

2008: "Catch the Reading Bug"



East Rochester School District

Grade 2

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Below is a list of books suggested for children entering second grade. This list includes stories your child will enjoy sharing with you or reading alone.

Adler, David A. *Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth*

Cam uses her photographic memory to help a classmate find the tooth she lost at school.

Arnosky, Jim. *I Was Born in a Tree and Raised by Bees*

Forest-dwelling Crinkleroot observes the plants and animals that surround him throughout the year.

Benet, Rosemary and Stephen Vincent. *Johnny Appleseed*

In this beautifully illustrated picture book, the Benets describe Johnny Appleseed's appearance and actions as a poem.

Burton, Virginia Lee. *The Little House*

In this Caldecott award-winning book, Virginia Lee Burton describes the "life" of a little house and happenings through the years.

Check, Laura. *Little Hands Paper Plate Crafts*

This creative art book uses dozens of drawings to illustrate a variety of easy crafts made from paper plates.

Danziger, Paula. *Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown*

Amber Brown loves second grade, but wonders if she will ever receive an award from Deskarina, the desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean.

dePaola, Tomie. *The Popcorn Book*

Written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, this informational book presents a variety of facts about popcorn and two recipes to enjoy.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. *Goldilocks Returns*

Fifty years after Goldilocks first met the three bears, she returns to fix up their cottage and soothe her guilty conscience.

Gibbons, Gail. *Cats*

In this non-fiction book, Gail Gibbons presents information about the physical characteristics, senses, and behavior of cats, as well as how to care for these animals, and some general facts about them.

Hadden, Mark. *The Sea of Tranquility*

A man remembers his boyhood fascination with the moon and the night mankind first bounced through the dust in the Sea of Tranquility.

Hoban, Lillian. *Arthur's Birthday Party*

Arthur the chimpanzee is determined to be the best all-around gymnast at his gymnastics birthday party.

Johnston, Tony. *Sparky and Eddie: The First Day of School*

Even though they are not in the same class, two young friends are glad that they decided to give school a try.

Kesselman, Wendy. *Emma*

After she receives a beautiful gift for her birthday, 72-year-old Emma begins to paint.

McCloskey, Robert. *Make Way for Ducklings*

In this Caldecott Medal winning book, mother and father mallard are searching for the perfect spot to raise their baby ducklings. They decide the Boston Public Garden is just right.

Prelutsky, Jack. *Beneath a Blue Umbrella*

Illustrated by Garth Williams, this book contains a collection of short poems about animals and children.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover*

Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic where they watch movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher.

Stevens, Janet. *The Tortoise and the Hare*

Janet Stevens recounts the race between the boastful hare and the persevering tortoise.

Weller, Frances Ward. *Riptide*

Zach's dog Riptide loves the sea and proves himself worthy of being the nineteenth lifeguard on Cape Cod's Nauset Beach.

Yolen, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?*

This book shows the different antics of a group of dinosaurs in school.

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