

Second Grade Summer Reading List

This book list offers titles that are popular with boys and girls who are entering second grade. The list is a good place to start your summer reading, but it is only a beginning. Other titles by these authors or other authors offer enjoyable reading. Knowing how to choose a good book is part of being a good reader.

Children need to learn how to choose a book. Giving them the opportunity to choose from a small group of books is a beginning. Modeling how to look through a book--looking at the cover, flipping through the pages, and scanning the illustrations--will provide students with an excellent example. Many teachers explain the five-finger rule to their students. This rule reminds students to count on their fingers every time they miss a word in a particular book. If they miss five words, the book may be too hard. If they miss three words or fewer, it might be "just right."

A "just right" book is a book the student finds interesting and can confidently read and understand with a small amount of support. These books also make the student stretch a little bit so that they have opportunities to apply the strategies they have been learning and to experience new vocabulary and different genres. Have fun choosing and reading books this summer.

Thank you,
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(ADLER) "Young Cam Jansen" Series
 (ALTER) Disappearing Desmond
 (ARNOLD) Huggly's Pizza
 (ARNOSKY) All About Frogs
 (BARROWS) "Ivy + Bean" Series
 (BARTON) Shark vs. Train
 (BLUME) "The Pain and the Great One" Series
 (BRUEL) "Bad Kitty" Series
 (BUNTING) I Don't Want to Go to Camp
 (COHEN) See You in Second Grade
 (CRONIN) Thump, Quack, Moo
 (CRUM) Thunder Boomer
 (DANZIGER) Get Ready for Second Grade Amber Brown
 (DEEDY) Martina the Beautiful Cockroach
 (DEREGNIERS) May I Bring a Friend?
 (DiCamillo) "Mercy Watson" Series
 (DOBKIN) The Great Bug Hunt
 (ELYA) No More, Por Favor
 (FOX) Possum Magic
 (FRAZEE) A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever
 (GALDONE) The Monkey and the Crocodile
 (GRAVES) Chicken Big
 (GREY) Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon
 (HOBBY) Toot and Puddle
 (HOPKINS) Our Texas
 (HOWE) "Pinky and Rex" Series
 (HUTCHINS) Don't Forget the Bacon
 (ISADORA) Say Hello
 (JACOBSON) "Andy Shane" Series
 (JENKINS) How Many Ways Can you Catch a Fly?
 (JONES) Rah-Rah Ruby
 (KASZA) Badger's Fancy Meal
 (KELLOGG) Penguin Pup for Pinkerton
 (KERBY) Little Pink Pup
 (KERRIN) "Martin Bridge" Series
 (KETTEMAN) The Three Little Gators
 (KHAN) Big Red Lollipop
 (KIMMEL) Anansi & the Moss-Covered Rock
 (KLINE) "Horrible Harry" Series
 (LAROCHELLE) 1+1=5: and other Unlikely Additions
 (LARSON) Two Bobbies: True Story of Hurricane Katrina
 (LERCH) Swim Swim
 (LESTER) "Tacky the Penguin" Series
 (LIN) Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!
 (LOBEL) Frogs and Toads All Sang
 (MASSIE) The Baby Beebeebird
 (MCNAUGHTON) Don't Step on a Crack
 (MCPHAIL) Edward and the Pirates
 (MEDDAUGH) Martha Speaks
 (MEISTER) Kickball Kids
 (MICHALAK) Joe and Sparky Get New Wheels
 (MILTON) Wild, Wild Wolves
 (MUNTEAN) Do Not Open This Book
 (NOLAN) Smarter than Squirrels
 (O'CONNOR) Fancy Nancy: Poet Extraordinaire!
 (O'NEILL) The Recess Queen
 (OSBORNE) "Magic Tree House" Series
 (PALATINI) Bad Boys Get Cookie
 (PARK) "Junie B. Jones" Series
 (PARRISH) "Amelia Bedelia" Series
 (PFISTER) "Rainbow Fish" Series
 (PILKEY) Dog Breath
 (ROY) "A to Z Mysteries" Series
 (RYAN) Mice and Beans
 (RYLANT) "Henry and Mudge" Series
 (SAYRE) Rah, Rah, Radishes!
 (SCANLON) All the World
 (SCHOENBERG) One and only Stuey Lewis
 (SCOTTON) "Splat the Cat" Series
 (SHANNON) Alice the Fairy
 (STADLER) Some Smug Slug
 (STEVENS) Tops and Bottoms
 (SWINBURNE) Whose Shoes?: A Shoe for Every Job
 (TEAGUE) How I Spent My Summer Vacation
 (TOWNSEND) Monkey & Elephants worst fight ever
 (UNDERWOOD) A Balloon for Isabel
 (VAN LEEUWEN) "Amanda Pig" Series
 (WISEMAN) Morris Goes to School
 (YOLEN) "Commander Toad" Series
 (ZION) "Harry the Dirty Dog" Series