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Suggested Summer Reading List for 2nd Grade

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

School Stories

- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Arthur's Prize Reader by Lillian Hoban
- The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble
- Fish Face by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- Miss Nelson Is Missing by Harry Allard
- Polk Street Gang series by Patricia Reilly Giff

Books About Friends

- A Bargain for Frances by Russell Hoban
- The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Fox on the Job by James Marshall
- Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
- Horrible Harry and the Green Slime by Suzy Kline
- Pinky and Rex by James Howe

Historical Fiction

- American Girls series
- Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers by Joseph Rosenbloom
- Kamishibai Man by Allen Say

Classics to Read Aloud

- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Just-so Stories by Rudyard Kipling
- Paddington Bear by Michael Bond
- Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
- The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- The Funny Little Woman by Arlene Mosel
- Many Moons by James Thurber
- The Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
- The Story of Jumping Mouse by John Steptoe

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- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

Learning to Read Stories

- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4
- The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron

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