

SUMMER LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR GOLDWOOD STUDENTS

FIRST GRADE TO SECOND GRADE

Wondering how to keep your soon-to-be second grader's skills fresh for the next school year, but want a fun way in which to do it? Look no further!

Here are some ideas for each month during the summer. These are not required, but definitely recommended! You can complete the activities in any order, and you can do them more than once. Color in each activity you complete. Enjoy!

June Ideas

Invent a game and write the rules for the game. Teach it to a family member or friend and play the game!	Practice spelling sight words by writing words in a tray of sugar or salt with your finger. (examples: what, another, there)	Sign up for the library's summer reading program!	Go on a walk in the park and then write and draw about what you saw!	Read a book by Leo Lionni (examples: <i>Swimmy</i> or <i>A Color of His Own</i>)
Read a joke book. Tell some of the jokes to a family member or friend.	Make a card for your dad for Father's Day.	Read a mystery book. Cam Jansen or Nate the Great stories are good suggestions!	If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Read a book by Dr. Seuss.
Read a book about your favorite animal.	Write a list of things you want to do this summer. Try to do the things on your list.	Read the directions for how to make a simple craft and make it!	Make a book of your own by stapling together paper and writing a story. Illustrate your story.	Read a book of your choice!

July Ideas

Read a "bug diary book" by Doreen Cronin (<i>Diary of a Worm</i> , <i>Diary of a Spider</i> , <i>Diary of a Fly</i>)	Write a diary entry about your summer so far. Continue to journal each day by writing a couple of sentences (or more!) about your day.	Write about why you love the USA!	Read a book by Laura Numeroff (<i>If You Give a... stories</i>).	Find a chapter book that you will enjoy. Read a little bit each day until you finish the book.
If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Read an Amelia Bedelia story.	Go to a museum and write 3 things that you learned while on your visit. Tell someone about the visit who was not with you.	Read the directions for how to make cookies (or another favorite recipe) and help an adult make them!	Make a map of your house. Label each room. Make sure you have a map key on your map.
Read a funny story. Read it to someone else and see if they laugh!	Help your parent make a grocery list.	Read a book about your favorite sport or athlete.	Perform a random act of kindness for someone. Draw and write about it.	Read a book of your choice!

August Ideas

Be a scientist and observe an animal at the zoo. Write down what you observed and draw the animal.	Use an old shoebox to create a diorama showing an animal in its habitat.	Read a book in the Magic Tree House chapter book series.	Make a mini-dictionary. Staple some paper together. Choose some interesting words, put them in ABC order, and then write a definition and sentence for each word.	Practice sight words. Make flashcards for tricky words. Find lists at: http://www.uniqueteachingresources.com/Fry-1000-Instant-Words.html
Read a Junie B. Jones chapter book.	If you go on vacation, write and send a postcard to someone. If not, write a letter to someone.	Make a BINGO board with sight words in the boxes. Have an adult use your sight word flashcards to call out words for you to cover up.	Make a newspaper about what is happening in your family. Make a news page, a sports page, an entertainment page, etc.	Write a review for a movie you saw this summer. Tell what it was about and why you liked it or didn't like it.
Read a book of your choice!	Write your wish for the new school year. Put it in an envelope and put it somewhere safe. Open it at the end of the school year to see if it came true!	Read a non-fiction book. Draw or write 3 things that you learned.	Read some poems with an adult.	Draw and write about your favorite part of the summer. Read it to someone.

