



SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 2

FICTION

* Challenging text – perfect for children who are reading on their own.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loved her name until she went to school.

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Wemberly worried about everything, including going to school.

Pete's a Pizza by William Steig

What do you think when Pete's in a bad mood because it's raining? Turn him into a pizza!

Pigsty by Mark Teague

Wendell likes living in a pigsty... for a while.

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

Officer Buckle realizes it is good to have a hilarious buddy to help teach safety tips.

Dinorella – A Prehistoric Fairytale by Pamela Duncan Edwards

A dinosaur version of the classic Cinderella story.

Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp by Carol Diggory Shields

A rhythmic rhyming dinosaur dance!

Moosetache by Margie Palatini

Coping with a moose's unruly mustache can make anyone's bad hair day look minor.

Farmer Brown Shears His Sheep – A Yarn About Wool by Teri Sloat

A humorous look at the wool making process – from the sheep's point of view.

Bus Route to Boston by Mary Ann Cocca-Leffler

The sights, sounds, and smells of a child's first view of Boston.

Don't Need Friends by Carolyn Crimi

A grouchy junkyard dog and a cranky, grumbling rat discover that everyone needs someone.

Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? by May Garelick

An exploration of nature... have you ever seen a butterfly in the rain?

The Awful Aardvarks Go To School by Reeve Lindbergh

A funny alphabet walk through the misadventures of the trouble-making aardvarks.

The Day the Dogs Became Guys by Merrill Markoe

When Corey's pets become people due to a fluke of nature, the results are hysterical.

Stella Queen of the Snow by Marie-Louise Gay

Experiencing a snowstorm for the first time, Sam raises many questions. His older sister, Stella, provides the answers.

I Love You Like Crazy Cakes by Rose Lewis

Based on the author's experiences, a woman describes how she went to China to adopt a special baby girl.

Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman

In this retelling of the traditional Jewish folktale, Joseph's baby blanket is transformed into ever-smaller items as he grows, until there is nothing left – but then Joseph has an idea.

Just Dog by Hiawyn Oram

A dog is trying to find himself a better name than “Dog.”

Someday A Tree by Eve Bunting

A little girl does what she can to save a special tree after it starts to die.

*The Adventures of Laura and Jack by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura and her bulldog Jack share one exciting adventure after another growing up together on the wild frontier. True-life pioneer adventures, based on the Little House Series.

*It's Justin Time, Amber Brown by Paula Danziger

Amber's friend, Justin, is always late! Now, it's Amber's birthday and she wants a watch to help her friend be “Justin Time.”

*Lionel at Large by Stephen Krensky

Lionel makes the best of many trying situations, coping with a snake loose in his bedroom, a trip to the doctor's office and more!

*Man Out At First and The Hit-Away Kid by Matt Christopher

Fast-paced adventure sports stories.

*Hooray for the Golly Sisters by Betsy Byars

The amusing adventures of the Golly sisters and their Vaudeville stage show.

NON-FICTION

George Washington Our First President by Garnet Jackson

A beginner's biography of our first president.

What Makes a Magnet? by Franklyn M. Branley

Explore the concepts of magnets, including step-by-step instructions on how to make a magnet!

Germs Make Me Sick! by Melvin Berger

Find out about germs, how they make you sick, and how your body works to fight them off and keep you healthy.

Sharks by Gail Gibbons

Read all about sharks – from the six-inch dwarf shark to the sixty-foot whale shark.

Sleep is For Everyone! by Paul Showers

Everyone needs sleep! Read and find out some wide-eyed facts about the science of shut-eye.

Fireflies in the Night by Judy Hawes

Fireflies glow and glimmer. How do they do that? Read and find out!

Earthquakes by Seymour Simon

An earth-shattering book filled with facts and information about this natural phenomenon.

CLASSICS

Milly and Tilly – Town Mouse/Country Mouse by Kate Summers

Find out what happens when two friends visit each other to see what life is like in a place the other calls home.

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

It's not easy for duck parents to find a safe place to bring up their ducklings, but during a rest stop in Boston's Public Garden, Mr. And Ms. Mallard think they just might have found the perfect spot!

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

The story of a mischievous little school girl who lives in Paris with eleven other girls, and their teacher Miss Clavel. Every Madeline book brings a new adventure.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Peter Rabbit does not listen to his mother when she tells him and his siblings to stay away from Mr. McGregor's garden. He spends an exciting and dangerous afternoon trying to get back home.

Mike Mulligan and The Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton

What happens when Mike Mulligan races his steam shovel against time, to dig the foundation for the new town hall?

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton

Once upon a time there was a little house way out in the country. Read to find out what happens as life in the country changes around her.

POETRY

The Frog Wore Red Suspenders by Jack Prelutsky

These exuberant poems and irresistible pictures will become your family's favorites.

A Poke in the I by Paul Janeczko

A collection of concrete poems.

These collections of fun rhymes and silly poems are well-loved by kids:

The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Just Around the Corner by James Stevenson

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

FAVORITE SERIES

Zack Files by Dan Greenburg

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborn

Franklin by Paulette Bourgeois

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Aunt Eater by Doug Cushman

Little Bear by Else Holmlund Minarik

Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat

The Young Cam Jansen by David Adler

FAVORITE AUTHORS

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READ ALOUDS

A First Book of Fairytales stories retold by Mary Hoffman

This beautifully illustrated collection of the best-loved fairytales also includes some lesser-known stories kids will enjoy.

The Random House Book of Bedtime Stories illustrated by Jane Dyer

Tried-and-true classics and contemporary stories are collected and illustrated with soft watercolors that are perfect for quiet nighttime sharing.

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Mary Ann Hoberman

This wonderful, unique book allows for adult/child interactive reading of stories about friendship, family, pets, and other child-friendly themes.