



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

RISING SECOND GRADE

SUMMER READING

2019

**Rising
2nd
Grade**

Summer Library Hours

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
8:00 - 1:00
June and July
(Closed the week of
July 4th)

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SENSATIONAL SECOND GRADE SERIES - EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

***Meet the Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner**

In this first book in the series, you meet Benny, Henry, Jessie and Violet, four orphaned children who have no where to go. They find an abandoned boxcar and call it home.

***Field Trip Mysteries* series by Steve Brezenhoff**

Four sixth grade detectives solve crimes, catch crooks, crack codes and ride the bus back to school afterwards.

***Gracie La Roo* series by Marsha Qualey**

Welcome to the world, Gracie Laroo! These early readers chronicle the adventures and obstacles Gracie (the youngest member of a championship synchronized swimming team) encounters. Whether she's working on a movie in Piggywood, performing on a cruise ship with her team, swimming for a gold medal at the world championships, or talking to the students at her old school, Gracie wins the day with heart and humor.

***Roscoe Riley* books by Katherine Applegate**

Kids have to follow so many rules!
Sometimes my brain forgets to remember them all.
It's not like I try to find ways to get into trouble.
It's just that trouble has a way of finding me.

***Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo**

To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig – she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them.

***Nate the Great* books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

This series is a perfect introduction to the mystery genre. Nate the Great is a boy detective who takes his cases and mysteries really serious, even though they are often funny.

***Oliver and Amanda Pig* books by Jean Van Leeuwen**

Amanda Pig, the youngest member of the Pig family, isn't little anymore. But is she big enough to do all the things her brother Oliver does? Can she eat her breakfast? Can she make up games? Can she go to sleep by herself? Amanda knows she can!

***Pedro* series by Fran Manushkin**

Pedro and his friends enjoy adventures at school, on the soccer field, and at home with his sometimes pesky brother, Paco.

***Cam Jansen* books by David Adler**

Cam Jansen is a detective with a photographic memory. With her friend, Eric, Cam solves every mystery that comes her way.

***Princess Posey* books by Stephanie Greene**

In each book, first-grader Princess Posey, who has a “security tutu,” discovers the strength within her to tackle her fears.

***Katie Woo* books by Fran Manushkin**

Katie Woo is smart, funny--and good at getting into trouble!

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain (adapted by Catherine Nichols)**

This easy reader classic series features stories from the novel of *Tom Sawyer*. Now young readers can enjoy the world's favorite tales in a simple writing style.

***Houndsley and Catina* books by James Howe**

Catina wants to be a famous writer. Houndsley is an excellent cook. Their friendship is shared in sweetly, humorous tales about an unlikely, likable pair.

***The Pony Scout* series by Katherine Hapka**

When Meg goes camping for the first time, she doesn't know what to expect. Unprepared for lots of bugs, long walks to the bathroom, and spooky, scary stories, Meg learns that camping is far more than just a slumber party outdoors. . . it's a true Pony Scouts adventure! This series is full of all the rich details young horse lovers devour, from pony-centric plots to a "Pony Pointers" vocabulary page at the end of each book.

***Poppleton* books by Cynthia Rylant**

Cynthia Rylant has done a wonderful job of creating Poppleton, a pig, and his friends, who include Cherry Sue, a llama. She writes in such a way that her stories are not only enjoyed by children, but by the adults reading them aloud, as well. You'll fall in love with Poppleton and his odd little band of friends. And you're sure to enjoy the superb illustrations that accompany each chapter.

***Haggis & Tank* series by Jessica Young**

Tank, a clumsy Great Dane and his companion Haggis, a grumpy Scottie dog take the reader on engaging adventures.

***Bad Guys* books by Aaron Blabey**

They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys . . . and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all of that...

This reading list is only book suggestions, not required reading. Students may choose books that are not listed.



Bask in Biographies this Summer!

***You Could Meet...* books by various authors**

Women Who Launched the Computer Age

Mae Jemison (astronaut)

Duke Kahanamoku (surfer)

Misty Copeland (dancer)

Jesse Owens (runner)

Katherine Johnson (astronaut)

***Abe Lincoln: The boy who loved books* by Kay Winters**

Driven by perseverance and determination, Abraham Lincoln, became the 16th President of the United States, with only one year of formal education.

***The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game* by Nancy Churni**

Hoy, a deaf baseball player, asked the umpire to use hand signals for strikes, balls, and outs, forever changing how the game was played.

***Jackson and Bud's Bumpy Ride: America's First Cross-Country Automobile Trip* by Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff**

Horatio Jackson and mechanic Sewall J. Crocker made the first cross-country automobile journey across the United States in 1903.

***Six dots: a Story of Young Louis Braille* by Jen Bryant**

Louis Braille, a blind boy, so determined to read created his own alphabet.

***Who Was* and *What Was* series by various authors**

These series of nonfiction texts offer kid-friendly accounts of important historic events and famous figures.

**Inventors, Presidents, First Ladies, Sports figures,
Scientists, Teachers, Doctors and more!**

READING IS IMPORTANT!

It is our hope that you will continue to immerse your child in literature over the summer break. In reading, the proverb "practice makes perfect" reigns true. Research indicates that in learning to read - just reading - is the most powerful contributor to the development of accurate, fluent, high-comprehension reading. It is also proven that at every age level, reading more pages in school and at home was directly associated with higher reading scores. Unfortunately, summer reading loss is a documented reality for many students. By continuing to read over the summer, children may escape the "summer setback." We can say with confidence that the actual time spent reading is the best predictor of a child's reading achievement - the more students read, the better readers they become.

NONFICTION BOOKS

| Topics | Dewey Decimal Classification |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Animals | 590 |
| Weather | 550 |
| Sports | 790 |
| Space | 520 |

Why nonfiction? Reading informational text is unique and requires a different knowledge about reading and comprehension skills that are specific to this genre.

This knowledge is critical for all students to develop as their focus shifts from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*.

Learn NC: Joan Barrett. PH.D

PARENTS:

Trinity's Lower School implements the Accelerated Reader program as a tool to monitor independent reading. AR is a computer based program that assesses student reading comprehension. The quick, generally five- to ten-question assessment presents questions followed by four possible answers, allowing the children to begin learning the importance of weighing options and making informed decisions. Students are awarded points based on the number of questions answered correctly.

The teacher and the librarians are able to use this information, combined with many other tools, to assist the children in making appropriate book choices as well as identifying student's growth in comprehension.

Students in the second grade are encouraged to reach 40 points in the Accelerated Reader program during the 2019 - 2020 school year (August 12 - May 18).

Second Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Students are required to read 10 books on their independent reading level, two must be nonfiction, and complete the attached reading form. All summer AR tests are administered in the lower school library during summer library hours.

Students are required to take a minimum of 3 AR tests out of the 10 books.

The library will be closed August 2nd - 6th for professional development.

The library will reopen on Wednesday August 7th.

Summer reading requirements should be completed by Friday, August 9th.