

St. John's Summer Reading Suggestions: Entering Second Grade

(Books on this list are suggestions made by our librarian, Ms. Powers.)

PICTURE BOOKS

Picture books are great for any age. Some favorites for entering second graders include:

Barnett, Mac	<i>Sam and Dave Dig a Hole</i>
Brown, Peter	<i>My Teacher is a Monster (No, I Am Not)</i>
Daywalt, Drew	<i>The Day the Crayons Came Back</i>
Falconer, Ian	<i>Olivia the Spy</i>
Higgins, Ryan T.	<i>We Don't Eat Our Classmates!</i>
Keller, Laurie	<i>The Scrambled States of America</i>
Klassen, Jon	<i>This is Not My Hat</i>
Miller, Rhett	<i>No More Poems!: A Book in Verse That Just Gets Worse</i>
Pizzoli, Greg	<i>The Book Hog</i>
Reynolds, Aaron	<i>Nerdy Birdy</i>
Rubin, Adam	<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!</i>

EARLY READERS

Early Readers are ideal for many first graders who are going into second. They are basically beginning chapter books and usually give the reader a lot of practice with high-frequency words. Many of the books have humorous plots and characters. Some are easier to read than others, but numbers on some of the books can direct the reader to the appropriate level.

Adler, David	<i>Mo Jackson (series)</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Fly Guy (series)</i>
Fenske, Jonathan	<i>A Pig, a Fox, and Stinky Socks</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Penny and Her Song</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad (series)</i>
McMullan, Kate	<i>Pearl and Wagner (series)</i>
O'Connor, Jane	<i>Fancy Nancy readers</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Henry and Mudge (series)</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Poppleton (series)</i>
Schneider, Josh	<i>Tales for Very Picky Eaters</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Elephant & Piggie (series)</i>
Various authors	<i>Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!</i>

CHAPTER BOOKS

The books listed below should satisfy a reader who wants a bit of a challenge.

Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy + Bean (series)</i>
Bauer, Marion Dane	<i>The Blue Ghost</i>
Benton, Jim	<i>Franny K. Stein (series)</i>
Bruel, Nick	<i>Bad Kitty (series)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson (series)</i>
Elliott, Rebecca	<i>Owl Diaries (series)</i>
Flintham, Thomas	<i>Press Start! (series)</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>My Weird School (series)</i>
Hale, Shannon	<i>The Princess in Black (series)</i>
Hanlon, Abby	<i>Dory Fantasmagory</i>
Nolan, Lucy	<i>Down Girl and Sit</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>The Magic Tree House (series)</i>
Roy, Ron	<i>A to Z Mysteries (series)</i>
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor</i>
Various authors	<i>Choose Your Own Adventure (revised series)</i>

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Many great graphic novels for beginning readers are being published now. Students of all ages love these.

Annable, Graham	<i>Peter & Ernesto (series)</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Noodleheads (series)</i>
Blabey, Aaron	<i>The Bad Guys (series)</i>
Burks, James	<i>Bird & Squirrel (series)</i>
Hatke, Ben	<i>Zita the Spacegirl (series)</i>
Krosoczka, Jarrett J.	<i>The Lunch Lady (series)</i>
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Dogman (series)</i>
Winick, Judd	<i>Hilo (series)</i>

NON-FICTION

"True" books to entertain and inform.

Bugler, Beth	<i>My First Book of Football</i>
DK	<i>Junior Maker: Experiments to Try, Crafts to Create, and Lots to Learn!</i>
Donnelly, Judy	<i>The Titanic: Lost and Found</i>
Eggers, Dave	<i>Her Right Foot</i>
Ehlert, Lois	<i>The Scraps Book: Notes From a Colorful Life</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars</i>
French, Jess	<i>What A Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet</i>
Hood, Susan	<i>Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World</i>
Martin, Claudia	<i>My Little Book of Rocks, Minerals, and Gems</i>
Osborne, Will	<i>Magic Tree House Research Guides</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>