



June 2015

Dear Friends,

Happy summer and welcome to second grade! I hope you have a fantastic summer- have fun and be safe! Although I want you to have lots of fun in the next two months, I also want you to practice some skills you learned this year in first grade. Below are your summer assignments that should be completed and returned the first day of school. These assignments will be graded so please make sure to do your best.

## READING

First graders have worked very hard this year to improve their reading abilities. Don't stop now!! Your summer reading work is to keep a reading log to record time spent reading. Record everything! If you read the Sunday comics in the newspaper, write that down! Did you read the entire cereal box this morning while eating your breakfast? Cool, let me know! Not only do I want to see the names of books you are reading and how long you are reading for, but I also want to see that you are reading EVERYWHERE! Use the recording sheet to keep track. The reading log form can be found on the class webpage <http://missvill2ndgrade.weebly.com> Print as many copies as you need. Do you have a library card at the town library? If not, maybe you can include that in your plans this summer! ☺

In addition to the reading logs, I would also like you to collect a bag of memories. Please pick **five** items to bring in a Ziploc bag that remind you of your summer. This could be pictures from vacation, movie ticket stubs, a napkin from a favorite restaurant or a brochure to an amusement park you visited. We will be using these items to inspire some sharing and writing when we get back to school. Items should be flat, not 3-dimensional, and will be glue for a project when you come back to school in August. Please keep that in mind when you select your items.

# MATH

At St. Joseph school, we use the math program *Go Math!* in grades K-5. To help with continuity of the program and to assure a smooth transition into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math, I am asking the students to please complete a math packet. These lessons are review of skills learned in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. There are a total of twenty lessons that should be worked on throughout the summer. Math packets will be given to students before the end of the school year. If you lose the packet, it cannot be replaced☹. **Please note that newly registered students, do not need to complete the math packet.** These students will not be penalized.

One of the most important things you can do to become a super math student is to study basic math facts. Having mastery of addition and subtraction facts of single digit numbers will help 2<sup>nd</sup> graders feel confident in their math abilities. Like the summer reading log, students will also be asked to keep a math skills log. A list of suggested websites to practice math skills as well as the math skills logs can be found on the class webpage <http://missvill2ndgrade.weebly.com>

If you have questions about anything, please feel free to email me. Don't forget to buy your school supplies! See you in August!

Love,

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