

Dear Tackan Elementary Parents,

Summer vacation is here! It is very important for your child to continue to read throughout the summer. Reading over the summer will help to keep our students' skills sharp and avoid the "summer slide". We have created an activity to go along with the book: Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea by Cynthia Rylant. Have your child read this story with you while practicing the reading strategies he/she learned in first grade. You can use this list of questions as a guide for your discussion of the book:

- Have you ever been to the sea?
- What did Henry warn Mudge not to do?
- What was Mudge's first reaction to the ocean?
- What did Mudge eat for lunch?
- What did Mudge rescue?
- How do you think Mudge felt about the seashore? Explain how you know.
- What does the author mean when she describes the ocean as "blue and white forever"?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

When you are finished reading each chapter, please have your child complete the question that goes along with that chapter. Sometimes we can show the answers to questions with a picture that has lots of details! This activity and the summer reading calendar log will be collected on the first day of school. Happy reading and have a great summer!



Sincerely,
The Second Grade Teachers

Name: _____

Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea

Be sure to answer these questions with complete sentences!

Chapter 1: To the Beach

Why did Henry tell Mudge not to drink the water?

Henry told Mudge not to drink the water because...

Chapter 2: The Forever Sea

What did the ocean look like?



Draw your answer with details(You can also use the back of this paper)

Chapter 3: Brave Dog

How did Mudge show that he was brave?

Mudge showed that he was brave when he...

Chapter 4: Good-bye, Crab

Where did the crab hide?



Draw your answer with details(You can also use the back of this paper.)