Thank you second grade families! We have had a fabulous year working with your children. We wish you safe and fun summer adventures. In order to enhance your child’s summer learning, here are some suggestions for activities that you may wish to try when you and your child are looking for something to do on a hot summer day!

Language Arts

Take advantage of the FREE summer reading program through Frederick County Public Libraries.. Great prizes are offered this year.

As your child is reading help emphasize these skills:

📚 Comprehension

- Before, during, and after reading a favorite book ask the following questions
  - What do you think the story or text is about?
  - What text features has the author used?
  - Can you identify the main story elements? (character, setting, problem, solution)
  - In less than 15 words can you summarize the text?
  - What is the main idea?
- Access [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) and learn more about a free motivational reading program available for students in grades K-8 (includes comprehension quizzes)

🌟 Fluency

- Model phrasing, expression, and appropriate speed by reading aloud to your child
- Access Tumble Books or Book Flix through [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org) – your child can listen or read along with their favorite stories
Word Study
- Practice sight words with Sight Word Samson (found on the DCES 2nd grade website resource link)
- Review word study concepts such as prefixes and suffixes with the Learning Vocabulary website (found on the DCES 2nd grade website resource link)

Writing
- Write friendly letters to family friends and neighborhood buddies
- Keep a journal of your summer adventures
- Create comic strips, short stories, or poems
  - Reinforce capitalization, punctuation, complete sentences, etc.

Math
- Practice math facts with Math Magician (found on the DCES 2nd grade website resource link)
- Practice skills like money, time, geometry, and number concepts with Math Skillbuilders (found on the DCES 2nd grade website resource link)

Science/Social Studies
Would you like a great way to focus on Science and Social Studies this summer? Observe the world around you. The people, the places, the rules, the experiences, the sky, the grass, and all the animals and insects that make up our environment help create wonderment. With that wonderment follows questioning and discussion. Students explored information about their community in Social Studies. In Science, students investigated earth’s processes, matter and its interactions, and ecosystems. This summer, they can bring all this information together and use their natural environment to make these observations.

School News
Create that back to school excitement for your children as they receive their letter in the mail in August. Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher before school officially begins at our OPEN HOUSE in August. More information will be sent via FIND OUT FIRST.
Volunteers:

Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers for another amazing year of support! We appreciate all that you do that allows us to stay focused on teaching. To the many volunteers that say, “It is nothing” to file papers, cut out patterns, collate a class set, etc. Please know to us it means more time to plan instruction, evaluate progress and to provide personal feedback to students. THANK YOU!

Counselor’s Corner:

I cannot believe that the end of the year is upon us! I am currently finishing up with the rest of my counseling small groups and seeing each class for a counseling lesson. Kindergarten through 3rd grade just completed lessons about careers. Fourth grade had lessons based on friendship and problem solving. Fifth grade completed a lesson on digital citizenship and cyber bullying.

School Supply Donations: If you are in need of school supplies for next year please let me know and I will add you to my list for donations.

If you are interested in donating supplies, please be on the lookout for a Find Out First message in August in regards to supply donations.

I do work a few days in the summer, but email is the best way to reach me over the summer. Deena.michael@fcps.org

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September. To my fifth graders, please enjoy the middle school and remember to always be kind.

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