

June 5, 2009

Dear Incoming Second Grade Students and Parents,

This summer, you are to read one of the following two suggested books:

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel

Marvin Redpost: Class President by Louis Sachar

Listed on the next page is a short summary of each book and suggestions for additional summer reading. Please discuss with your child which book he or she would like to read. All books can be obtained from the public library, Borders, Barnes and Nobel, etc. If it is helpful, you may read the book with your child. The book does not have to be picked according to reading ability, but by interest.

In September, we will be breaking up into groups to discuss the book that your child read from the list. Over the summer, engage your children by asking them questions about the book. We will be discussing certain aspects of each book. Some of the information they will be expected to know is:

- Characters
- Setting
- Important events in the story
- Whether or not they enjoyed the book and why

In addition to participating in these discussions, each child is to complete one of the following two projects based on the book they read:

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel - Choose your favorite character or scene (part) and tell why. Draw a picture to go along with your sentences. Please remember to write complete sentences and please write neatly!

Marvin Redpost: Class President by Louis Sachar - Would you like to be elected President of your class? Why or why not? Draw a picture to go along with your sentences. Please remember to write complete sentences and please write neatly!

The book should be read prior to the first day of school. Please keep a list of all the books your child has read this summer. This includes any books that you read with your child. Mrs. Sprout will have a list of suggested grade level books for reading enjoyment over the summer on her website. She will have a list for each grade level. Please feel free to look over any of the grade level lists. Have a wonderful summer!

Happy reading!

Miss Eiden and Miss Mahoney
Second Grade Teachers

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel

Five adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

Other books you may like:

Frog and Toad All Year by Arnold Lobel

Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel

Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel

Marvin Redpost: Class President by Louis Sachar

Even though they have all come to school in holey clothes, Marvin and his third grade class manage to impress their surprise visitor, the President of the United States.

Other books you may like:

Marvin Redpost: A Flying Birthday Cake? by Louis Sachar

Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control! by Louis Sachar