

St. John's Summer Reading Suggestions: First Grade into Second Grade

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>
Hoberman, Mary Ann	<i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You</i>
Keller, Laurie	<i>The Scrambled States of America</i>
Klassen, Jon	<i>This is Not My Hat</i>
Reynolds, Aaron	<i>Nerdy Birdy</i>
Rubin, Adam	<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i>
Stevens, Janet	<i>The Great Fuzz Frenzy</i>
Watt, Melanie	<i>Chester</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>The Pigeon Needs a Bath!</i>

I-CAN-READ Books and other Early Readers

I-Can-Read books 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 the books can often direct the reader to the appropriate level.

Adler, David	<i>Pass the Ball, Mo!</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Fly Guy (series)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Bink & Gollie</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Leroy Ninker Saddles Up</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>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories</i>
Townsend, Michael	<i>Mr. Ball (and other Jump-into-Chapters books)</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Elephant & Piggie (series)</i>

CHAPTER BOOKS

Some first-into-second graders will be ready for chapter books this summer. 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>
Brown, Jeff	<i>Flat Stanley</i>
Bruel, Nick	<i>Bad Kitty (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>
McKay, Hilary	<i>Lulu and the Duck in the Park</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>
Sharmat, Marjorie	<i>Nate the Great (series)</i>
Various authors	<i>Choose Your Own Adventure (revised series)</i>

NON-FICTION

“True” books to entertain and inform.

Bishop, Nic	<i>Nic Bishop Frogs</i>
Bugler, Beth	<i>My First Book of Football</i>
Donnelly, Judy	<i>The Titanic: Lost and Found</i>
Ehlert, Lois	<i>The Scraps Book: Notes From a Colorful Life</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars</i>
Giganti, Paul	<i>Each Orange Had Eight Slices</i>
Jenkins, Steve	<i>What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?</i>
Martin, Claudia	<i>My Little Book of Rocks, Minerals, and Gems</i>
Osborne, Will	<i>Magic Tree House Research Guides</i>
Otto, Carolyn	<i>What Color is Camouflage? (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science)</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>