

Incoming 2nd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. A suggested list of titles is listed below. Parents of elementary students may also want to consult one of the *Read-Aloud Handbooks* by Jim Trelease for additional selections. We also encourage you to visit your local public library. Be sure to fill out the elementary reading log and bring it to school when you return in September in order to receive a summer reading certificate.

| Title | Author | Synopsis | Genre |
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| Beast Feast: Poems and Paintings | Florian | Surprising and funny poems about animals. | Poetry |
| Bing Bang Boing | Florian | Entertaining poems and hilarious drawings | Poetry |
| Dinosaur Dinner (with a Slice of Alligator Pie) | Lee | Dennis Lee is the Canadian children's favorite funny poet. | Poetry |
| Amazing Grace | Mary Hoffman | Grace is black, but she's determined to be Peter Pan in the play | Picture Book |
| Miss Nelson Is Missing | Harry Allard | Miss Nelson leaves her naughty class with Miss Swamp. | Picture Book |
| A Chair for My Mother | Vera Williams | Rosa, her Mother, and Grandmother are saving for a big purchase. | Picture Book |
| Swamp Angel | Anne Isaacs | Angelica, a giant, formed the Smoky Mountains when she wrestled a bear. | Picture Book |
| Millions to Measure | David Schwartz | Learn about measurement through colorful pictures and cartoon captions | Picture Book |
| A Tree Is A Plant | Bulla/Schuett | Trees can live for a very long time, and they are alive all year long, even when they look dead in the Winter... | Picture Book |
| Abiyoyo | Pete Seeger | Explore the Arctic tundra with a pack of dogs or go sail boating into the middle of a wild storm! 5 stories | Picture Book |
| When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry | Molly Bang | When Sophie's sister takes away a toy that Sophie was playing with, Sophie gets angry. | Picture Book |
| What Are You So Grumpy About? | Tom Lichtenheld | This book offers a humorous look at what makes a child grumpy. | Picture Book |
| One Tiny Turtle | Nicola Davies | Follow the life cycle of a Loggerhead turtle. | Picture Book |
| Owl Moon | Jane Yolen | A young girl and her father go owling late one winter night. Ultimately, she experiences the beauty of the silence of the night. | Picture Book |
| Caps for Sale | Esphyr Slobodkina | A peddler comes to town to sell his caps. Monkeys steal his caps and go up into the tree. | Picture Book |
| Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato | Tomie DePaola | Lazy Jamie captures a leprechaun who offers him potatoes, not gold. | Folktales |
| The Man Who Tricked a Ghost | Laurence Yep | Chinese tale about a man who plays tricks on a mean ghost. | Folktales |
| A Story, A Story | Gail Haley | Anansi, the spider man, wins stories from the Sky God | Folktales (African) |
| Go Dog Go | PD Eastman | Dogs everywhere doing silly things. An all-time favorite. | Fiction for beginning readers |
| Hello House | Linda Hayward | Brer Rabbit fools Brer Wolf who is hiding in the rabbits' house. | Fiction for beginning readers |
| Hop on Pop | Seuss | Rhyming words depict funny situations | Fiction for beginning readers |
| Itchy Itchy Chicken Pox | Grace MacCarone | Catchy rhymes narrate a boy's bout with the pox | Fiction for beginning readers |
| Inspector Hopper | Doug Cushman | Inspector Hopper is a detective with a feel – and feelers – for mysteries. With the help of his partner, McBugg, this tiny supersleuth can crack any case! | Fiction for beginning readers |

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| The Terrible Thing That Happened At Our House | Marge Blaine | A youngster relates the terrible problems that occurred after her mother went to work and how the family solved them. | Fiction for beginning readers |
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SERIES BOOKS: We suggest any book in the following series:

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Weird School Series by Dan Gutman
Cam Jansen by David Adler
Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osbourne
Gus and Grandpa Stories by Claudia Mills

AUTHORS TO CONSIDER: We suggest any book by one of the following authors:

Gail Gibbons
Patricia Reilly Giff
Patricia Polacco
Cynthia Rylant
Judith St. George / David Small
Dr. Seuss

Another place to find book ideas is at:

<http://www.greatschools.org/students/books/456-books-for-kids-grades-k-5.gs>