

Peer Book Recommendations

A great way to end the year is by having students recommend books to each other. As students listen to book talks by their classmates they can create a list of all the books they would like to check out this summer.

Beth Newingham displays peer recommendations on her bulletin board. (see below) Visit her website to see this idea in action along with tips on how to implement it in your classroom.

<http://hil.troy.k12.mi.us/staff/bnewingham/myweb3/Peer%20Recommendations.htm>



Summer Reading

Keep your eye out for the updated summer reading lists and literacy calendar. This year nonfiction titles and authors have been added to the reading lists. Students will have a required assignment. The literacy calendars have also been revised to provide daily literacy activities appropriate for second grade. Some of these include:

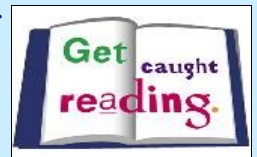
- Plan a backyard camping trip. List all the things you need.
- Find a simple recipe your child will enjoy. Make a shopping list together.
- How many words can you make using the letters in *watermelon*?



Just a Reminder...

May is "Get Caught Reading" Month!

Get Caught Reading is a nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. Keep your camera handy and "catch" your students reading.



Check out www.getcaughtreading.org to see which top celebrities have caught the reading bug!

37 Rimes That Create 500 Commonly Used Words

ack,ain,ake,ale,all,ame,an,ank,ap,

ash,at,ate,aw,ay

eat,ell,est

ice,ick,ide,ight,ill,in,ine,ing,ink,ip,it

ock,oke,op,ore,ot

Keep this list handy for centers, word study, and word games!

Some Professional Reading for the Summer...

Check out this book by Jennifer Serravallo for some great ideas on how to expand your small group reading instruction beyond guided reading groups.

