

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 receive a summer reading certificate.

Title	Author	Synopsis	Genre
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

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>