

May 24, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the summer before Second Grade! I have put together a few things that I would like your child to concentrate on this summer. Regarding math, students should practice math facts for addition and subtraction (through 12) all summer. The goal is to stop using fingers, pictures and a number line, and to have all the facts memorized. For reading, I recommend that your child read a minimum of 15 minutes each day. Scholastic suggests that, "students who read at least four books over the summer are less likely to experience 'summer slide,' the decrease in reading skills teachers notice at the beginning of the new school year." Check out their website: <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016/kids> for more information on the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. You will find the summer requirements for Second Grade below. Students will receive a grade for their math and reading work for the first quarter of the school year.

- **Math Assignment**

Mathletics: Students must earn 4 certificates – Get ready, get set, let's do math! The Mathletics online student friendly program will help your child make personal math gains. Students will practice basic facts and also work on skill sets specific to their needs. After creating an Avatar, your child will begin a whole new world of math online. Attached you will find information on how to get your child started. Please note that only one certificate can be earned per week, so please don't wait until the end of the summer to try to earn all four certificates.

- **Reading Assignment**

My Reading Log: Students must make 20 entries – This isn't just any reading log! This is an interactive reading log! Here is how it works: The column on the left is for logging information about when the reading is done (date), length of reading (time) and title of book. The column on the right offers different ways for your student to respond to the reading they've done during each timeframe. For example: Main Characters – Write the name of the main characters and draw pictures of them; Main Idea – Write a sentence telling the main idea of the story or; Setting – Write the time (time of year, date in history, season or actual "time") and write the place (where the parts of the story take place or happen); Fantastic Words – Write down words that stuck with you, new words you learned or words you did not understand; I am wondering? – Write down what were you wondering about when you read or what questions you had about your reading. The reading logs (20 entries) are attached.

On the reverse, you will find the supply list. All supplies can be brought to Student Orientation on Monday, August 15th. The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 17th.

I look forward to seeing many of you at TBS Summer Camp when I return from my trip to France. Otherwise, see you at the Student Orientation. Have a fun and safe summer.

Sincerely,

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TBS Summer Camp Director
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Name _____

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OFF THE PRESS!

MY Reading Log

Date: _____

Title: _____

Time: _____

Main Characters (names and pictures)

Date: _____

Title: _____

Time: _____

Main Idea

Date: _____

Title: _____

Time: _____

Setting

Time

Place

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Time: _____

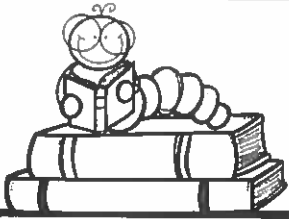
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Name _____

MY Reading Log

Main Characters (names and pictures)

Main Idea

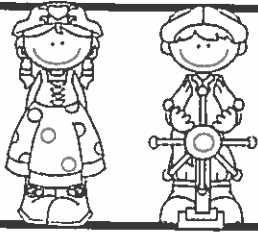
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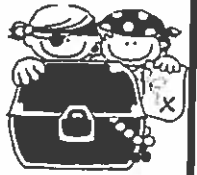
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MY Reading Log



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Main Characters (names and pictures)

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