

Dear Parents ,

The school year is rapidly coming to an end . First graders will soon be second grade students . It is important that all students coming into second grade be prepared in Reading , Math and Writing skills . You can help this summer by having them read daily and write about the stories they have read over the summer . Practice writing simple Addition and Subtraction facts , and give drill practice for oral responses to these fact answers . Include 15 minutes a day into your daily Summer Schedule to maintain all skills learned in 1st grade to be prepared for a good start in 2nd grade . There will also be a Reading Summer Project . All students will be required to read the book “The Umbrella” by Jan Brett and create a Diorama depicting a forest . This book can be found at www.scholastic.com , the public library or any book store available to you . This project will be brought to school on the first Day of School . Any student that does not complete the project will have two weeks to read the book and do the project . I will be using this story for a reading lesson and writing activity . I will also use a rubric for grading the project .

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Second Grade Teacher

Summer Reading Project

In the up coming days your child will be out of school for the Summer vacation . In an effort to get them accustomed to reading non-fiction books and picking out facts on topics I have developed this project . Each child coming into Second grade will be required to read the book “ The Umbrella” by Jan Brett . This book can be found at the public library , any book store , or www.scholastic.com website . Then create a shoe box Diorama of a rainforest . Dimensions for the box : 13 ½ by 4 ½ . Paint the inside and the outside of the box to reflect the colors of the forest . Draw Carlos and the animals he meets in the Rain forest to recreate the story for an oral presentation of the book through the Diorama . You can use cardboard to keep the figures in an up- right position to give the project a 3- Dimensional look. Each child will choose one animal to research and write five facts about this animal on a large index card .You can use books , magazines or the internet to research the animal you choose . This should be a student created project and facts written in the child’s handwriting . Also all students are to read two AR books for two AR test when they come back to school that first week of school . Listed below is the grading rubric that will be used for this project .

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Date Due : First Day of School 2010 – 2011

Grading Rubric for Reading Summer Project

_____ Turned in on Time _____	15 pts .
_____ Directions followed _____	20pts.
_____ Student Created Work and neatness _____	20pts.
_____ Knowledge of the story for oral presentation _____	25pts.
_____ Five Animal facts written in complete sentences _____	20pts.

Reminder : Any student that does not complete the project will be given two weeks after school starts to read the book and complete the project . I will have oral presentations , and writing assignments the first week of school . So , Be Ready for next school year!