



## Entering Grade Two Summer Project and Required Reading Book

**Required Reading Book:** *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumn's Thanksgiving Story* by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Bunten.

The book will be mailed to your home from DCD at the end of July. Please read the book aloud to your child. Then, read the book again at a different time and ask your child to retell the story as you read. In the fall, students will learn about Indigenous Peoples.

If you are in the area, please consider a trip to the *Plimoth Patuxet Museum* over the summer. Here are some additional videos to watch either in addition to a visit or in place of one:

- [Paddling Through History](#)
- [The Wampanoag Way](#)
- [Patuxet Homesite Visit](#)
- [Patuxet Homesite and English Village conversation](#)

### Summer Project:

Second graders may pursue any topic of interest to them. Children may choose a topic they are already familiar with or a new topic of interest. Frequently, children decide on subjects related to what they are doing over the summer. This is an open-ended project.

#### Part 1: Pick the topic.

While virtually any topic is acceptable, the following list might help your child get started.

- collections
- favorite sport or athlete
- vacation destination
- foreign country, culture or holiday
- animals or earth science topics (ecosystems, natural disasters)
- historical figures, sites or events
- favorite author or book series
- art or craft project

#### Part 2: Project

Your child will decide how to present the learned information or experience.

Some ideas are:

- diary/journal
- poster
- diorama model
- photographs collection of items

Please provide the resources your child uses to gather information. For example, list the names of books, websites, people they talk to, or experiences they have had.

### **Part 3: Presentation**

Be prepared to present your project to the class.

**Your project is due during the first week of school.** Projects will be presented to classmates during the first few weeks of school. In the interest of time, your presentation should not last more than five minutes. The summer project process goes the most smoothly when children decide on a topic early in the summer rather than waiting until the end of August. Once the projects are presented, they will be displayed around the classroom.