

# Somerville Public Schools

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**Thomas A. Conroy**  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is your child's summer reading assignment. The goal of the district's Summer Reading Program is to "develop a love of reading by promoting reading as an enjoyable experience." This year, Summer Reading Friday is on September 14, 2012 and celebrates the summer reading assignment in your child's class.

Please encourage reading during the summer. You are invited to share in the joy and pleasure of reading with your child.

You may access additional summer reading program information and electronic versions of the enclosed assignment by visiting the Somerville Public School district's website: [www.somervillenk12.org](http://www.somervillenk12.org).

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Conroy

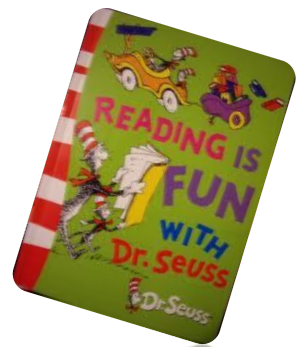
*Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!*

Attachments

c: Susan Haynes, Principal of Van Derveer Elementary School

# Van Derveer School

## 2012 Summer Reading – Grade 2



The required summer reading for all students entering grade 2 is a **Dr. Seuss** book of your choice.

Each second grade student must read at least two books: the required **Dr. Seuss** book and a book of his/her choice. Suggestions for the second book are listed below.

### Suggested Additional Readings:

- ✓ *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday* by Judith Viorst
- ✓ *Arthur Goes to Camp* by Marc Brown
- ✓ *Arthur and the Recess Rookie* by Stephen Krensky
- ✓ *Below* by Nina Crews
- ✓ *Herbie Jones Sails into Second Grade* by Suzy Kline
- ✓ *Martha Blah Blah* by Susan Meddaugh
- ✓ *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo
- ✓ *Mr. Putter & Tabby Spin the Yarn* by Cynthia Rylant
- ✓ *Pinky and Rex and the Spelling Bee* by James Howe
- ✓ *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
- ✓ *The Wump World* by Bill Peet
- ✓ A book of your choice focused on a favorite topic (such as machines, policemen, trips)



### Other suggestions for more challenging readings: (Optional)

- *Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle* by Jennifer Jacobson
- *Cam Jansen: The Chocolate Fudge Mystery* by David A. Adler
- *Henry and Mudge in the Green Time* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Man on the Moon* by Anastasia Suen
- *One Giant Leap* by Robert Burleigh
- *Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger
- *The Case of the Bear Scare* by James Preller
- *The Quicksand Question* by Ron Roy



**Complete the attached form and bring it to school  
on Summer Reading Friday, September 14, 2012.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entering: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### Summer Reading Summary

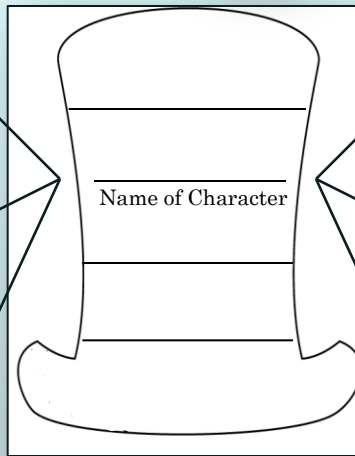
Parents/Guardians: Please encourage your child to read as much of this book as he/she can.  
You are welcome to read this book along with your child to share in the joy and pleasure of reading.

**Select a *Dr. Seuss* book of your choice.**

**Title:**

**Author: Dr. Seuss**

Choose a character from your favorite Dr. Seuss book. Write words or sentences to tell about the character in each box:



Name of Character

"I can read in red. I can read in blue.  
I can read in pickle color too".



I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!  
by Dr. Seuss

**The second book I read was:**

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

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