



Incoming 2nd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Avoid the “summer slide” with these great reads.

★ EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken (Sally Warner)

- Questions to talk about after you read:
 - Why didn't Elroy tell anyone what was happening? What would you do?
 - What can you do if you see a friend treating others poorly?
 - Do you think there needs to be “a boss” in every class?
 - What surprised you in the story?
- Activities:
 - Make a comic strip to show what you can do if you see someone being bullied.
 - Ellray often feels different from others. Draw a picture of what makes you unique.

★ Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things (Lenore Look)

- Questions to talk about after you read:
 - Why is Alvin so afraid of everything?
 - How is he different from his family?
 - Compare Alvin at home to Alvin at school.

- How does Alvin change during the story?
What helps him change?
- What problems does Alvin face in school?
- Activities:
 - Write a letter to Alvin giving him advice on conquering his fears.
 - Learn more about Alvin's hero, David Thoreau.
 - Draw and describe what you would put in your PDK. How would these help you?

★ Jada Jones, Rock Star (Kelly Lyons)

- Questions to talk about after you read:
 - How does Jada feel after Marli moves? What advice would you give her?
 - Why do you think Simone treats Jada the way she does?
 - Which character changed the most?
- Activities:
 - Collect a few interesting rocks then give them names and personalities like in the story.
 - Write a diary entry from the perspective of Mari on her first day at her new school.

