

Recommended Summer Reading List Upcoming 2nd Graders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fiction	Crow Boy	Taro Yashima
	A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries	
	Reading Level-L	
Fiction	When I Was Young in the Mountains	Cynthia Rylant
	Growing up in the mountains was special. Each pleasure was one to share and remember. Each part of the story evokes the love of a way of life, of a family, and most of all, of a place.	
	Reading Level-K	
Fiction	The Ghost-Eye Tree	Bill Martin, Jr.
	Walking down a dark lonely road on an errand one night, a brother and sister argue over who is afraid of the dread Ghost-Eye tree.	
	Reading Level-M	
Fiction	Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
	A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.	
Fiction	Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney
	As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.	
	Reading Level-M	
Fiction	Millions of Cats	Wanda Gag
	This is an enchanting tale of a very old man who went off in search of the prettiest cat in the world for his wife and returned instead with millions to choose from.	
	Reading Level-N	
Fiction	The Amazing Bone	William Steig
	Pearl, a pig, and her new friend, a small talking bone, outwit a band of robbers and a hungry fox. When on her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.	
	Reading Level-M	
Fiction	Bat Jamboree	Kathy Appelt
	With its exuberant text and enchanting illustrations, Bat Jamboree is both a counting book and a thrilling theatrical event.	
	Reading Level-L	
Fiction	Big Al	Andrew Clements
	Big Al is big-hearted fish who is as loveable as he is scary-looking. While other fish swim together in schools, Big Al swims alone. He would rather swim with the others, but his size and his mouthful of sharp teeth frighten away fish.	
	Reading Level-L	
Fiction	Bad Hair Day	Susan Hood
	When a girl's hair becomes too long, her mother decides to cut it. Will her hair ever be the same?	
	Reading Level-H	
Fiction	Frog and Toad Series	Arnold Lobel
	Five delightful stories about true friendship. Told with "freshness, humor and a beguiling simplicity."	
	Reading Level-J/K	
Fiction	Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day	Judith Voirst

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	When Alexander wakes up he finds bubble gum in his hair...and from there the day only gets worse. An amusing account of a little boy's encounter with Murphy's law.	
	Reading Level-L	
Fiction	The Doorbell Rang	Pat Hutchins
	Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.	
	Reading Level-J	
Fiction	Daisy the Firecow	Vicki Woodworth
	Daisy the cow wants to see the world. She walks to the city and finds a job as a fire station mascot. She enjoys the job and shows the fire chief that a cow is the right choice for a mascot.	
	Reading Level-I	
Fiction	Wally Walrus	Barbara de Rubertis
	Wally Walrus does not want to go to school because Squawky Hawk bullies him. Papa Walrus gives Wally advice about how to deal with a bully.	
	Reading Level-G	
Fiction	Bad Kitty	Nick Bruel
	Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. So she: Ate my homework, Bit grandma, and Clawed the curtains.	
	Reading Level-I	
Fiction	Freckle Juice	Judy Blume
	Andrew Marcus wants freckles more than anything. Unfortunately "know it all" Sharon is the only one who knows the secret recipe for Freckle Juice that will give Andrew all the freckles he could ever want. The catch is, it will cost him five weeks of allowance!	
	Reading Level-M	
Fiction	The Littles Get Trapped	John Peterson
	Tom and Lucy Little feel sorry for Hildy, the Biggs' cat, because she hasn't been fed in two days. When they take on the task themselves, they become trapped inside the refrigerator.	
	Reading Level-J	
Fiction	Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train	Cynthia Rylant
	Mr. Putter and his fine cat, Tabby, are going for a train ride with their neighbors, Mrs. Teaberry and her good dog, Zeke. They've planned the perfect afternoon trip. But when they get to the station, they're in for a big surprise.	
	Reading Level-J	
Fiction	When Sheep Cannot Sleep	Satoshi O'Neill
	When Woolly the sheep suffers from insomnia, he goes for a walk and gets into just about everything. Each illustration features objects for children to count.	
	Reading Level-J	
Fiction	The Little Brown Jay: A Tale from India	Elizabeth Claire
	In this pour quoi tale from India, a magical brown jay helps the beautiful Princess Maya and is rewarded in a wonderful, unexpected way. Full color.	
	Reading Level-I	
Fiction	Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!	Mo Willems
	A persnickety pigeon just wants what he wants and kids delight in his hilarious behavior. (other Pigeon books available)	
	Reading Level-K	
Fiction	Louanne Pig in the Perfect Family	Nancy Carlson
	Louanne wishes she had brothers and sisters, but after spending the weekend next door with the rabbit family, she finds what it's like to be in a family of twelve. Louanne is happy to go home.	
	Reading Level-J	
Science	Bats	Scholastic Readers

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		Bats was created especially to bring exciting nonfiction to beginning readers. Outstanding photography brings the natural world of bats alive within the cover of this exceptional book
		Reading Level-I
Science	Bald Eagle	Lloyd G. Douglas
		When bald eagles became endangered by pollution and other problems, people thought up ways to help them. Learn about some of the solutions.
		Reading Level-F
Science	Inside An Ant Colony	Allen Fowler
		Learn how ants live and work together in communities that are like cities in this book filled with color photographs.
		Reading Level-J
Science	Pets at the Whitehouse	Marge Kennedy
		Tells the stories of pets who have lived at the White House
Science	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This	Steve Jenkins
		A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book.
		Reading Level-J
Science	Tool Box	Gail Gibbons
		Using simple text and colorful illustrations, this book depicts different types of tools and describes how they are used in building.
		Reading Level-H
Science	Boat Book	Gail Gibbons
		This colorful book illustrates the many ways a person can travel on water.
		Reading Level-G
Science	Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile	Paye and Lippert
		Mrs. Chicken likes how pretty she is until her vanity causes her to attract the attention of a hungry crocodile. Mrs. Chicken uses her wits to safely have her chicks and make friends - for a time - with a crocodile.
		Reading Level-E
Science	Caves	David Harrison
		When Farmer Howe's cow, Millicent, strays in the pasture, she discovers a cave. How did the cave form, and what kind of creatures live there? This book uses simple language to explain how caves are formed, and how animals use them.
		Reading Level-K
Social Studies	Martin's Big Words	Rappaport and Collier
		This tells the life story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a portrait of the great human rights leader. Watercolor and collage accompany the powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
		Reading Level-K
Social Studies	Johnny Appleseed	Patricia Brennan Demuth
		This book recounts the story of the man who traveled west planting apple seeds to make the country a better place to live.
		Reading Level-H
Social Studies	America the Beautiful	Catherine Lee Bates
		Stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece.
Social Studies	Moses (Harriet Tubman)	Carole Boston
		We know Harriet Tubman as the Moses of her people. The American hero, Tubman guided enslaved Africans along the Underground Railroad from bondage in the South to freedom in North.
Social Studies	The Statue of Liberty	Lloyd G. Douglas

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	Learn about the construction, history, and symbolism of the Statue of Liberty, a gift to the United States from France, in this introductory text.	
	Reading Level-F	
Social Studies	The Statue of Liberty	Lucille Recht Penner
	Young readers will enjoy learning about the Statue of Liberty through engaging, simple text and engaging illustrations detailing the construction and symbolism of the skyscraper-sized "Lady Liberty."	
	Reading Level-L	
Social Studies	The Teddy Bear	David McPhail
	Here a boy's beloved teddy bear is cherished, lost, found by another, cherished, lost, and found by a boy who began to understand compassion.	
	Reading Level-F	
Social Studies	My Name Is Yoon	Helen Recorvits and Gabi Swiatkowska
	Yoon loves the way that her name in Korean dances on the page. In the United states, however, writing her name in English makes her feel uncomfortable until she finds a friend.	
	Reading Level-I	
Series	Magic Tree House Series	Mary Osborne Pope
	The escapades of time travelers Jack and Annie are brimming with adventure and magic (not to mention some subtly placed lessons on history and geography).	
	GRL-M	
Series	Arthur Series	Mark Brown
	This delightful chapter book series starring Arthur continues, as he and his friends learn to get along.	
	Reading Level-H-M	
Series	Froggie Series	Piper and London
	Stories about a humorous frog who learns about life in comical ways. Life is always an adventure for Froggy.	
	Reading Level-I-J	
Series	Nate the Great Series	Marjorie Sharmat and Marc Simont
	Adventure series of Nate the Great, boy detective	
	Reading Level-K	
Series	Iris and Walter	Elissa Haden Guest
	Beginning chapter book series about a girl named Iris who moves to the country and begins a new friendship.	
	Reading Level-K	
Series	Houndsley and Catina	James Howe
	Humorous tales about an unlikely, likeable pair.	
	Reading Level-K	
Series	Young Cam Jansen Series	David A. Adler
	Beginning chapter book mystery series of Cam Jansen	
	Reading Level-J	
Series	Fly Guy Series	Tedd Arnold
	Beginning chapter book series about the friendship between a boy and a fly.	
	Reading Level-H-K	
Series	Henry and Mudge Series	Cynthia Rylant
	Beginning chapter book series about a boy and his dog.	
	Reading Level-J	
Series	Dragons Series	Dave Pikey
	Beginning chapter book series about Dragon.	
	Reading Level-I	
Series	Katie Kazoo: Switcheroo (series)	Nancy E. Krulik

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Katie is an ordinary third-grader--except for one very extraordinary problem! She accidentally wished on a shooting star to be anyone but herself and what Katie soon learns is that wishes really do come true--and in the strangest ways...		
Reading Level-M		
Series	Mercy Watson Series	Kate DiCamillo
Adventure series of Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their pet pig.		
Reading Level-K		
Nonfiction Collections	National Geographic Readers Series	various
This high interest series of beginning readers features images from National Geographic, accompanied by text written by various children's book authors.		
Nonfiction Collections	DK Reader Series	various
Nonfiction book series written by various children's book authors.		
Nonfiction Collections	Pebble Plus Books	various
Brightly photographed nonfiction books written by various authors.		