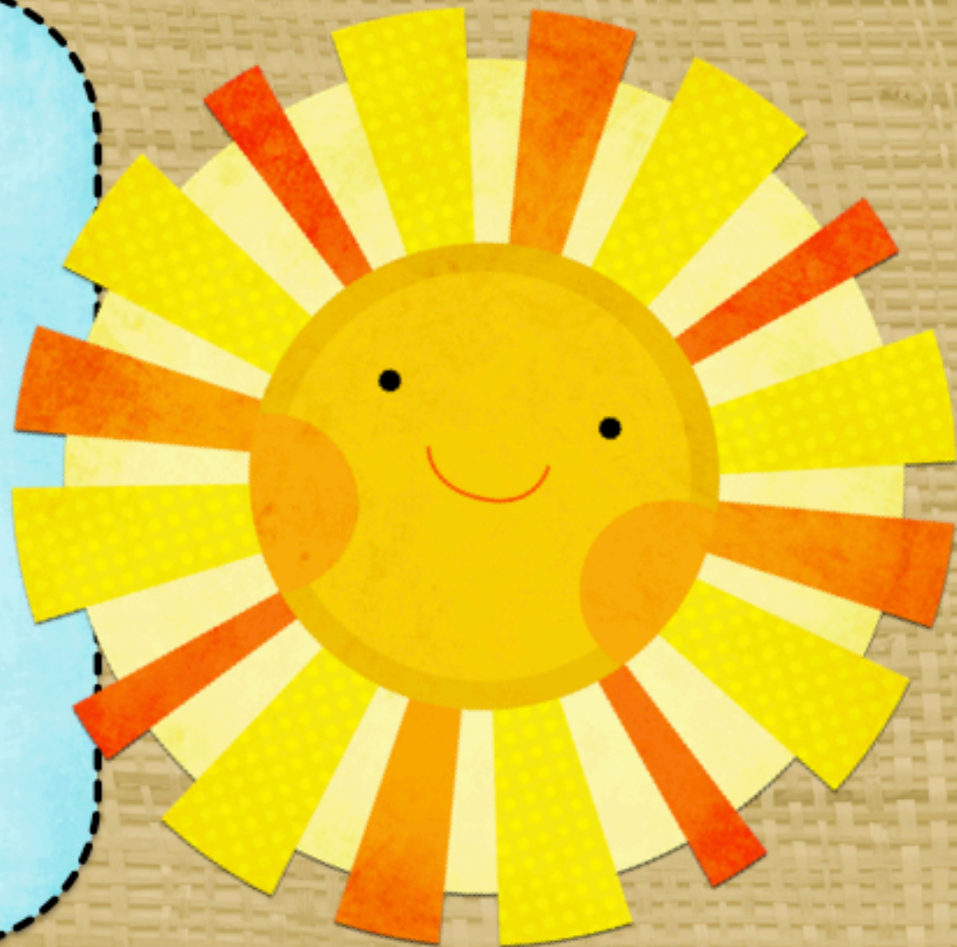


TMS 2nd Grade

summer choice board

To complete this journal, you'll need a composition notebook or loose leaf paper kept together in a folder. Print the following board and choose your favorite options. Paste the prompt you chose and the date in your notebook and record your work directly into the journal.

It's your choice how many prompts you complete! Enjoy!



Second Grade Summer Work

Reading

Head to the public library! If you don't have a card, sign up for a library card and check out a big 'ole stack of books. Glue the receipt for the books you checked out into your journal or make a list.

Make a puppet of your favorite book character. In your journal, write a four sentence paragraph describing your favorite character and another four sentence paragraph describing how you made your puppet (be sure to use interesting adjectives).

Go to Barnes and Noble, Little Shop of Stories or any other book-loving venue and participate in the summer reading program. Make a copy of your reading log to include in your journal.

Keep a diary every day for a week. Pick one moment each day and use very descriptive language to write about it. For example - maybe one day you bake cookies - what did they look like? Smell like? Taste like?

Think of as many friends' names as you can (at least ten). Write the names of your friends down. Then, put them in ABC order in your journal.

Math

Choose one of the following activities:

- ★ At a restaurant, look at the menu. Count out coins to pay for something on the menu.
- ★ Estimate how many minutes it would take you to eat a Popsicle. Use a watch to count the minutes. Record your estimate and result.

Go shopping with your parents. Set a budget for the trip and use a calculator to add up what you've spent to make sure you come in under budget!

Make flash cards with addition and subtraction facts (difficulty of the problems should depend on the ability of the student). Practice flash cards. Try to memorize your facts to build fluency!

Find your favorite recipe for cookies and start baking! Math is important in everyday life, so be sure to record what you needed to know about math while baking your cookies in your summer journal.

Create a product this summer that you can sell. Make a list of all the supplies you'll need, how much you paid for them and what your price will be for the product. Keep track of your earnings by subtracting your materials' cost from your total earnings.

Writing

In your Summer journal, write an acrostic poem using your name.

Example:
Marvelous
Outstanding
Responsible
Genius
Ambitious
Nurturing

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Unit

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