



Summer Reading Lists

2023-24 School Year

Welcome to Summer Reading!

Attached you will find grade level specific summer reading criteria as well as some general guidelines that may assist you and your child with their book selection(s).

Reading is one of the most important things your child can do each day to help him or her succeed in school. However, if your child is not reading books at their own level (i.e., the book is too difficult) then they are defeating the purpose of reading at all. Please look over the tips below on how to help your child find a "Just Right" book and how to help your child enjoy reading over the summer:

- Have your child use the "five finger test" to see if the vocabulary is just right. (Your child reads one whole page from the middle of the book and counts the number of words he or she stumbles on and doesn't know. If it is more than five it is too hard. If he or she gets them all or misses only one or two the book is just right.)
- Help your child look through the book for the size of the print and the number of pictures — these should be similar to other books your child has successfully read.
- Encourage your child to read the back cover or inside flap of the book before he or she begins reading the book to determine whether the book would be interesting — it is ok to abandon a book occasionally, but not every week!
- Check out the online [Scholastic Book Wizard](#). You can type in a title and it will tell you the level as well as suggest other titles at that same level or at a grade level higher.
- Remember that above grade level books may have inappropriate content. You will have to screen them.
- Have a summer book club. Gather some kids and have them read the same book. Gather afterwards for discussion and fun.
- If you cannot get a group together, try getting two copies of the same books and reading it with your child. That way you can have great discussions with your child.

Happy Reading!

Read Read Read all of the time.

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Read all that you can,

Read and grow as a reading fan

Read a mystery, a fable, a fantasy or two,

Read your morning cereal box if you have nothing to do.

Read a book full of jokes when you are feeling sad,

Read a book with a happy ending if you feel a little mad.

Read about the animals, dinosaurs and outer space,

Read to discover how things work all over the place.

Read about heroes, saints, inventors or plants,

Read to learn about snakes, insects and ants.

Read to your mother, sister, brother or dad.

Read to your pets if they look a little sad.

Read a poem or a mother goose rhyme.



Grade 2 Summer Reading List

Summer Assignment:

1. Find a just right book. After you read the book, complete a reading log listing all of the additional books you read on your own.
2. The week before school begins, think about all of the books you read during the summer. Choose one that you liked. Write a letter to your teacher about that book and convince them why you think they should read that book to the class.
3. Return your reading log and your letter to your teacher on the first day of school.

How to find a just right book:

- Choose a book you would like to read.
- Look at a page in the middle of the book.
- Put one finger down for every word you can't read or don't understand. If you have five fingers down, you will need to try a different book. If you have fewer fingers then it is a book just right for you.

If it is not a just right book for you to read by yourself, ask your parent to read the book with you. Maybe you can take turns. You read a page, they read a page. Or try reading the pages aloud on your own and they can help you with the challenging words. This will help you grow as a reader.

Note to Parents:

The goal of the second grade teachers is to have the upcoming second graders read as often as they can. They can choose from the booklist or pick another book they might like to read. The reading log is not limited to just one page. Download as many as you need.

Our goal is for each rising second grader is to read three to five books over the course of the summer, dependent on the kind of book(s) chosen.

Some Reading Suggestions for Upcoming Second Graders:

Books in a series. The reading levels are average levels.

Henry and Mudge books – C Rylant
Nate the Great books – Marjorie Sharmat 2.2
Magic Tree House Books – Mary Pope Osbourne 3.0
The A – Z Mysteries books – Ron Roy 3.5
Amelia Bedelia books – Peggy Parish 2.7
Fables – Arnold Lobel 5.1
Cobble Street series – Cynthia Rylant
Fairy Tales – Hans Christian Anderson 5.6
Frog and Toad Series – Arnold Lobel 2.3
Mr. Putter and Tabby Series – Cynthia Rylant 2.5
Cam Jansen Series 2.7
Bedtime for Frances and other Frances 3.4
Mark Brown Books 2.5
Ballpark Mysteries David Kelly 2.9

Miscellaneous Fiction

Allard, Harry Miss Nelson is Missing 3.1
Bradley, Kimberly The Perfect Pony 3.1
Cronin, Doreen Diary of a Fly 2.5
Shannon, David A Bad Case of Stripes 3.5
Wiesner, David The Three Pigs 2.8
Barton, Bryon The Three Bears 1.5

NON FICTION BOOKS (Titles given or others by the same author on the same level.)

Adler, David Picture Book of Davy Crockett & other biographies 3.6
Yolen, Jane - A Sip of Aesop 3.5
Lawrence, Jacob – Aesop's Fables 5.1
DePaola, Tomie - The Legend of the Blue Bonnet 3.7
DePaola Tomie - 26 Fairmount Avenue or other biography series 3.8
Berger, Melvin - Do Whales Have Belly Buttons? 5.6
Smally Rodger - Dolly Madison History
Bishop, Nic - Spiders 1.9
Cole, Joanna - Magic School Bus 3.5
Holub, Joan - Why Do Dogs Bark? Or others in the series 3.3
Mahy, Margaret - The Seven Chinese Brothers 4.9
Smith, Lane - John, Paul, George and Ben 3.5
Smith Molly - Green Anaconda: The World's Heaviest Snake N/A
Pfeffer, Wendy - From Tadpole to Toad 2.5
Standiford, Natalie - Bravest Dog Ever: True Story of Balto 2

SKPS Upcoming Second Grade Reading Log

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