

Grade 2 Summer Reading



Reading is very important over the summer. Students need to stay engaged with reading and learning, so they do not suffer the “Summer Slide”, (the loss of skills). Reading during July and August will help your child practice skills and grow as a learner. Not only will they experience faraway places, learn a fun fact about an animal or help solve a mystery, they will also learn new vocabulary, reinforce their grammar and writing skills.

Students in Second Grade are to read as many books as possible. They may read independently or with you. Challenge your child to read as many books in a series as possible, read all the books by an author, or try to read a book from each genre. Please make extra copies of the reading log if needed. Let us see who can read the most!

Return your summer reading log to your teacher the first week of school.

Happy Reading

Second Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Fiction

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur by: **Kallie George** Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble.
DRA J

Life by Cynthia Rylant A gorgeous story, told through the eyes of animals that reminds us that life is full of change and wonder. Ages 6-9

King of the Sky by **Nicola Davies** A young boy who's emigrated from Rome to Wales feels alone and alienated. Grades 1-4

Nothing Rhymes with Orange by **Adam Rex** We all know nothing rhymes with orange, but how does that make Orange feel? Well, left out, obviously! Grades K-3

It Came in the Mail by **Ben Clanton** A clever story that reminds us to be careful what we wish for. Delightful word choice ('diddle-squat' and 'squibble wibble whoop') make this a fun one to read aloud over and over. Grades K-3

Black Cowboy, Wild Horses: A True Story by **Julius Lester** Bob Lemmons is famous for his ability to track wild horses. He rides his horse, Warrior, picks up the trail of mustangs, then runs with them day and night until they accept his presence. Grades 1-3

Freedom Summer by **Deborah Wiles** Joe and John Henry are a lot alike. They both like shooting marbles, they both want to be firemen, and they both love to swim. But there's one important way they're different: Joe is white and John Henry is black and in the South in 1964, that means John Henry isn't allowed to do everything his best friend is. Grades K-2

Wangari's Tree of Peace: A True Story From Africa by **Jeanette Winter** As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something—and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans. This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Grades K-3

The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by **Pat Zietlow Miller & Frank Morrison** It's 1961, and sweet, spunky Alta wants to be the fastest runner in Clarksville, TN, just like her idol, three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph. Ages 5-8

Biographies

Moses by **Carole Boston Weatherford** This poetic book is a resounding tribute to Tubman's strength, humility, and devotion. Grades 3-5

A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr. by **Denise Lewis Patrick** Young Martin Luther King Jr. is having some problems with his best friend, Bobby. First, they are going to different schools this year. Next, Bobby's dad is not letting his son play with Martin. When Martin learns why, he is confused and hurt -- but he learns a lesson that he will never forget. Grade 2

A Boy Named Boomer by **Boomer Esiason** American football player. Grade 2

Molly, By Golly! By **Dianne Ochiltree** This legendary tale introduces young readers to Molly Williams, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11, who is considered to be the first known female firefighter in U.S. history. DRA 20

Non-Fiction/STEAM

I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are by Bridget Heos For kids who like to be grossed out. Told from the point of view of the fly who is irritated by everyone's fascination with butterflies. Grades 2+

Ice Cream Summer by: **Peter Sis** Get the scoop on some fun history, math, and new vocabulary in this entertaining book about ice cream. DRA 24

The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams by **Tanya Lee Stone** This is the story of Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who transformed a poor neighborhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community center. Grades 1-2

Egg: Nature's Perfect Package by **Robin Page** Hatching a plan for survival isn't always easy in the wild. And how animals lay, protect, and even use each other's eggs as a food source help reveal the life cycle of the natural world. Grades K-3

Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by **Laurie Wallmark** Ada Lovelace, the daughter of the famous romantic poet, Lord Byron, develops her creativity through science and math. Grades K-3

How to Code: A Step-by-Step Guide to Computer Coding by **Max Wainwright** Introduces the basic principles of coding. Learn how to give instructions and turn instructions into code. Figure out how to debug code, solve problems and use algorithms. Grades 2-3

Hello Ruby: Adventures in Coding by **Linda Liukas** Meet Ruby—a small girl with a huge imagination, and the determination to solve any puzzle. As Ruby stomps around her world making new friends, including the Wise Snow Leopard, the Friendly Foxes, and the Messy Robots, kids will be introduced to the fundamentals of computational thinking, like how to break big problems into small ones, create step-by-step plans, look for patterns and think outside the box through storytelling. Grades K-3

The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath by **Julia Finley Mosca** As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath made it her mission to become a doctor. When obstacles like racism, poverty, and sexism threatened this goal, she persevered—brightening the world with a game-changing treatment for blindness! Grades K-5

Art Lab for Kids: 52 Creative Adventures in Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Paper, and Mixed Media-For Budding Artists of All Ages (Lab Series) by **Susan Schwake** The activities are adaptable to learners of all levels and are highly creative and challenging while balancing the artistic process with the potential for a meaningful product. Grades 3-7

Why Do Dogs Bark? by **Joan Holub** There are many different kinds of dogs and so much to find out about them. Why do dogs bark, howl, or bury bones? Why do they like to lick and sniff people? What jobs can dogs do? You'll find the answers to these questions and many more in this fact-filled reader about man's best friend. DRA 20-24

Chapter Books/ Series

Owl Diaries by **Rebecca Elliot** Early reader chapter books. Grades K-2

I Survived by **Lauren Tarshis** Each book in my series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale. Grades 2-5

A-Z Mysteries by **Ron Roy** The A to Z Mysteries Series features three sly sleuths: Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. Have fun getting to know them, and their dog, Pal! Grades 1-4

Judy Moody Series by **Megan McDonald** Judy Moody rules! Boys and girls everywhere are relating to Judy's many moods and laughing at her hilarious adventures. Grades 1-4

Junie b. Jones Series by **Barbara Parks** The series begins when Junie starts kindergarten, Grades 1-4

Nate the Great Series by **Marjorie Weinman Sharmot** Children detective stories. Grades 2-5 DRA K

Horrible Harry Series by **Suzy Kline** A 3rd grader named Harry, and his misadventures are told through the words of his best friend, Doug. Grades K-3 DRA L

Dog Man Series by **Dav Pilkey** A crime biting canine who is part dog, part man and ALL HERO! Grades 1-3

Keena Ford Series by **Melissa Thomson** Keena Ford doesn't mean to be a troublemaker, but sometimes things get out of hand. Lucky for her, it's the beginning of the second grade and Keena's got a clean slate. Ages 6-8

Princess Cupcake Jones Series by **Ylleya Fields** Cupcake Jones is a Modern day princess, who like many girls, loves her tutu and playing with her toys. Ages 5-7

Graphic Novels

Little Robot by **Ben Hatke** When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. Ages 6-9

Where's Leopold? Your Pajamas are Showing! by **Michel-Yves Schmitt** Leopold wakes up one morning invisible. Unfortunately, his clothing is not! First of the "Where's Leopold?" Grade 2-4

Dinosaurs in Space by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** Dinosaurs aren't extinct; instead they live in outer space in these three humorous tales set in outer space. Grades 1-4

The Totally Awesome Epic Quest of the Brave Boy Knight by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** A young boy and his furry friend, Butterscotch, are brave knights who battle a green monster, seek a hidden treasure, and patrol the kingdom. Grades 1-4

Poetry

Beastly Verse by **Various Authors** Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems, PK- 5

Poems for the Smart, Spunky & Sensational Black Girl by **Rachel Garlinghouse** Today's girl has a lot going on! From beads, bullies, and birthdays, to school, sunglasses, and siblings, Poems for the Smart, Spunky, and Sensational Black Girl resonates and inspires! Grades 1-2