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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to you as your child is moving on to second grade.

Attached you will find the grade two supply list, and the form for our Summer Reading Bingo activity.

I hope that your child will be eager to continue reading as summer arrives. The minimum requirement for the bingo activity will be to complete 5 squares. I encourage each child to complete as many bingos as possible. Five Bingos is an All Star Reader. An additional activity is to have your child draw a picture of a favorite story and attach that paper to the bingo sheet. Each child will be asked to tell about this story when school begins again. The picture should help your child to recall his/her story. Kindly write the titles of the books read on the back of the bingo sheet. Please keep in mind that this should be an enjoyable summer reading project. You may also read to your child, or read together.

Hopefully, there will also be some minutes in the day to review math facts. It is so beneficial for the children to have memorized their doubles, because knowing that $7+7=14$ makes it easy to add $7+8$, by simply adding one more. Practice in counting by fives and tens is helpful, too.

All students are encouraged to continue in their on-line programs Lalilo and Freckle for math and language arts. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I wish your family a lovely, relaxing, and fun-filled summer.

Mrs. Peg Doyle

Second Grade Teacher – pegkdoyle@icloud.com

SECOND GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Dear Parents,

For your second grade student please provide the following:

6 sharpened pencils or mechanical pencils	2 pencil boxes
scissors	crayons
1 glue bottle and 3 large glue sticks	markers
1 take-home folder	water color paint box
1 package of wide-lined paper (to keep at home) for written homework	

Each child needs to bring in a morning snack and a water bottle daily.

I also ask that each child bring in a box of tissues and a container of sanitizing wipes for the classroom to start our year, and a large, old shirt to cover clothing during art activities.

Over the summer months, the price for school supplies is often much less than at other times during the year, so I would suggest that you might want to purchase extra crayons, pencils, glue sticks, etc. You would then have these items available when your child's supplies need to be replenished.

Please, no toys, pens, fancy erasers or jewelry, as these items become a distraction. Staplers, tape dispensers and rulers are not needed.

It is most helpful if you would write your child's last name on all of her/his belongings, especially sweatshirts and sweaters.

Thank you.

Mrs. Peg Doyle

Name: _____

St. Thomas Summer Reading Grade 2

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Any Caldecott Award Book	Any Book By Author Jan Brett	Any Poem Book	Any True Animal Book	Any Flat Stanley or Junie B. Jones Story
Any Little Critters Story	Any Non-fiction Story	Any Dr. Seuss Book	Any Berenstein Bears Book	Any Mystery Story
Any Nature Story	Any Book By Author Eric Carle		Any Frog and Toad Book	Any Story In Rhyme
Any Non-fiction Book	Any Sports Themed Story	Any Book By Author Marc Brown	Any Fairytale or Folktale	Any Funny or Humorous Story
Any Magic Tree House Book	Any Funny or Humorous Story	Any Book By Author Cynthia Rylant	Any Mr. Putter & Tabby Story	Any Caldecott Award Book