



Dear Parents,

Attached, you will find the new summer reading assignment for rising second graders. This year's summer reading selections across all grade levels (2-12) have a common theme: *Kindness, Empathy, and Building a Community*. In a school-wide effort to promote a deeper understanding of this theme, CA English and reading teachers have chosen titles for summer reading to promote discussion of literature that explores the importance of building a strong and productive community. Research shows that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress. This can have a long-term effect. In order to help students maintain their progress in reading, we ask each student to read books of their choice and complete the attached assignment for one of the books. Below, you will find book suggestions for your student that fit within our school-wide theme. Have a wonderful summer!

*Read! Read! Read!*

Sincerely,

Second Grade Teachers

***Rising 2nd Grade Book Suggestions:***

*A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, by Philip C. Stead

*The Extraordinary Gardener*, by Sam Boughton

*Maybe Something Beautiful*, by F. Isabel Compoy, Theresa Howell, and Rafael Lopez

*Maddi's Fridge*, by Lois Brandt and Vin Vogel

*The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams*, by Tanya Lee Stone

*The Stars Just Up the Street*, by Sue Soltis

*Each Kindness*, by Jacqueline Woodson

*Five Ways to Make a Friend*, by Gillian Cross

*The Invisible Boy*, by Patrice Barton

