



RIISING SECOND GRADERS

Summertime Words & Numbers

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents,

Besides all the swimming, ice cream, and vacations your family will experience soon, we are sending some suggestions for when your children inevitably ask, *"What can we do?"*.

Books & Reading

Required Summer Reading:

- ***The Boxcar Children*** — Gertrude Chandler Warner

Your child may read independently or through shared reading. Please send a note on the first day of school verifying completion. This will count as the first recorded Reading grade for the quarter.

Additional Suggested Reading:

- ***Little House on the Prairie*** — Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ***Mr. Popper's Penguins*** — Richard Atwater
- ***Billy and Blaze*** — C. W. Anderson
- ***Little Bear*** — Else Holmelund Minarik
- ***The Courage of Sarah Noble*** — Alice Dalgliesh

Writing & Language

- Practice both uppercase and lowercase handwriting
- Write short sentences or journal entries about your day
- Practice spelling and handwriting neatly

Math

- Practice addition and subtraction facts (1–20)
- Practice skip counting (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, and 10s)
- Use flashcards or games to build fluency

Nature Studies

- Go on a nature walk with your family
- Observe plants, animals, and the night sky
- Try to find and identify simple constellations

Music

- Listen to the chant *Adoro Te Devote*, traditionally attributed to Saint Thomas Aquinas
- Listen to *Ave Verum Corpus* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Activity:

As you listen, sit quietly and think about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Draw a picture of what you imagine or how the music makes you feel.

Art

- Practice watercolor painting
- Create a mosaic or simple art project

Extension:

- Go visit the **Museum of Fine Arts**
- Look at simple works of art and talk about what you notice
- Focus on *beauty, detail, and effort* rather than perfection

Spiritual Life

- Attend **Holy Mass every Sunday** (even when traveling)
- Attend Holy Mass on some weekdays
- Pray the Rosary with your family every day. Even one decade is better than none!

Additional Ideas:

- Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is waiting for you!
- Talk about God's creation during nature walks
- Follow the Eucharistic Pilgrimages virtually at <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

A Final Encouragement

Summer is a time of rest and renewal. Continue forming good habits through reading, practicing, observing, and praying.

We are grateful for your partnership in forming your child in **truth, goodness, and beauty**. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

We look forward to a joyful and fruitful year ahead.

Blessings,

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