

**HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
RECOMMENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCES  
GRADES K-2**

**AROUND THE BOOK**

**OPTION 1**

Each day read a minimum of 20-30 minutes. Then:

1. Use a book(s), work through two of the following learning experiences. You may select different experiences each day.
2. Select one way to share how you responded to the learning experiences using the grid at the bottom of the page.
3. In the grid below, please tally how you responded to the learning experiences.
4. If you write/draw your responses, save your responses to share with your teacher when you return to school.

**LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

- Make and then confirm a prediction about the book.
- Identify and talk about your favorite and least favorite part(s) of the book and tell why.
- Identify and talk about parts of the book including characters, setting, events, problem, and solution.
- Identify and talk about the main idea and key details.
- Retell/summarize the book.
- Explain why you think the author wrote this book.
- Explain a connection you can make between this book and another book you read or a life experience.
- Explain how the character's feelings change throughout the book.
- Explain how you figured out the meaning of a tricky word.
- Write a new ending or create another page for the book.
- Illustrate a character and an event from the story.

**OPTION 2: ANTHOLOGY**

Over a week's time, read 2-3 of your anthology stories and respond to the questions included at the end of the story in your anthology.

**Tally how you responded to the learning experiences below.**

I responded to my reading in writing.	
I shared my responses with a friend or family member.	
I used Post-It notes to show my thinking in the book.	

## **OTHER CHOICE EXPERIENCES**

To promote social/emotional learning, play, and mindfulness, select one of the following experiences to do once a day.

<p><b>Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Play reporter and tell or write the 5 W's of writing. Write "Who, What, Where, When, and Why" down the left side of a sheet of paper. Watch a news story or read one online and note on the sheet the 5 W's of the story.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have your child interview a family member. Ask a family member or friend how to cook a meal or how to do something only he/she can do. Ask several questions and draw or write his/her responses.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Write or draw a story about your day, family, recent trip, favorite activity, or topic of your choice.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own language arts-related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use dice, cards, or numbers on the phone keypad to practice math facts. Roll two die and add, subtract, multiply or divide the numbers. Add more dice to create more complicated number sentences using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division as appropriate.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Using objects around your house, sort and count in groups (toys, clothes, art supplies, etc.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use a recipe to bake or cook a family meal.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own mathematics-related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Build a structure with blocks, Legos, or other materials around your house.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own science-related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ask your child to review what happened in his/her favorite TV show. Be specific, asking him/her to describe characters or explain scenes. Additionally, you may choose to sit down with your child and find a show you will all enjoy.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete assigned household chores.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own social studies-related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>
<p><b>Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use sidewalk chalk to draw and sketch outside.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use recycled materials from around your house to create an art project of your choice.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own art related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>	<p><b>Wellness and Mindfulness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Play a board game, Bingo, Simon Says, or a card game with a family member or friend.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete a puzzle with a family member or friend.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a 20-minute walk with a family member. Talk about what you see and hear.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a walk, ride a bike, play a sport, exercise, or dance.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Belly Breathe - Lie flat on your back with a stuffed animal on your stomach. Slowly bring breath all the way in and out so your belly moves up and down, giving your stuffed animal a little ride up and down.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own wellness-related activity. Note it here: _____</li></ul>

