



Dear Rising Second Grade Families,

Welcome to second grade! We are thrilled to have your children in our classrooms next year! Second grade is such an exciting year of growth and love of learning, and we look forward to collaborating with your family!

Until then, we ask that you continue or create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together as a family. Below you will find the second grade required summer reading list.

We ask that your family share in reading these books that highlight diverse characters during this summer in anticipation of our first days of school. Your child may choose to read these books independently or read them jointly with a parent or family friend. We look forward to hearing about the thoughtful conversations and discussions these books spark in your homes.

Happy reading!
Your Second Grade Teachers

Please choose two or more of the following books to enjoy this summer:

Picture Books:

The Sandwich Shop by Queen Rania Alabdullah
Thunderboy Jr. by Sherman Alexie
Neither by Airlie Anderson
Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
Maddi's Fridge by Lois Brandt
I am Enough by Grace Byers
Jabari Jumps and Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall
Salt in his Shoes by Deloris Jordan
The Invisible Boy by Tudy Loudwig
Ravi's Roar by Tom Percibal
A Normal Pig by K-Fai Steele
My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits

Chapter books:

Lola Levine Series by Monica Brown
King and Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler
Zoe and Sassafras by Asia Citro
Jaden Toussaint Series by Marti Dumas
Katie Woo Series by Fran Manushkin
Pedro Series by Fran Manushkin
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol Series by Andres Miedoso

Please don't forget that the Public Library has many copies of these popular books. As well as being a great resource, regular visits to the Public Library can be a valuable routine that promotes reading for children and their family members.

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

Over the summer, we ask that families of incoming second graders continue or create a reading routine that highlights the joy of sharing books together. To help support this routine, our librarian Ms. Powers has compiled the following list of suggested books, many of which can be found at your local public library. These titles are optional.

PICTURE BOOKS

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

Beaty, Andrea
Burach, Ross
Daywalt, Drew
DiCamillo, Kate
Funk Josh
Higgins, Ryan T.
James, LeBron
John, Jory
Miller, Rhett
Pizzoli, Greg
Reynolds, Aaron
Rubin, Adam
Willems, Mo

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
The Very Impatient Caterpillar
The Day the Crayons Came Back
A Piglet Named Mercy
How to Code a Rollercoaster
We Will Rock Our Classmates
I Promise
The Cool Bean
No More Poems!: A Book in Verse That Just Gets Worse
The Book Hog
Nerdy Birdy Tweets!
Dragons Love Tacos
The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!

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
Arnold, Tedd
Fenske, Jonathan
Butler, Dori Hillestad
Henkes, Kevin
Lobel, Arnold
O'Connor, Jane
Rylant, Cynthia
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Schneider, Josh
Willems, Mo
Various authors

Mo Jackson (series)
Fly Guy (series)
A Pig, a Fox, and Stinky Socks
King & Kayla (series)
Penny and Her Song
Frog and Toad (series)
Fancy Nancy readers
Henry and Mudge (series)
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)
Tales for Very Picky Eaters
Who is the Mystery Reader?
Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!

CHAPTER BOOKS

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

Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy + Bean (series)</i>
Beaty, Andrea	<i>The Questioners (series)</i>
Benton, Jim	<i>Franny K. Stein (series)</i>
Bruel, Nick	<i>Bad Kitty (series)</i>
Elliott, Rebecca	<i>Unicorn Diaries and Owl Diaries (series)</i>
Flintham, Thomas	<i>Press Start! (series)</i>
Faruqi, Saadia	<i>Meet Yasmin! (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>
West, Tracey	<i>Dragon Masters (series)</i>

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Many great graphic novels are published for beginning readers. 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>
Green, John	<i>InvestiGators (series)</i>
O'Hara, Mo	<i>Agent Moose</i>
Pizzoli, Greg	<i>Baloney and Friends</i>
Winick, Judd	<i>Hilo (series)</i>

NON-FICTION

"True" books to entertain and inform.

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
Silverstein, Shel

Magic Tree House Research Guides
Where the Sidewalk Ends