

2026 SECOND GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

DEAR INCOMING SECOND GRADE FAMILIES,

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR! AS YOUR CHILD PREPARES FOR SECOND GRADE, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE READING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. SUMMER READING HELPS STUDENTS MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE SKILLS THEY HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO DEVELOP, WHILE ALSO FOSTERING A LIFELONG LOVE OF BOOKS.

READING CAN INCLUDE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GRAPHIC NOVELS, INFORMATIONAL TEXTS, OR LISTENING TO AN ADULT READ ALOUD. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT CHILDREN SPEND TIME ENJOYING BOOKS AND TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY READ.

EASY CHAPTER BOOKS



- Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows
- The Princess in Black series by Shannon Hale
- Dragon Masters series by Tracey West
- Judy Moody and Friends series by Megan McDonald

BOOKS ABOUT BUGS & NATURE



- Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin
- Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin
- National Geographic Readers: Caterpillar to Butterfly by Laura Marsh
- Bugs A to Z by Caroline Lawton
- Are You a Bee? by Judy Allen



ANIMAL STORIES



- Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (great for family read-alouds)
- Dear Beast by Dori Hillestad Butler
- The Adventures of Sophie Mouse series by Poppy Green
- Owl Diaries series by Rebecca Elliott

COMMUNITY & HELPERS



- Career Day by Anne Rockwell
- Firefighters Then and Now by Heather Adamson
- Whose Tools Are These? by Sharon Katz Cooper
- A Field Guide to Your Community by Marcle Colleen

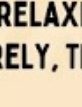
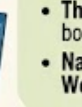
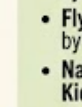
PICTURE BOOKS



- Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
- The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
- The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- Saturday by Oge Mora
- Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

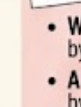


NONFICTION & INFORMATIONAL TEXTS



- Who Would Win? series by Jerry Pallotta
- Fly Guy Presents series by Tedd Arnold
- National Geographic Kids Readers
- The Magic School Bus books by Joanna Cole
- National Geographic Kids: Weird But True!

POETRY & HUMOR



- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
- The Bug in Teacher's Coffee and Other School Poems by Kalli Dakos

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR CHILD TO SECOND GRADE AND HEARING ABOUT THE BOOKS THEY ENJOYED THIS SUMMER!

HAVE A SAFE, RELAXING, AND BOOK-FILLED SUMMER!

SINCERELY, THE SECOND GRADE TEAM