



## 2nd Grade Summer Reading 2025

### *Why encourage a summer reading plan for your children?*

Studies suggest that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. Reading more books leads to even greater success. When children are provided with 10 to 20 self-selected children's books at the end of the regular school year, as many as 50 percent not only maintain their skills, but actually make reading gains.

Research suggests that if children have opportunities to listen to, discuss, and read books on topics that they select, or books about characters that they love, they develop extensive background knowledge that can strengthen their independent reading and sustain their engagement.

Source: <https://study.com/blog/why-is-summer-reading-so-important-for-kids-success.html>

Harding Academy has set in place a summer reading program for all lower school students. Each grade level has **one required book** to be read. An assignment is to be completed and returned to the teacher the first day of school. This assignment will be the first reading grade for the new school year.

*Note: See the attached pages for the summer reading assignment and worksheet.*

**The book for second grade is: Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne**

*Additional suggestions for reading this summer:*

Eerie Elementary series by Jack Chabert

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

Black Lagoon series by Mike Thaler

The Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborn

Dragon Masters series by Tracey West

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Below by Nina Crews

Weird School series by Dan Gutman

Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton

King and Kayla series by Dori Hillestad Butler

*Note: The explanation of the Bag Book Report and worksheet for the required reading book can be found on the attached pages.*

MAGIC TREE HOUSE #1

# Dinosaurs Before Dark



Your second grade summer reading assignment is Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osbourne.

On the first day of second grade, we would like you to bring a Bag Book Report. Your Bag Book Report should include the summer reading worksheet and three items in a paper bag (brown grocery bag, gift bag, etc.) These items should represent things from the book, Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osbourne. You will present your items to our class and explain why you selected them during our first week together. We will also do lots of other fun activities with this story including: making dinosaur egg snacks, creating dinosaur fossils, designing and illustrating book covers, and much more!

Have a DINO-mite summer!

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



## 2nd Grade Summer Reading Worksheet 2025

Directions: Complete this worksheet and include it in your Bag Book Report. Give your completed report to your teacher on the first day of school.



1. What is the title of your book? Who is the author?

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. What is this story about?

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3. List the main characters.

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4. Which character do you like best? Why do you like that character the most?

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5. Describe your favorite part of the story. Why do you like that part of the story?

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