Parent and student should sign this form stating the student as read all of the books listed. **Required:** The students must read a minimum of 4 books throughout the summer. (Including We're all Wonders)

Title	Author	Rating
		
		
		
		
		

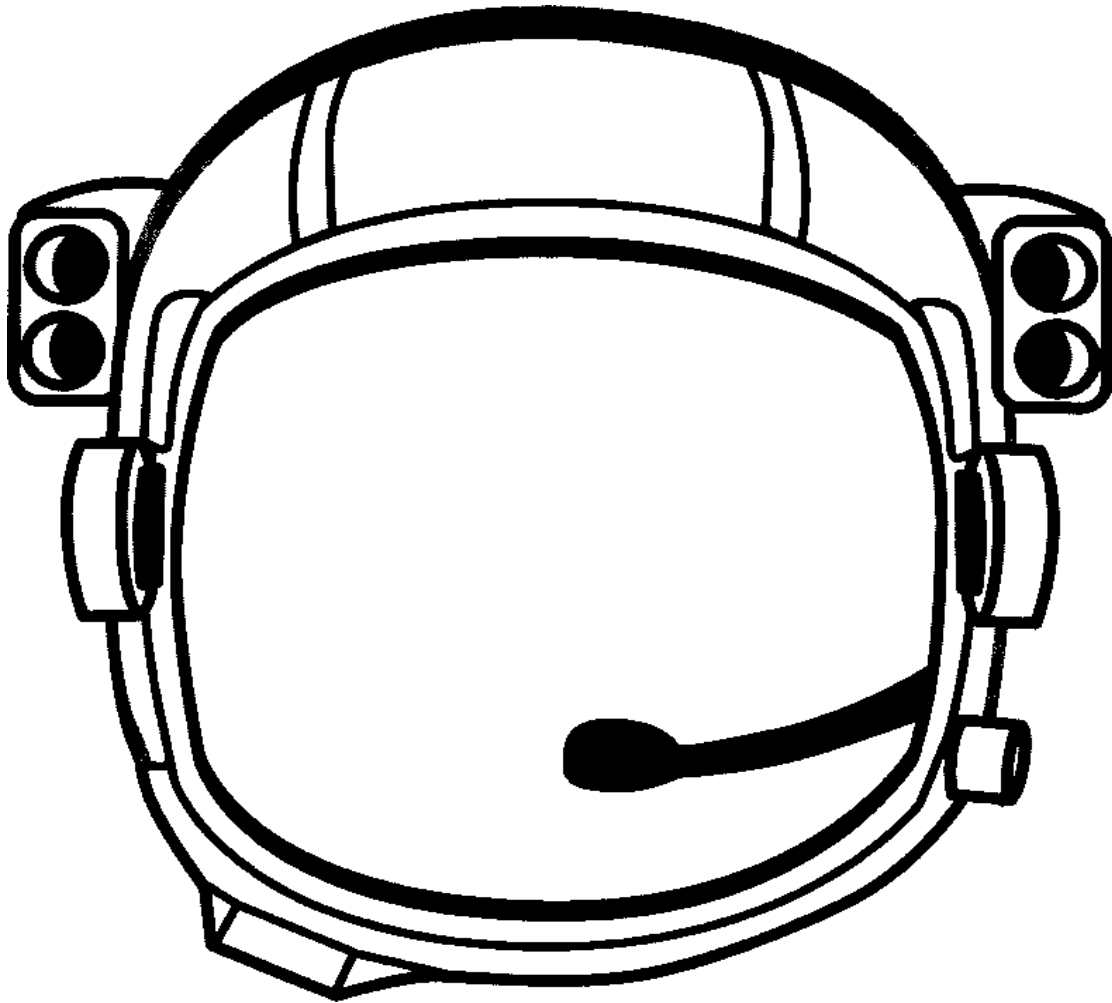
Write about your favorite book below. Use complete sentences.

I have read all the books listed above this summer.

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

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Directions:

1. Draw your face inside the space helmet OR cut out the white center of the mask (cut around the-microphone) and glue a photograph of your face behind the helmet.
2. Use the following page to write a paragraph about all the things that make you a wonder.
3. Attach the space helmet to your essay.
4. Turn in on first day of school.

