

HLS Rising 2nd Grade

Summer Enrichment Ideas

With nearly three months off for summer break, it is important to offer opportunities for your child to periodically review basic skills taught in the previous grade level. Here you will find helpful recommendations for summer enrichment.

Your child's teacher will send home an individualized letter along with his or her report card. This letter will have suggestions for your child in reading, math, and penmanship.

- *Reading/Literature:* We are continuing to offer a summer reading challenge! Your child will bring home a *100 Days of Summer Reading Challenge Journal* to complete along with a suggested book list. This challenge emphasizes reading throughout the summer. Awards, recognition, and guidelines are designed with that in mind.
 - **R2 Awards and Recognition**
 - Students who complete 100% of their journal will be honored at the beginning of the school year with a special certificate and award book. They will also have their names included on a celebratory banner.
 - Students who partially complete their journal will be recognized for their participation.
 - Students are encouraged to draw a picture on each page, but this is not required for any awards or recognition.
 - **R2 Guidelines**
 - Read every day during the summer, ideally 100 days. Students are not required to read 100 individual books.
 - Write the title of the completed book and the author's name on the lines provided when the book is begun. Include the number of pages read, if applicable.
 - Include one sentence about the book on subsequent days. If students are reading chapter books, entries can be made for individual chapters of books if preferred over daily entries.
 - Journals are due to teachers by the end of the first week of school.

Book suggestions include:

1. Highlands Latin School Supplemental Reading suggestions (under the Students tab on the HLS website)
 2. Jr. Kindergarten through Third Grade Read-Alouds (sets available through Memoria Press)
- *Math:* Review +/- fact flashcards through 10, skip counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 25, counting money and telling time to the hour and half hour. Your student will also receive a *Rod & Staff Working Arithmetic Workbook* which includes a letter with detailed instructions.
 - *Morning Math Drills:* Please complete 3 Morning Math drills per week. Our goal is the completion of 200 problems in 10 minutes.
 - *Penmanship:* Students will begin second grade writing entirely in cursive. Your student will receive a summer cursive book so that he or she may practice and maintain the cursive taught in first grade. Please also encourage your student to write in a journal or write to teachers, classmates, or family members over the summer. Please encourage the "3 P's" (proper posture, pencil grip, and paper position) and "3 S's" (proper size, slant, and spacing).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office over the summer. Have a wonderful summer vacation!