Dear Future Second Grader and Parents,

At the end of this school year you will no longer be a first grader. To assist you in getting ready for second grade, your teachers have put together some reading activities to complete this summer. The attached activity packet is due the first week of school in September. If you misplace your packet, you can locate it on your school’s website listed below. Research has proven that children who read over the summer are more prepared and have an easier transition into the next grade level. Students who do not read are less equipped for the challenges of the new school year. Students who complete the packet will be recognized at school in September.

Your required activities are:

1. Read at least 4 books. One book should be non-fiction.
2. Write down the books you read on the reading log attached in this packet.

Enclosed is a list of suggested authors you might enjoy reading. The librarian at your local library can help you choose books. You may also use any favorite books that you have at home. The Nyack and Valley Cottage libraries have a summer reading program, along with many free craft and activity programs for children of all ages. The theme of this summer’s reading program is Every Hero has a Story! A Who is your Hero sheet is attached to the end of this packet for your child to complete and can be returned to Nyack or Valley Cottage library to be put on display.

Enjoy the summer. Have fun reading.

Sincerely,

Ellen Rechenberger, Principal
Stephen Ochser, Interim Principal
Gina Cappiello, Principal
Jody Skidd, Anne Jacobs
Tammy Ficarelli, Máire Warzech
Reading Teachers
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Nicholas Grasso, Librarian
Julie Zwiebel, Librarian
Carolyn Travers, Librarian
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Upper Nyack Elementary School
Valley Cottage Elementary School
http://lb.nyackschools.org
http://un.nyackschools.org
http://vc.nyackschools.org

Si ou bezwen enfòmasyon tradui an kreyòl, rele Jocelyne Abraham nan 353-7044.
Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llama a Yesenia Polanco al 353-7042 / 7247.
Suggested Author List--Grades 2 & 3

**Fiction**
Adler, David
Aardema, Verna
Anderson, Hans C.
Arnosky, Jim
Auch, Mary Jane
Barrows, Annie
Beecroft, Simon
Benton, Jim
Blume, Judy
Brothers Grimm
Brown, Marc
Browne, Anthony
Bunting, Eve
Calmenson, Stephanie
Cameron, Ann
Cannon, Janell
Child, Lauren
Cleary, Beverly
Cole, Joanna
Cronin, Doreen
Dahl, Roald
DeCesare, Angelo
Fleischman, Sid
Friedman, Laurie
Giff, Patricia Reilly
Greenburg, Dan
Green, D. L.
Greenfield, Eloise
Gutman, Dan
Hale, Bruce
Harper, Jessica
Holm, Jennifer

**Non-Fiction**

**General:**
Adler, David
Arnosky, Jim
Bishop, Nic
Cole, Joanna
Franco, Betsy
Frost, Helen
Gibbons, Gail
Jenkins, Steve
Kalman, Bobbie
Lauber, Patricia
Leedy, Loreen

**McKissack, Patricia**
Murphy, Stuart
Nelson, Robin
Pringle, Laurence
Rau, Dana Meachen
Saunders-Smith, Gail
Schaefer, Lola
Simon, Seymour
St. George, Judith
Stone, Lynn
Watts, Barrie

**Series:**
*The Bearfoot Book of...*
*Blast off Readers*

**Poetry:**
Florian, Douglas
Hopkins, Lee Bennett
Katz, Bobbi
Kuskin, Karla
Lansky, Bruce
Lewis, J. Patrick
Livingston, Myra Cohn
Milne, A.A.
Prelutsky, Jack
Silverstein, Shel
Stevenson, James
Yolen, Jane

**Biographies:**
Try a book about a famous person such as an athlete, President, astronaut, musician, writer, illustrator, or anyone else you are interested in reading about.

Look in the **Biography section** of the library.
A Banner Subject

Read a non-fiction book. Draw a picture of the subject you read about.
Write the book title and author on the top two lines.
Write two facts about your subject on the lines at the bottom of your banner.

Name: __________________
How does my story go?

Write about the story you read.

Title of Book ______________________
Author of Book ____________________
Name______________________________
My Character and Me

Book Title ____________________________________________

Author ____________________________________________

Draw yourself. 

Draw a character from a book you read.

How are you and your character the same?

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How are you and your character different?

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Name ____________________________________________
Date __________________

Dear ____________________

I want to tell you about a book I read this summer called _______________________________________________________

by ___________________________. It is about _______________________________________________________

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From your book buddy,

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Write a letter to your new teacher about a book you read this summer.
# My 2nd Grade Reading Log-2015

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Name ____________________________
Who is YOUR Hero?

THIS SUMMER, HEROES OF ALL TYPES ARE COMING TO YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES!

The Nyack Library and The Valley Cottage Library will be celebrating a super Summer Reading theme, "Every Hero Has a Story." Both libraries will have reading clubs, great programs, and special activities all about heroes! Please contact us or stop by to sign up and participate.

It's all FREE!

Draw your hero below and write a sentence about why he/she is your hero. Then bring this sheet to your library to be added to our Greatest Heroes scrapbook! You can choose a superhero, a book character, a community helper, or even a family member.

Anyone can be a hero!

My hero is:

because:

This activity sheet, provided by your local libraries, is voluntary and does not need to be returned to teachers at the start of the school year.

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(845)358-3370 x228 www.nyacklibrary.org

The Valley Cottage Library
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