

Parents and Future Second Graders,

There will only be one required summer homework assignment for second grade! I am a firm believer in enjoying your summer with your family and friends without the worries of completing summer homework. Reading through the summer is very important to me. There is a direct connection between reading and student success. Because of that, I will be assigning a reading log that you will need to fill out during the summer. There are 11 weeks of summer from the 28th of May- the 13th of August. I expect you to have a reading log filled out for **6 of the weeks**. You will need to read for a total of **20 minutes for five of the days of the week**. I expect the child to write in complete sentences for each day except for the characters and settings box. You can read with your parents or someone else or by yourself for those 20 minutes. **The reading logs will be due on August 13th** (the first day of school). I have attached the following image for you to take a look at that shows the benefits of just reading 20 minutes per day. I also encourage you to practice math facts over the summer. (Specifically addition and subtraction facts from 1-12) You can practice these by making notecards or having a friend or family member test you! If you do these two things, you will be very successful in the second grade. If you have any further questions or concerns about any of this please do not hesitate to contact me at any time by email at crustik@stolafs.org I look forward to getting to know all of you next year and having you in my class! I am wishing you a restful and fun summer!

Best,

Miss Rustik

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

2ND GRADE READING LOG

Title of Book: _____ Date: _____ Minutes read: _____	Characters: Setting:
Title of Book: _____ Date: _____ Minutes read: _____	What was your favorite part of today's reading?
Title of Book: _____ Date: _____ Minutes read: _____	Write a question you would like to ask the author
Title of Book: _____ Date: _____ Minutes read: _____	What do you predict will happen next?
Title of Book: _____ Date: _____ Minutes read: _____	What was the most important part from today's reading?
Total minutes read: _____	Parent's signature: _____