

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment



The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to become lifelong learners and to provide fun and engaging ways to build their independent reading skills. Children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backwards. Many children forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. This can be prevented by reading throughout the summer.

Incoming second graders should read an assortment of fiction and nonfiction books during the summer. In order to guide your child in choosing "just right books", attached is a compiled list of suggested books by guided reading level. Please refer to your child's range of guided reading levels from their first grade teacher when picking an appropriate book that encourages reading and helps build fluency. The list is meant to be a guide for students and parents; students can select books that do not appear on this list. The important thing is that students read, read, read! You and your child might wish to explore other options as well; for example, children's magazines and audio books provide a variety of language experiences. Just remember, reading should be fun so your child should pick books that interest them!

### **Incoming second grade students are required to:**

- ✓ **Keep a log of everything they read over the summer and bring it with them to share with their new teacher in September. Please use the attached Summer Reading Log to keep track of the books. It is recommended that your child reads a minimum of 15 minutes a day.**
  
- ✓ **Bring their favorite fiction and nonfiction book that they read over the summer with them on the 1st day of school. These books will be used to launch the 2nd grade Reading Workshop. Students should be able to read these books independently. They will use these books to complete assignments in class so they should be books they have already read.**

Need help finding a book on your child's guided reading level? Do you want to know what level a specific book is? Here are some helpful websites:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>

<http://www.public.asu.edu/~diann/Bibliographies/leveledbooks.htm>

[http://www.emmaclark.org/kids/Leveled\\_Book\\_Titles/LeveledHome.htm](http://www.emmaclark.org/kids/Leveled_Book_Titles/LeveledHome.htm)

[http://www.enterprisecharter.org/content/Books/leveled\\_book\\_list.pdf](http://www.enterprisecharter.org/content/Books/leveled_book_list.pdf)

| <b>Fiction Books Series</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>F:</b><br>Biscuit<br>Piggie and Elephant<br>Puppy Mudge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>G:</b><br>First Grade Friends<br>Biscuit<br>Robin Hill School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>H:</b><br>Little Critter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>I:</b><br>Fly Guy<br>Books by Syd Hoff<br>Scholastic Readers Level 2-3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>J:</b><br>Poppleton<br>Henry and Mudge<br>Mr. Putter and Tabby<br>Little Bear<br>Fox and Friends<br>Young Cam Jansen (J/K)<br>Froggy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>K:</b><br>Mercy Watson<br>Frog and Toad<br>Commander Toad<br>M&M<br>Amanda Pig<br>Houndsley and Catina<br>Zelda and Ivy<br>Iris and Walter<br>Minnie and Moo<br>Little Bill<br>Arthur (by: Mark Brown)<br>Nate the Great<br>Curious George<br>Frances series (by: Russell Hoban)<br>Bones series (by: David Adler)(J/K)                                                            | <b>L:</b><br>Mama Rex and T<br>George and Martha<br>Pinky and Rex<br>Horrible Harry<br>Amelia Bedelia<br>Cam Jansen<br>Fancy Nancy<br>Ready Freddy<br>Miss Nelson books<br>Triplet Trouble<br>Pee Wee Scouts<br>My Weird School (mixed L-N)                                                                                                             | <b>M:</b><br>Bailey School Kids<br>Black Lagoon Adventures (L/M)<br>Marvin Redpost (L/M)<br>Jake Drake<br>Junie B. Jones<br>Magic Treehouse<br>Kids in Miss Colman's class<br>Polk Street<br>Magic Fairies<br>The Littles<br>Zack Files<br>Puppy Place<br>Katie Kazoo<br>Jake Drake<br>Jigsaw Jones (M/N)                                                                                                       |
| <b>N:</b><br>Adam Joshua Capers<br>A to Z Mysteries (M/N)<br>Amber Brown<br>Judy Moody<br>Ivy and Bean (M/N)<br>Secrets of Droom<br>Julian Stories<br>Flat Stanley<br>Roscoe Riley<br>Dragon Slayers Academy<br>Sophie                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>O:</b><br>Pippi Longstocking<br>Boxcar Children<br>Clue Jr.<br>Dragon Slayer Academy<br>Babysitters Club<br>Anatasia<br>Ramona Quimby<br>Henry Huggins<br>Clementine<br>Humphrey                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>P:</b><br>Encyclopedia Brown<br>Time Warp Trio<br>Franny K Stein –Mad Scientist<br>Geronimo Stilton<br>Captain Underpants                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Q:</b><br>Bunnicula<br>Ghosthunters<br>American Girl<br>Little House<br>Fudge series<br>Disaster Strikes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Nonfiction Books Title (Author)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>F:</b><br><i>Frog's Lunch</i> (Lillegard)<br><i>Harry's House</i> (Medearis)<br><i>Firehouse</i> (Sal Brimmer)<br><i>Pizza Party</i> (Maccarone)<br><i>Soccer Game</i> (Maccarone)<br><i>Amy Loves the Snow</i> (Huban)<br><i>I Am Fire</i> (Marzollo)<br><i>Shine, Sun!</i> (Greene)<br><i>Is This You?</i> (Krauss)<br><i>Cookie's Week</i> (Ward)                                                                                              | <b>G:</b><br><i>The Great Race</i> (McPhail)<br><i>Teddy Bear for Sale</i> (Herman)<br><i>Dinosaurs</i> (Maccarone)<br><i>Pele: The King of Soccer</i> (Canizares & Berger)<br><i>Make It Move</i> (Canizares & Chessen)<br><i>Sam the Garbage Hound</i> (Simon)<br><i>Sometimes Things Change</i> (Eastman)<br><i>Why Can't I Fly?</i> (Gelman)<br><i>The Class Trip</i> (Maccarone) | <b>H:</b><br><i>It's Spring</i> (Berger & Chanko)<br><i>Come! Sit! Speak!</i> (Simon)<br><i>The Very Big Potato</i> (Cherrington)<br><i>Plane Rides</i> (Walker)<br><i>What Will the Weather Be Like Today?</i> (Rogers)<br><i>When I First Came to This Land</i> (Ziefert)<br><i>Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens</i> (Borden)<br><i>My Pigs</i> (Miller) | <b>I:</b><br><i>A Day with Firefighters</i> (Kottke)<br><i>A Day with a Mail Carrier</i> (Kottke)<br><i>I Am a Rock</i> (Marzollo)<br><i>We Just Moved</i> (Krensky)<br><i>All Tutus Should Be Pink</i> (Brownrigg)<br><i>The Sun's Family of Planets</i> (Fowler)<br><i>Messy Bessey's Family Reunion</i> (McKissack & McKissack)<br><i>Red-Eyed Tree Frog</i> (Cowley)                                        |
| <b>J:</b><br><i>My Life</i> (Pistone)<br><i>Jack Plays the Violin</i> (Schultz)<br><i>On the Lake</i> (Onish)<br><i>Me on the Map</i> (Sweeney)<br><i>How Kittens Grow</i> (Selsam)<br><i>Bear Shadow</i> (Asch)<br><i>Looking at Maps and Globes</i> (Bredeson)                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>K:</b><br><i>All About Things People Do</i> (Rice & Rice)<br><i>What Magnets Can Do</i> (Fowler)<br><i>Chickens Aren't the Only Ones</i> (Heller)<br><i>A Place for Grace</i> (Okimoto)<br><i>The Blue Mittens</i> (Mann)<br><i>Penguins</i> (Reed)<br><i>Our Flag</i> (Rothman)<br><i>Ming Lo Moves the Mountain</i> (Lobel)<br><i>Shipwreck Saturday</i> (Cosby)                 | <b>L:</b><br><i>The Mud Pony</i> (Cohen)<br><i>Apatosaurus</i> (Landau)<br><i>Animal Tracks</i> (Dorros)<br><i>Spiders</i> (Gibbons)<br><i>Solve It!</i> (Goldish)<br><i>Rain Forest</i> (Miranda)<br><i>This Is My House</i> (Dorros)                                                                                                                  | <b>M:</b><br><i>Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog</i> (Moore)<br><i>Gung Hay Fat Choy</i> (Behrens)<br><i>Yellowstone National Park</i> (Petersen)<br><i>Nine True Dolphin Stories</i> (Davidson)<br><i>Boom!</i> (Gutner)<br><i>Jungle Jack Hanna's Safari Adventure</i> (Probeg & Probeg)<br><i>At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue</i> (Wirth)<br><i>California or Bust!</i> (Stamper)<br><i>Firefighters</i> (Dahlie) |
| <b>N:</b><br><i>Endangered Animals: A New True Book</i> (Stone)<br><i>Do Tornadoes Really Twist?</i> (Berger)<br><i>Catwings Return</i> (Le Guin)<br><i>A Dinosaur Named Sue</i> (Robinson)<br><i>The Corn Husk Doll</i> (Schiller)<br><i>The Garden on Green Street</i> (Schiller)<br><i>Lily and Miss Liberty</i> (Stevens)<br><i>How Is a Crayon Made?</i> (Charles)<br><i>Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind</i> (Davidson) | <b>O:</b><br><i>The Kids' Invention Book</i> (Erlbach)<br><i>A Picture Book of Sojourner Truth</i> (Adler)<br><i>Look What Came From Mexico</i> (Harvey)<br><i>The Donner Party</i> (Olson)<br><i>I Wonder Why Snakes Shed Their Skins</i> (O'Neill)<br><i>Where There Was Smoke</i> (Martinucci)<br><i>Desert Life</i> (Mann)                                                        | <b>P:</b><br><i>The Magic School Bus® Inside a Beehive</i> (Cole)<br><i>The Real McCoy</i> (Towle)<br><i>A Whale Is Not a Fish</i> (Berger)<br><i>Shoebag</i> (James)<br><i>The Eagle Has Landed</i> (Merchant)<br><i>The Drum Beats On</i> (Cherrington)<br><i>Weather</i> (Fleisher)<br><i>In the Rain Forest</i> (Anastasion)                        | <b>Q:</b><br><i>Favorite Medieval Tales</i> (Osborne)<br><i>Adventures of the Shark Lady</i> (McGovern)<br><i>Exploring the Titanic</i> (Ballard)<br><i>If You Lived with the Cherokees</i> (Roop)<br><i>Mary on Horseback</i> (Wells)<br><i>Native American Art</i> (Motil)<br><i>Animals of Long Ago</i> (Ring)                                                                                               |

