



## Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum

Al-Hamra Academy highly values a positive attitude towards learning and strongly supports the life-long quest for excellence.

Reading is a critical skill to practice and master not only during the school year but also in the summer months. Children who aren't engaged in enriched reading and writing experiences during the ten weeks of vacation will experience a decline in literacy skills. To prevent this regression, seize the opportunity to have fun and create lasting memories while strengthening English competency during the summer.

Each Reading/Language Arts teacher has compiled a list of required and recommended books to engage students during the summer. We strongly encourage all students to actively read at least one book each week, however, keeping in mind potential travel plans and various summer engagements, we have set **three books** as the minimum requirement. The book list is attached.

Before returning to school in the fall, students **must** draw a picture of their favorite part of the book and write 2-4 sentences about their picture related to the book. A summer reading examination on the major story elements may be administered to students entering the second grade.

The success of the summer reading program is dependent upon the **support** of each parent. We hope that you will encourage your child to read daily. Please remember to sign the reading assignment form and return it in September.

In conclusion, reading *with* your child is one of the strongest motivational factors. If you have younger children share the joys of literature by reading to them daily. Have an enjoyable summer and remember to READ!

Kind regards,

Ms. Lexi Marcosa

Grade 2 Teacher



# GRADE 2

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## Summer Reading Assignments

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade 2

Title of Required Book:

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Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Required Book:

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Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Parents as Partners**

- Read with your children! Read newspapers, recipes, directions, maps, road signs, magazines, textbooks, manuals, and library books.
- Discuss the books you read. Relate the book to your personal experiences.
- Give books, gift cards to bookstores, and magazine subscriptions as gifts.
- Get your child a library card and make regular visits to the library.
- Make bedtime stories a regular family event.
- Visit a bookstore with your child.
- Limit television and computer games.
- Discuss current events reported in the media.
- Set family reading goals.
- Pack books for family trips.
- Research and read together about travel destinations.

**Make reading an important part of your family's life.**

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**All books are 2<sup>nd</sup> grade levels J-M**

**Students will pick 1 required reading book,**

**1 fiction book,**

**and 1 non-fiction book**

## **Required Readings: Choose one**

Some children may not be able to read these books independently. If this is the case we encourage you to read the books to or with your child.

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn - A young raccoon faces his first separation from his mother and begs her to let him stay at home. His mother gives him a magic secret called the Kissing Hand to take with him to school. Reading Level I

**Henry and Mudge: the First Book** by Cynthia Rylant - Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. Guided Reading Level J

**Frog and Toad are Friends** by Arnold Lobel - This book contains five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad. Guided Reading Level K

**The Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant - The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time. Guided Reading Level K

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## **Student Choice :**

### **Choose one FICTION**

**Bunny Cakes** by Rosemary Wells - Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake. Guided Reading Level J

**Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery** by David Adler - Cam uses her photographic memory to find a shopping list that her dad lost at the library. Guided Reading Level J

**The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins - Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share

**Ma's wonderful cookies.** Guided Reading Level J

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss - In verse, Sam-I-am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham. Guided Reading Level J

**Three by the Sea** by Edward Marshall - Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story. Guided Reading Level J

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman - A teddy bear spends his days waiting in a store for someone to buy him. Guided Reading Level K

**A Letter to Amy** by Ezra Jack Keats - Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but He wants it to be a surprise. Guided Reading Level K

**Nate the Great** by Marjorie Sharmat - Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture. Guided Reading Level K

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**Arthur's Family Vacation** by Marc Brown - Arthur is unhappy about going on vacation with his family, but he shows them how to make the best of a bad situation when they end up stuck in a motel because of rain. Guided Reading Level K

**Dear Annie** by Judith Caseley - Presents a series of postcards and letters Annie sends to or receives from her loving grandfather from the time she is born. Guided Reading Level K

**Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown** by Paul Danziger - Amber Brown and her classmates are worried about the new teacher. Their concerns are soon put to rest as Ms. Light meets them at the door wearing cool earrings & revealing a great attitude. Guided Reading Level K

**Chrysanthemum** by Kevin Henkes - Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it. Guided Reading Level L

**Homework Hassles** (Ready, Freddy!" series) by Abby Klein - Freddy's teacher has assigned a report about a nocturnal animal. Freddy has a good idea, but trouble always seems to find him. Guided Reading Level L

**Shark Tooth Tale** (Ready, Freddy!" series) by Abby Klein - In book nine of the "Ready, Freddy!" series, first-grader Freddy Thresher wants to buy a fossilized prehistoric shark tooth. However, it costs more money than Freddy has, and his parents won't buy it for him. What can Freddy do? Guided Reading Level L

**Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal?** (Marvin Redpost series) by Louis Sachar - Marvin Redpost is mysteriously drawn to Casey Happleton and surprises even himself when he accepts an invitation to her house. Everything becomes clear when Casey shows him the magic crystal that grants simple wishes. They happily share this secret until a spat causes Marvin to make a wish that keeps Casey silent-perhaps forever! Guided Reading Level L

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**Alone in his Teacher's House** (Marvin Redpost Series) by Louis Sachar - Marvin is pleased when his teacher asks him to take care of her dog while she's away, but he soon finds that There's more pressure involved than he likes. Guided Reading Level L

**Swimmy** by Leo Lionni - Swimmy, a small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.

Guided Reading Level L

**Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens - Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road. Guided Reading Level L

**The Owl and the Pussycat** by Edward Lear (Jan Brett, illustrator) After a courtship voyage of a year and a day, Owl and Pussy finally buy a ring from Piggy and are blissfully married. Guided Reading Level L

**Ira Sleeps Over** by Bernard Waber - A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at

his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear. Guided Reading Level M

**The Art Lesson** by Tomie DePaola - Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home,

young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there much more regimented. Guided Reading Level M

**Don't Forget the Bacon** by Pat Hutchins - A little boy goes grocery shopping for his mother and tries hard to remember her instructions. Guided Reading Level M

**Jake Drake Series** by Andrew Clements - Jake is an endearing boy who uses his head to sort out appropriate conclusions to bad situations. Guided Reading Level M

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## Choose one NON-FICTION:

**Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog** by Sarah Martin (James Marshall, illustrator) -

Old Mother Hubbard runs errand after errand for her remarkable dog. Guided Reading Level J

**Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie** by Peter Roop - In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter must keep the lights burning by herself. Guided Reading Level K

**The Best of Times: Math Strategies That Multiply** by Greg Tang - Greg Tang teaches readers simple but powerful techniques for multiplying numbers from 0 to 10. Guided Reading Level K

**The Hershey's Milk Chocolate Fractions Book** by Jerry Pallotta - A Hershey's milk chocolate bar is made up of 12 little rectangles that provide the perfect opportunity to teach fractions! Guided Reading Level K

**Icky Bug Shapes** by Jerry Pallotta - Kids will love learning their shapes with help from icky bugs. Guided Reading Level K

**My Baseball Book** by Gail Gibbons - Book provides an introduction to baseball, describing the equipment, playing field, rules, players, and process of the game. Guided Reading Level K

**Math-terpieces: the Art of Problem Solving** by Greg Tang - A series of rhymes about artists

and their works introduces counting and grouping numbers, as well as such artistic styles as cubism, pointillism, and surrealism. Guided Reading Level L



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**The Grapes of Math: Mind Stretching Math Riddles** by Greg Tang - This book will challenge all kids — and parents, too — to open their minds and solve problems in new and unexpected ways. Guided Reading Level L

**Math Appeal** by Greg Tang - Greg Tang deals with four key rules for problem solving: have an open mind, look for unusual number combinations, use multiple skills, and look for patterns. Guided Reading Level L

**Cats** by Gail Gibbons - A delight for cat lovers, young and old, Gibbons has come up with an easy-to-read picture book that provides a complete introduction to a common household friend. Guided Reading Level M

**Fire! Fire!** by Gail Gibbons - The alarm sounds. Fire! Fire! Big trucks roll out of the firehouse and race to the scene. Guided Reading Level M

**Math Fables: Lessons That Count** by Greg Tang - These playful rhyming math stories give young learners a start on higher-level math by encouraging readers to think about groups and numbers in creative ways. Guided Reading Level M

**The Icky Bug Counting Book** by Jerry Pallotta - In this creepy, crawly adventure, children can count from 0 to 26 and learn about 26 different kinds of creatures...not all of them icky! Guided Reading Level M

**Air is All Around You** by Franklyn M. Branley - Air is everywhere. Your bedroom alone holds about seventy-five pounds of it! But since you can't see, smell, or feel air, how do you know it's there? There are some cool experiments you can do to prove it for yourself. Guided Reading Level M