



**Get ready for a summer full of fun and learning! Try these activities to keep your brain strong and ready for 2nd grade!"**

## Church

- Attend weekly services as a family. Pray together nightly.
- Attend Vacation Bible School at your church and invite a friend.
- Learn a new Bible verse each week and talk about how the verse makes you feel. Draw a picture about the verse.
- Help with a small act of kindness in your house or for someone in your neighborhood.

## Reading

- Read 20 minutes a day as a family. Older siblings can read to younger siblings. Parents can buddy read with children by alternating pages read.
- Ask questions as you read. How did this make you feel? Why do you think the character did this?
- Visit the library often and join the [Summer Reading Challenge](#).
- Act out your favorite story parts.
- Draw your favorite character and write 3 things you learned about the character.



## + Math



- Practice addition & subtraction facts with flashcards or using free sites online like [Fact Monster](#).
- Make lemonade as a family allowing student to read recipe and participate, count the money, make change, and donate the money to your church or favorite charity.
- Play board games that incorporate counting and problem solving like UNO, Trouble, Yahtzee, or Sorry.
- Practice telling time on both analog and digital clocks.

## Spelling/Phonics

- Practice vowel and consonant sounds in words that might be used in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with games and word lists. [Spelling Words](#)
- Write sentences using new [Vocabulary](#) words. Try to learn 5 new words each week.

## Writing

- Keep a summer journal, try to write something each week about your activities and vacations.
- Write a letter to a friend or relative like grandparents.
- Rewrite a favorite story from preschool or kindergarten. Change what happens to the characters and give them creative names.

## Science

- Visit local metro parks to hike or go creaking. Observe plants, animals, or insects.
- Try a simple experiment or learn a recipe to make as a family with student reading, measuring, etc.
- Talk about weather changes including temperature and precipitation.
- Learn more about topics of interest or what was covered in first grade by watching [Science videos](#).



## Social Studies

- Learn about a new place that you plan to visit.
- Talk about family traditions with grandparents or older family members.
- Draw a map of your neighborhood including streets, houses, etc.
- Learn about holidays. What is your favorite? Learn what that holiday is like in other countries.

## Other



- Put together a puzzle of 500 pieces or more.
- Build something with blocks/Legos.
- Help with chores.
- Play outside every day.
- Purchase a "Bridge Book" or "Brain Quest" book from Amazon or Target. Choose the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade version for additional challenges.

**Have an amazing summer! Keep learning, exploring, and having fun!**