Dear Rising 2nd Grader,

You worked extremely hard all school year long, so let’s keep that momentum going! This summer we want you to relax and have fun, but also to keep learning. On the back of this letter, you will find six engaging books and corresponding STEAM activities/projects that match your upcoming standards. Complete any three books and activities (or more). These books and activities are only suggestions. If you find a different book and want to complete a different activity that is fine, too!!

We are partnering with Live Oak libraries, so get started there! At the library, you’ll be able to find all the books or similar type books you need to complete your summer reading and STEAM activities. And since you’re already at the library, “blast off” with their OUT OF THIS WORLD space themed summer reading program! Join the program, it will be super easy. Then, when you return in the fall with your summer reading and STEAM activities, not only will you receive PBIS points, extra credits worth 100 each, but you’ll also be invited to our STEAM back to school blast off party!

We’ll be excited to see all the great things you create this summer! Remember to have fun, relax, and read on!

See you at the library,

The Second Grade Team
Suggested Books with Accompanying STEAM Activities

Books/Activities
Each activity/project is different, so you decide on the time-frame. Remember, these books and activities are only suggestions! Our goal is to make reading fun! So find a book you love and create a project to go along with it. The possibilities are endless!

*Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison and Kevin Hawkes
Choreograph a dance to demonstrate the life cycle of a butterfly. Consider this: How is this life cycle different than a plant’s? Send in a link or a QR code to your teacher.

*What is the World Made of? All About Solids, Liquids, and Gases* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
Put an ice cube into a glass. Record your observations after an hour. Then put the glass into the freezer for 1 hour and record your observations. **WITH AN ADULT,** put 1 cup of water into a pot and see what happens when you heat it up. Record your observations.

*Move It! Motion, Forces, and You* by Adrienne Mason
Roll a ball or another round object across 8 different surfaces, like carpet, wood floor, grass, concrete, etc. Try to use the same amount of force for each roll. Record the distance of each roll in inches.

*Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream* by Cindy Neuschwander. Take pictures of 8 real life arrays in your house or around the city.

*Spenser's Savannah* by Melanie Brooks. Take a walk downtown and check out Georgia’s history. Take a picture with James Oglethorpe’s monument in Chippewa Square, Tomochichi’s monument in Wright Square, the historical marker for where James Oglethorpe and his colonists landed near City Hall, the birthplace of Juliette Low on Oglethorpe Avenue,

*The Little Prince* by Antione de Saint-Exupéry
Imagine you are stranded in the desert for 8 days. What would you do to survive? Write an informational story about what you would do each day.