

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is here! It is very important for your child to continue to read over the summer months. This will help to keep their skills sharp as they prepare for the exciting world of second grade! We have created an activity 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 the list of questions below 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 comprehension questions that go along with that chapter. The answers should be written in complete sentences. We will be doing some activities with the book when we return to school in September. Please keep the child completed comprehension questions and summer reading logs, on the first day of school. Happy reading and have a great summer!



Sincerely,  
The Second Grade Teachers

# **Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea**

by, Cynthia Rylant



## **Chapter 1: To the Beach**

1. What season does the chapter take place in?

2. Why did Henry tell Mudge not to drink the water?

## **Chapter 2: The Forever Sea**

1. What did the ocean look like?

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2. Who got in the ocean first?

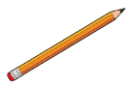
### Chapter 3: Brave Dog



1. What happened to the castle?
2. How did Mudge show that he was brave?

### Chapter 4: Good-bye, Crab

1. What surprised Mudge in the sand?
2. Where did the crab hide?



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