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Dear Families and future Second Graders,

As summer approaches I am hearing all sorts of wonderful plans that the children have for their vacation! I hope time has been set aside for summer reading! There are so many awesome and adventurous books around. Taking a trip to the local library, reading a good book under a shady tree, or reading at the beach are a few ways to have fun while reading! Summer reading can prove to be a fantastic stepping stone from one grade level right into the next.

I have chosen some fun and challenging books with interesting themes and characters. The children are required to read two books from the list and complete the activities included in this packet. One book should be fiction and one non-fiction. The completed packets are due on the first day of school. During the first week of school, the children will have an assessment on story elements, characters, and facts from these books. If your child reads any other books this summer, have them write a book review to share when they return to school.

I have chosen:

- *The Magic Tree House* books (any selection from the series) by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Flat Stanley* (the first book) by Jeff Brown
- *Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Stuart Little* by E.B. White
- *Gandhi: A March to the Sea* by Alice B. McGinty (non-fiction)
- *Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson (non-fiction)
- *A Dinosaur Named Sue* by Fay Robinson

Enclosed in this packet you will find:

- a summer reading log
- fiction and non-fiction book report forms
- ideas for summer reading

Have a great summer and I am already looking forward to next year!

With blessings,  
Mrs. Rosalyn Chapman