Dear Parents,

Helping your child create a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Establishing this habit is a shared responsibility between the home and school. We strive to have students become lifelong readers. A child who sees reading as a pleasant and relaxing activity is likely to enjoy it. The key is enjoyment!

Each child entering 2nd grade is encouraged to read at least 300 pages of new material over the summer. Students may read any book that is appealing to them with your guidance. In August, school activities will focus on sharing summer reading experiences. Therefore, an accurate list of books read will be very helpful in recalling titles, authors, and story lines. Your child can record this information on the attached Reading Log. The Reading Log should be returned the first day of school. You will also find directions for a project based on your summer reading in this packet. This project will also be due the first day of school and will count as a 100 point reading grade.

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting the 2nd grade summer reading program. I anticipate that reading throughout the summer will broaden students' knowledge, sharpen their skills, and allow them to experience the pleasure of getting lost in a good book.

I ideas for Reading with Young Children

- Read aloud to your children, even when they begin to develop the ability to read independently. You are a great model!
- Have children read to you or other children in the family.
- Find books on topics your child will enjoy: pets, sports, and outdoor activities.
- Reread your favorite titles.
- Be a reader yourself; children often follow the example of parents.
- Help your child begin their own library.
- Help your child get their own library cards from the public library and visit the library often.
- Set aside a special time for reading each day. This time should be seen as fun, not a chore or summer homework.
- Bring many books and magazines along on car trips or vacations.
- Visit local bookstores and watch for children's author visits to the store.
- Explore reading links on the Internet including Newberry and Caldecott award winners.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Baker
SUMMER READING PROJECT
DUE: THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Directions:

*Choose your favorite book from your Summer Reading Log to complete the following project.

*Each of you has received a folded piece of construction paper that will represent your "book".

*On the cover page of the paper book you should have the title, author, and an illustration representing the book you read.

*When you “open” your paper book, you will do the following:

*On the left inside page, you should illustrate three scenes from the story. The first illustration should show something from the beginning of the story. The second drawing should show something from the middle of the story. Your third illustration should represent the ending of the book.

*On the right inside page, you will write a “retell” of the story in your own words. A “retell” is when you simply tell the story you just read. You should have neat handwriting and correct spelling.

*On the back page of your paper book, you should write your name and a sentence that tells why you would or why you would not recommend this book to a friend.

*You have a copy of the grading rubric for this project on the backside of this paper.

*I can’t wait to see what wonderful “books” you bring back to school!

Mrs. Baker 😊
# SACRED HEART SCHOOL
# SUMMER READING LOG
# MRS. BAKER
# 2ND GRADE

Student’s Name:

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