Summer vacation provides a great opportunity to practice skills learned over the past school year and to explore new topics.

**Summer Reading:**
This year we are partnering with the Bellingham Public Library’s summer reading program to offer ways to enjoy, practice, and track your student’s reading. **The minimum summer reading participation for Stall Brook and DiPietro Elementary Schools is 25 squares on the attached library reading tracker.**

**Summer Math:**
This year our elementary summer math will be going high-tech! Starting the first week in July and going for 8 weeks, watch for a weekly summer math online newsletter with lots of fun summer math activities. If you do not have access to email you can pick up a packet at the public library or at your school office. **The minimum summer math participation for both B.P.S.D elementary schools is to complete a minimum of one activity a week and record it using the attached math tracker.** **CHALLENGE:** Complete 3 or more activities a week!

Please return both your child’s completed Summer Reading Minutes Tracker and Summer Math Log to your student’s new teacher by Friday, September 15, 2023 to have your picture taken with your school’s mascot: Joe Paws or the Stall Brook Stallion.

The Bellingham Public Library resources for summer learning are at: [https://www.bellinghamma.org/library/kids/pages/summer-reading-program](https://www.bellinghamma.org/library/kids/pages/summer-reading-program)

*Enjoy your summer!*
Bellingham Public Schools Summer 2023 Reading Guidelines

Students Entering Grade 2

We expect that students at this grade level are reading and/or being read to throughout the summer months. Here are suggestions for great books that are very popular with kids your child's age. We hope your child will enjoy discovering them and many others this summer.

Happy reading!

Suggested Authors and Subjects for This Age Group

Traditional Literature
Fables (ex. Tortoise and the Hare, Fox and the Crow)
Fairy and Folktales (ex. Cinderella, Stone Soup, Goldilocks, Gingerbread Man)
Tall Tales (ex. Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Davy Crockett, Sally Ann Thunder, Pecos Bill)

Popular Early Readers Series
Katie Fry by Vanessa Brantley Newton
Rafi and Rosi by Lulu Delacre
Mr. Putter & Tabby by Cynthia Rylant
Young Cam Jansen by David Adler
Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
Owl Diaries/Unicorn Diaries by Rebecca Elliott
Julian and Huey books by Ann Cameron
Diary of a Pug by Kyla May
Ballpark Mysteries by David A. Kelly: (The Fenway Foul-Up is #1)

Popular Chapter Books Series
Alvin Ho by Lenore Look
James Taguchi series by Debbi M. Florence
Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi
Lola Levine by Monica Brown
Clubhouse Mysteries by Sharon M. Draper
Jada Jones by Kelly Starling Lyons
Dyamonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes
Sherlock Sam by A.J. Low
My Weird School by Dan Gutman
Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

Science and Social Studies Topics Studied in Grades 1 and 2
Customs around the World
Animal Adaptations/Habitats
Continents/Maps
Weather
Leadership and Citizenship

Motion and Forces
Light and Heat
Plants
Rocks, Water, and Soil
Stall Brook and DiPietro Elementary Schools Summer Reading Minutes Tracker

(Please note that this tracker can be used if you enroll in the summer reading program offered through the Bellingham Public Library.)

- Color in a square for every 15 minutes you read this summer.
- 25 squares colored in counts as your school's summer reading assignment.
- Bring your grid to the Bellingham Public Library over the summer if you can participate in their incentive program.
- Return your reading grid to school with your math calendar by September 15 to be counted towards your picture with your school's mascot
- Want a challenge? Aim for 40 squares or more!

At the beginning of the school year bring this page in to get credit for completing summer math and a picture with Joe Paws or the Stall Brook Stallion!