



2nd Grade 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” *Kate DiCamillo*

Providence Classical Academy seeks to develop good readers and desires for our students to be lifelong readers. Learning to read well requires direction, discipline, and diligence just as if you were training to be a fine musician or amazing athlete. This is why it is so important to encourage and inspire our Knights to read throughout the summer. We hope you will encourage your child to take this challenge and help them by saturating your family with books that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). We have chosen each book on our summer reading lists with the hope that it cultivates a greater love for the written word.

The books on our suggested reading lists may be found in our public libraries, Amazon, or book stores (Barnes and Noble; 2nd and Charles; & Thrifty Peanut). Audio books from Hoopla/Libby are also great options for students to listen to as they are playing this summer. The Reading Lists and Reading Log will also be posted on our school website.

TO EARN A GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE MEDAL, STUDENTS MUST...

- Record the title and number of minutes for each book on the Reading Log.
- Our reading lists are to help you with selections for reading material. Students may log books not on our lists, too.
- Electronic books may be read. Audio books are also permissible, but please note that we **highly encourage** students to follow along with a hard copy of the text. For our emerging readers going into 1st grade, we do allow minutes to be recorded when students are **read to** by an adult.
- Please make sure you **record the number of minutes read** in the **minutes** column. This is what we will calculate minutes from - we have no way to quantify what your child has read if this is left blank.
- Minutes must be logged and initialed by a parent each day on the provided Reading Log form.
- Add up the number of minutes read at the end of the summer.
- Reading Logs **MUST be returned to the teacher at either “Meet the Teacher” or the first day of school.** This will count as the first reading homework grade of the school year. Summer Reading medals will be awarded based on the reading log counts and given at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly at one of our Friday chapels within the first few weeks of school. ****No late Reading Logs will be awarded medals.****
- Incoming 2nd-6th graders **MUST COMPLETE REQUIRED** reading book selection and written assignment as reflected on each grade list. The 2nd grade required book is **Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees by Cynthia Rylant**. Copies of this book are available to be checked out this summer at the front desk with Mrs. Mary. The writing assignment is attached in this packet.

Incoming 1st-3rd grade medal & grade qualifications

- o Gold = 750 minutes, grade: 100
- o Silver = 550 minutes, grade: 95
- o Bronze = 450 minutes, grade: 85
- o Minimum = 350 minutes, grade: 75
- o Any minutes BELOW the minimum = grade: 50
- o No Reading Log = grade: 0

Summer Reading Challenge Book List
PCA Second Grade

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
REQUIRED READING: Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees	C. Rylant
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
All About Alfie	Shirley Hughes
Baby in a Basket	Gloria Rand
Bartholomew and the Oobleck	Dr. Seuss
Building Our House	Jonathan Bean
Caleb & Kate	William Steig
Captain Abdul's Pirate School	Colin McNaughton
Charlie Needs a New Cloak	Tomie de Paola
Circus Ship	Chris Van Dusen
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett
Daisy Come Home	Jan Brett
Egyptians	Stephanie Turnbull
Elizabete	H.A. Rey
Finding Winnie; True Story of World's Most Famous Bear	Lindsay Mattick
Frederick	Leo Lionni
Gold Rush Winter	Claire Rudolf Murphy
Hattie and the Wild Waves	Barbara Cooney
Henry and the Chalk Dragon	Jenifer Trafton
Hello Lighthouse	Sophie Blackall
If I Ran The Zoo	Dr. Seuss
Ice Wreck	Lucille Recht Penner
Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express	Margaret Wetterer

Last Stop on Market Street	Matt De La Pena
Legend of the Bluebonnet	Tomie de Paola
Lyle, Lyle the Crocodile	Bernard Waber
Miss Rumphius	Barabara Cooney
Mighty Jackie	Marissa Moss
Mirette on the High Wire	Emily Arnold McCully
Mysterious Tadpole	Steven Kellogg
Ox-Cart Man	Donald Hall
Pete's A Pizza	William Steig
Players in Pigtails	Shana Corey
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	Rudyard Kipling Adapted by Jerry Pinkney
Roxaboxen	Alice McLerran
Seven Silly Eaters	Mary Ann Hoberman
Strega Nona	Tomie dePaola
Tale of the Three Trees	Angela Hunt
The Bear that Heard Crying	Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
The Best Loved Doll	Rebecca Caudill
The Story of Little Babaji	Helen Bannerman
The Little Fur Family	Margaret Wise Brown
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
The Twelve Dancing Princesses	Marianna Mayer
The Ugly Duckling, H.C. Anderson	Lorinda Cauley
Thundercake	Patricia Polacco
The Year at Maple Hill Farm	Alice and Martin Provensen
The Big Book of Brambly Hedge	Jill Barklem
The Relatives Came	Cynthia Rylant
Yertle the Turtle	Dr. Seuss

SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)	
A Little House Chapter Book	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Amelia Bedelia Chapter Books	Herman Parish
An I Can Read	various
Bear Snores On	Karma Wilson
Billy and Blaze	C. W. Anderson
Easy Reader Classics (Dr. Dolittle and others)	various
Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers	various
Frog and Toad and other A. Lobel books	Arnold Lobel
Harry the Dirty Dog series	Gene Zion
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie series	Laura Numeroff
Jesus Storybook Bible	Sally Lloyd -Jones
Miss Nelson is Missing	Harry Allard
Nate the Great	Marjorie W. Sharmat
Paddington Bear Treasury	Michael Bond
Read Aloud Bible Stories	Ella Lindvall
Ready to Read	various
Step Into Reading	various

Summer Reading Written Assignment
Incoming Second Grade
Due the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

In *Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees*, we see how important our families are and how God has built each family for our good and His glory! Complete the Family Tree by drawing and labeling the people who make up your family. Then write three sentences describing your family or something you like to do as a family. Don't forget to use your excellent handwriting, spectacular spelling, correct capitalization and punctuation, and add dress ups to your sentences to make them more interesting and enjoyable for your reader! You will be sharing your sentences and your family tree with your new second grade teacher and your new classmates so do your best!

_____ 's Family

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

My Family Tree

