



Second Grade

Summer Reading Recommendations

The following books are suggestions by the Second Grade Team to help your child prepare for the upcoming year. The incentive for summer reading in 2nd grade is to instill the joy of reading in our students. A variety of learning levels are represented in this list; we want all students to have access to great books regardless of their level. **The goal is for each child to read 25 books**, and we encourage your child to read a book aloud to you at least a few times a week. Students may read books to themselves, listen to an audiobook while following along with the text, or read with someone. Happy reading!

Cigdem Knebel

Simple Words Decodable Chapter Books for
Early Readers:

Sam Is Stuck

Fox Hunt

Six Days at Camp with Lin and Jill

Six Days at Camp with Jack and Max

Spelling Pen In Elf Land

The Gold of Black Rock Hill

Spelling Pen Red Obelisk

& 24 more!

Mercer Mayer

Little Critter Series:

Good for Me and You

I Was So Mad

I Just Forgot

& 168 more!

Tom Watson

Trouble at Table 5 Series:

The Candy Caper (#1)

Busted by Breakfast (#2)

The Firefly Fix (#3)

& 3 more!

Eric Luper

Key Hunters Series:

The Mysterious Moonstone (#1)

The Spy's Secret (#2)

The Haunted Howl (#3)

The Wizard's War (#4)

& 3 more!

Tracey West

Dragon Masters Series:

Rise of the Earth Dragon (#1)

Saving the Sun Dragon (#2)

Secret of the Water Dragon (#3)

& 17 more!

Marianne Hering

The Imagination Station Series:

Voyage with the Vikings (#1)

Attack at the Arena (#2)

Peril in the Palace (#3)

& 24 more!



Fran Manushkin

Katie Woo Series:

Katie Woo Rules the School

Katie Woo and Friends

& 50 more!

Pedro Series:

Pedro Goes Buggy

Pedro's Mystery Club

Pedro's Big Goal

& 17 more!

Tom Angleberger

Inspector Flytrap Series:

Inspector Flytrap (#1)

Inspector Flytrap in The President's Mane Is Missing (#2)

Inspector Flytrap in The Goat Who Chewed Too Much (#3)

Jake Maddox & Guest Authors

Sports Stories Series:

Soccer Shootout

Gymnastics Jitters by Margaret Gurevich
Record Run

Pit Crew Crunch by Lisa Trumbauer

Dancing Solo by Emma Carlson Berne

Board Rebel

& 25 more!

Cynthia Rylant

Henry and Mudge Series:

Henry and Mudge - The First Book (#1)

Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble (#2)

Henry and Mudge in the Green Time (#3)

& 25 more!

Annie Barrows

Ivy & Bean Series:

Ivy and Bean (#1)

Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go (#2)

Ivy and Bean Break the Fossil Record (#3)
& 10 more!

Jane O'Connor

Fancy Nancy Series (Level 1):

Fancy Nancy

Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes
& 10 more!

Nancy Clancy Chapter Books Series (Level 2):

Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth

Nancy Clancy, Secret Admirer

& 6 more!

Kate DiCamillo

Mercy Watson Series:

Mercy Watson to the Rescue (#1)

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (#2)

Mercy Watson Fights Crime (#3)

& 3 more!

David A. Adler

Cam Jansen Mysteries Series:

The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (#1)

The Mystery of the UFO (#2)

The Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones (#3)

& 31 more!

Ron Roy

A to Z Mysteries Series:

The Absent Author (A)

The Bald Bandit (B)

The Canary Caper (C)

& D-Z!

Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton Series:

Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (#1)

The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid (#2)

Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House (#3)

& 62 more!



Beverly Cleary

Ramona Quimby Series:

Beezus and Ramona (#1)

Ramona the Pest (#2)

Ramona the Brave (#3)

& 5 more!

Joanna Cole

The Magic School Bus Series:

The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks
(#1)

Inside the Human Body (#3)

The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses
(#10)

& 9 more!

Mary Pope Osborne

Magic Tree House Series:

Dinosaurs Before Dark (#1)

The Knight at Dawn (#2)

Mummies in the Morning (#3)

& 54 more!

Louis Sachar

Wayside School Series:

Sideways Stories from Wayside School (#1)

Wayside School Is Falling Down (#2)

Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School
(#2.5)

& 3 more!

Donald J. Sobol

Encyclopedia Brown Series:

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (#1)

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the
Secret Pitch** (#2)

Encyclopedia Brown Finds the Clues (#3)

& 25 more!

Paula Danziger

Amber Brown Series:

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon (#1)

**You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber
Brown** (#2)

Amber Brown Goes Fourth (#3)

& 9 more!

Ruth Stiles Gannett

My Father's Dragon Series:

My Father's Dragon (#1)

Elmer and the Dragon (#2)

The Dragons of Blueland (#3)

Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Nate the Great Series:

Nate the Great (#1)

Nate the Great Goes Undercover (#2)

Nate The Great And The Lost List (#3)

& 27 more!

Peggy Parish

Amelia Bedelia Series:

Amelia Bedelia (#1)

Thank You, Amelia Bedelia (#2)

Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower
(#3)

& 18 more!

Arnold Lobel

Frog and Toad Series:

Frog and Toad Are Friends (#1)

Frog and Toad Together (#2)

Frog and Toad All Year (#3)

& 2 more!



Laura Ingalls Wilder

Little House Series:

Little House in the Big Woods (#1)

Farmer Boy (#2)

Little House on the Prairie (#3)

& 6 more!

Other Great Chapter Books

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl

The Basket Counts by Matt Christopher

Catch That Pass! by Matt Christopher

Who Was? What Was? Where Is? What Is The Story Of? Series:

Who Was Rosa Parks?

Who Was Abraham Lincoln?

What Is The Constitution?

What Was the Age of Exploration?

What Was the March on Washington?

& over 250 more!

Classic Starts Series:

Treasure Island

Swiss Family Robinson

Around the World in 80 Days

The Secret Garden

Jungle Book

Oliver Twist

The Wind in the Willows

& 47 more!

Great Poetry

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

& 79 others!

The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

& 108 others!

Mary Had a Little Jam, And Other Silly

Rhymes by Bruce Lansky & 159 others!

Read-Aloud Poems for Young People:

Readings from the Worlds Best Loved

Verses by Gloria Hale

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short

Stories to Read Together by Mary Ann

Hoberman, Michael Emberley

Great Picture Books

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies by Andrea Beaty

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by

Doreen Cronin

Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin

Owls by Gail Gibbons

Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids by Gail Gibbons

You Are Special (Wemmicksville #1) by Max Lucado

Because I Love You by Max Lucado

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina

Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light by Apryl Stott

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

The Whole Hole Story by Vivian McInerney

Madeline (Madeline #1) by Ludwig Bemelmans

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe

Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young

The Great Gracie Chase: Stop That Dog! by Cynthia Rylant, Mark Teague

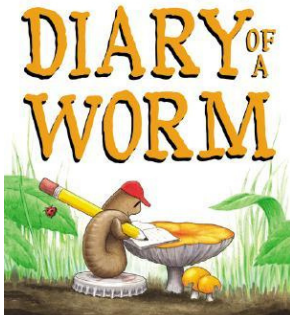
The Quickest Kid in Clarksville by Pat Zietlow Miller

Rainbow Weaver: Tejedora del Arcoiris by Linda Elovitz Marshall

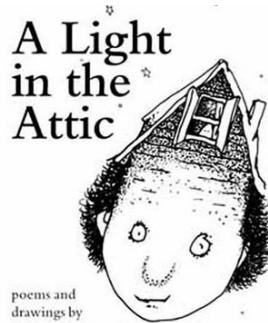
Arthur's Mystery Envelope (Arthur Chapter Books #1) by Marc Brown, Stephen Krensky

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff & 8 others!

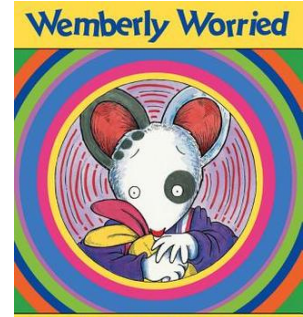
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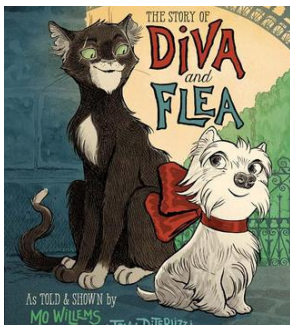
Diary of a Worm
by Doreen Cronin



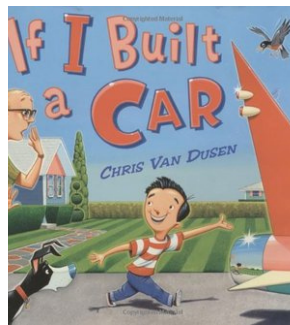
A Light in the Attic
by Shel Silverstein



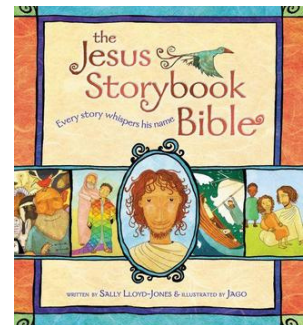
Wemberly Worried
by Kevin Henkes



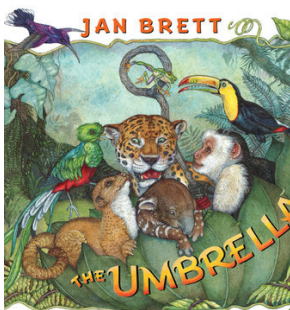
The Story of Diva and Flea
by Mo Willems



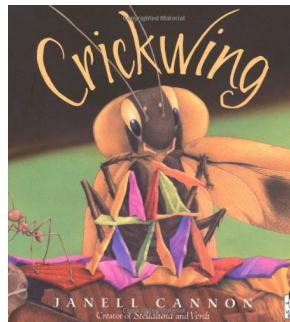
If I Built a Car
by Chris Van Dusen



The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name
by Sally Lloyd-Jones, Jago



The Umbrella
by Jan Brett



Crickwing
by Janell Cannon

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