

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER READING: GRADE TWO

2015

Independent Reading

Books for Beginning Readers:

Hall, Katy	<i>Batty Riddles</i>
Kessler, Leonard	<i>Here Comes the Strikeout</i>
Kitt, Tamara	<i>The Boy Who Fooled the Giant</i>
Littledale, Freya	<i>The Magic Plum Tree</i>
Lobel, Anita	<i>The Straw Maid</i>
Massie, Diane	<i>The Komodo Dragon's Jewels</i>
McDonald, Megan	<i>Beezy At Bat</i>
Myers, Bernice	<i>Sydney Rella and the Glass Sneaker</i>
Napoli, Donna J.	<i>The Hero of Barletta</i>
Pickett, Anola	<i>Old Enough for Magic</i>
Ransom, Candice	<i>Rescue On the Outer Banks</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Poppleton in Spring</i> (series)
Sharmat, Marjorie	<i>Nate the Great, San Francisco Detective</i>
Shub, Elizabeth	<i>Seeing Is Believing</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Sleeping Ugly</i>

Books for Transition Readers:

Ackerman, Karen	<i>The Tin Heart</i>
Adler, David	<i>Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery</i> (series)
Allard, Harry	<i>Miss Nelson Is Missing!</i>
Allard, Harry	<i>Miss Nelson Has a Field Day</i>
Bauer, Marion Dane	<i>Alison's Wings</i>
Becker, Aaron	<i>Journey</i> [Caldecott Honor Book]
Brown, Marc	<i>Arthur's Computer Disaster</i>
Bunting, Eve	<i>Ballywhinney Girl</i>
Calhoun, Mary	<i>Cross-Country Cat</i>
Carlson, Natalie	<i>Spooky Night</i> (series)
Chaikin, Miriam	<i>Aviva's Piano</i>
Chinn, Karen	<i>Sam and the Lucky Money</i>
Cosentino, Ralph	<i>Superman, the Man of Steel</i> (graphic novel)
Cunningham, Julia	<i>A Mouse Called Junction</i>
Cunningham, Julia	<i>Maybe, a Mole</i>
Cushman, Doug	<i>Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Haunted House</i>
Dalgliesh, Alice	<i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i>
Easterling, Bill	<i>Prize in the Snow</i>
Erickson, Russell	<i>A Toad for Tuesday</i> (series)
French, Vivian	<i>Princess Daisy and the Dazzling Dragon</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>The Cabin Faced West</i>
Gackenback, Dick	<i>Teammates</i>

Graeber, Charlotte	<i>Mustard</i>
Hafner, Marilyn	<i>That Dog!</i>
Havill, Juanita	<i>Jamaica and the Substitute Teacher</i>
Howe, James	<i>Harold and Chester in Hot Fudge</i>
Juster, Norton	<i>Neville</i>
Laden, Nina	<i>The Night I Followed My Dog</i>
LaRochelle, David	<i>The End</i>
McNulty, Faith	<i>If You Decide to go to the Moon</i>
Marshall, James	<i>Miss Nelson Is Missing!</i>
Marshall, James	<i>Rapscallion Jones</i>
Ness, Evaline	<i>Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine</i>
Oakley, Graham	<i>The Church Cat (series)</i>
Pulver, Robin	<i>Thank You, Miss Doover</i>
Roy, Ron	<i>A-Z Mysteries (series)</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>The High-Rise Private Eyes (series)</i>
Seuss, Dr.	<i>The King's Stilts</i>
Shub, Elizabeth	<i>Cutlass in the Snow</i>
Stanley, Diane	<i>The Good Luck Pencil</i>
Stevenson, James	<i>The Mud Flat Mystery</i>
Titus, Eve	<i>Anatole (series)</i>
Van Woerkom, Dorothy	<i>Becky and the Bear</i>
Voigt, Cynthia	<i>Stories About Rosie</i>
Ward, Lynd	<i>The Biggest Bear</i>
Winthrop, Elizabeth	<i>Belinda's Hurricane</i>

Chapter Books for Independent Readers:

Ain, Beth	<i>Starring Jules (as herself)</i>
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy + Bean What's the Big Idea?</i>
Bauer, Marion Dane	<i>The Very Little Princess</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Fudge-a-Mania</i>
Brisson, Pat	<i>Hot Fudge Hero</i>
Bulla, Clyde	<i>The Chalk Box Kid</i>
Bulla, Clyde	<i>The Paint Brush Kid</i>
Bulla, Clyde	<i>Shoeshine Girl</i>
Bunting, Eve	<i>Reggie</i>
Carrick, Carol	<i>What a Wimp</i>
Catling, Patrick	<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>Face-Off (sport stories, series)</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>Stranger in Right Field</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (series)</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Muggie Maggie</i>
Coats, Lucy	<i>Beast Keeper</i>
Conford, Ellen	<i>Can Do, Jenny Archer</i>
Cooper, Ilene	<i>Absolutely Lucy</i>
Coville, Bruce	<i>The Monster's Ring</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon</i>

Danziger, Paula
 Delaney, Michael
 Dexter, Catherine
 Doherty, Berlie
 Duffey, Betsy
 Fritz, Jean
 Galbraith, Kathryn
 Giff, Patricia
 Goodman, Susan
 Greene, Stephanie
Haas, Jessie
 Harper, Charise Mericle
Henkes, Kevin
 Henkes, Kevin
 Henry, Marguerite
 Hest, Amy
 Hickman, Janet
 Hicks, Betty
 Hill, Elizabeth
 Holm, Jennifer
 Holm, Jennifer
 Howe, James
 Hurwitz, Johanna
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 Hurwitz, Johanna
 Jacobson, Jennifer
 Jacobson, Jennifer
 Keller, Holly
 King-Smith, Dick
 King-Smith, Dick
Kohuth, Jane
 Larson, Kirby
 Lawlor, Laurie
 LeGuin, Ursula
 Lexau, Joan
 Lindberg, Becky
Lowry, Lois
 MacLachlan, Patricia
 Mattingley, Christobel
McKay, Hilary
 McPhail, David
 McPhail, David
 Mazer, Anne

Forever Amber Brown
Obi, Gerbil on the Loose!
Safe Return
Willa and Old Miss Annie
Cody Unplugged
The Cabin Faced West
Roommates Again
Rosie's Big City Ballet
Animal Rescue
Owen Foote, Second Grade
Bramble and Maggie: Give and Take
Just Grace Goes Green
Penny and her Marble
Penny and Her Song
King of the Wind (series)
Nannies for Hire
The Thunder Pup
Scaredy-Cat Catcher
Starr Bird Boy
Babymouse: Our Hero
Babymouse: Rock Star
Bunnicula (series)
Class Clown
The Two and Only Kelly Twins
Russell and Elisa
Aldo Peanut Butter (series)
Andy Shane and the Barn Sale Mystery
Truly Winnie
Angela's Top-Secret Computer Club
Hairy Hezekiah
The Twin Giants
Anne Frank's Chestnut Tree
Second Grade Pig Pals
The School at Crooked Creek
Wonderful Alexander and the Catwings (Series)
Trouble Will Find You
Thomas Tuttle, Just in Time
Gooney Bird and all her charms
More Perfect Than the Moon
Duck Boy
Lulu and the Dog from the Sea
Little Horse
Little Horse on His Own
The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes #1: Every Cloud has a Silver Lining

Mills, Claudia
 Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
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 Norris, Gunilla
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Olshan, Matthew
 Orr, Wendy
Pennypacker, Sara
Polacco, Patricia
 Ray, Karen
 Rounds, Glen
 Roy, Ron
 Skolsky, Mindy
 Selden, George
 Soble, Donald
 Stauton, Ted
Sternberg, Julie
 Tarshis, Lauren
 Tavares, Matt
 Tripp, Valerie
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 Van Leeuwen, Jean
Vincente, Alidis
 Whelen, Gloria
 Williams, Karen
 Yee, Wong Herbert

Kelsey Green, Reading Queen
Josie's Troubles
Roxie and the Hooligans
Green and Something Else
The Friendship Hedge
The Mighty Lalouche
Ark in the Park
Clementine and the Spring Trip
Clara and Davie: The True Story of Young Clara Barton
The T. F. Letters
Blind Outlaw
Detective Camp
Hannah is a Palindrome
The Cricket in Time Square
Encyclopedia Brown (series)
Maggie and Me
Like Bug Juice on a Burger
I Survived The Shark Attack of 1916
Growing Up Pedro
Meet Josefina
Josefina Learns a Lesson
Josefina's Surprise
Two Girls in Sister Dresses
The Missing Chanclet and other Top-Secret Cases
Silver
Baseball and Butterflies
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole

Read Aloud

Picture Books:

Aardema, Verna
 Andersen, Hans Christian
 Andrews, Jan
 Bang, Molly
 Barrett, Mary
 Bateman, Teresa
 Bateman, Teresa
 Blake, Robert
 Borton, Lady
 Brett, Jan
 Browne, Anthony
 Bruchac, Joseph
 Callahan, Sean
 Carville, James

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
The Wild Swans, The Little Mermaid, etc
Very Last First Time
The Paper Crane
Sing to the Stars
Fiona's Luck
The Merbaby
Togo
Junk Pile
Beauty and the Beast
Voices in the Park
The Great Ball Game: a Muskogee Story
Shannon and the World's Tallest Leprechaun
Lu and the Swamp Ghost

Cooper, Susan
Corey, Shana
Craft, Charlotte
Davis, Patricia
Delemare, David
dePaola, Tomie
dePaola, Tomie
Derby, Sally
Diakit , Baba Wagu 
DiCamillo, Kate
Flournoy, Valerie
Franklin, Kristine
Galdone, Paul
Galdone, Paul
Galdone, Paul
Gay, Marie-Louise
Gerstein, Mordecai
Gerstein, Mordecai
Goble, Paul
Goble, Paul
Goble, Paul
Goble, Paul
Haley, Gail
Hickox, Rebecca
Hodges, Margaret
Hoffman, Mary
Hoffman, Mary
Horowitz, Dave
Hutchins, Hazel J.
Isadora, Rachel
Isadora, Rachel
Isadora, Rachel
Johnston, Tony
Johnston, Tony
Kelly, John
Kerby, Mona
Lasky, Kathryn
Levy, Janice
Lewis, Naomi, translator
Locker, Thomas
Locker, Thomas
McCully, Emily
McDermott, Gerald
McDermott, Gerald
Mahy, Margaret

The Silver Cow
Players in Pigtails
King Midas the the Golden Touch
Brian's Bird
Cinderella
Fin McCoul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill
The Mysterious Giant of Barletta
Jacob and the Stranger
The Magic Gourd
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
The Patchwork Quilt
The Wolfhound
The Bremen Town Musicians
Androcles and the Lion
The Monkey and the Crocodile
Any questions?..
The First Drawing
Prince Sparrow
Iktomie and the Boulder
Iktomi and the Berries
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
Buffalo Woman
A Story, A Story
Per and the Dala Horse
The Hero of Bremen
Amazing Grace
Boundless Grace
Humpty Dumpty Climbs Again
Mattland
Ben's Trumpet
Max
The Twelve Dancing Princesses (2007)
Amber on the Mountain
The Worm Family
The Mystery at Eatum Hall
Owney, the Mail-pouch Pooch
Marven of the Great North Woods
Thomas the toadilly terrible bully
Hans Christian Andersen's The Emperor's New Clothes
The Mare on the Hill
The Boy Who Held Back the Sea
The Orphan Singer
Arrow to the Sun
Anansi the Spider
The Seven Chinese Brothers

Marshall, James
and Maurice Sendak
Mayer, Marianna
Meunier, Brian
Millman, Isaac
Nash, Ogden
Ness, Evaline
Nimmo, Jenny
Oakley, Graham
Osborne, Mary Pope
Osborne, Will
Peet, Bill Cyrus
Peet, Bill
Peet, Bill
Perrault, Charles
Polacco, Patricia
Polacco, Patricia
Recorvits, Helen
Rodriguez, Bobbie
Roth, Susan
Ruzzier, Sergio
Rylant, Cynthia
Rylant, Cynthia
San Souci, Robert
Sendak, Maurice
Schram, Peninnah
Shirley, Debra
Spirin, Gennadii
Stanley, Diane
Stanley, Diane
Stewig, John
Thomas, Frances
Thurber, James
Valgardson, W. D.
Van Allsburg, Chris
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Weatherford, Carol
Wells, Rosemary
Williams, Vera
Williams, Vera
Wolkstein, Diane
Wood, Audrey
Yolen, Jane
Zemach, Margot

Swine Lake
The Little Jewel Box
Bravo Tavo!
Moses Sees a Play
Adventures of Isabel (2008)
Sam, Bangs and Moonshine
The Starlight Cloak
The Church Mouse (series)
The Brave Little Seamstress
Sleeping Bobby
The Unsinkable Sea Serpent
The Gnats of Knott Pine
Huge Harold
Cinderella; Puss in Boots; Tom Thumb; Sleeping Beauty
Luba and the Wren
Mrs Mack
Yoon and the Jade Bracelet
Sarah's Sleepover
Brave Martha and the Dragon
A Letter for Leo
Miss Maggie
The Relatives Came
Cinderella Skeleton
Outside Over There
The Magic Pomegranate
Best Friends on Wheels
Martha
The Giant and the Beanstalk
The Trouble with Wishes
The Moon's Choice
The Bear and Mr Bear
The Great Quillow
Winter Rescue
Jumanji
The Polar Express
The Wreck of the Zephyr
First Pooch: The Obamas Pick a Pet
Wingwalker
A Chair for My Mother
Something Special for Me
The Magic Wings
When the Root Children Wake Up
The Seeing Stick
It Could Always Be Worse

Longer Stories or Chapter Books

Armstrong, William	<i>The Tale of Tawny and Dingo</i>
Atwater, Richard	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>
Baglio, Ben	<i>Cats at the Campground</i>
Baum, Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Birney, Betty G.	<i>Surprises According to Humphrey</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>
Borden, Louise	<i>The Lost-and-Found Tooth</i>
Brown, Palmer	<i>Hickory</i>
Bulla, Clyde	<i>The Wish at the Top</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i>
Cronin, Doreen	<i>The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery</i>
Delaney, M.C.	<i>Birdbrain Amos</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig</i>
Duey, Kathleen	<i>The Silver Bracelet (series)</i>
Gannett, Ruth	<i>My Father's Dragon</i>
Graeber, Charlotte	<i>Fudge</i>
Haas, Jessie	<i>Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl</i>
Hale, Bruce	<i>Big Bad Detective Agency Private Eye (series)</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Penny and Her Song</i>
Howe, James	<i>Nighty-Nightmare</i>
Juster, Norton	<i>Neville</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>Babe the Gallant Pig</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>The Golden Goose</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>Harry's Mad</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>A Mouse Called Wolf</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>Sophie's Snail</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>Pigs Might Fly</i>
Koller, Jackie	<i>The Dragonling</i>
Kraan, Hanna	<i>The Wicked Witch Is At It Again</i>
Lawson, Robert	<i>Ben and Me</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
Rocco, John	<i>Blizzard</i>
Selden, George	<i>The Cricket in Time Square</i>
Selden, George	<i>Harry Cat's Pet Puppy</i>
Stolz, Mary	<i>Quentin Corn</i>
Travers, Pamela	<i>Mary Poppins</i>
White, E. B.	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>
White, E. B.	<i>Stuart Little</i>
Williams, Margery	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>

Shared Reading

Informational Books

Adler, David	<i>How Tall, How Short, How Far Away</i>
Arnold, Caroline	<i>Bat</i>
Arnold, Caroline	<i>Lion</i>
Barrett, Norman	<i>Hamsters (series)</i>
Bash, Barbara	<i>Urban Roosts: Where Birds Nest in the City</i>
Berger, Melvin	<i>Germes Make Me Sick</i>
Bishop, Nic	<i>Nic Bishop's Marsupials</i>
Bjork, Christina	<i>Linnea in Monet's Garden</i>
Bjork, Christina	<i>Linnea's Almanac</i>
Brinckloe, Julie	<i>Fireflies</i>
Busch, Phyllis	<i>Cactus in the Desert</i>
Calmenson, Stephanie	<i>Rosie: A Visiting Dog's Story</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>Cars and How They Go</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth</i>
Darling, Kathy	<i>ABC Cats</i>
Darling, Tara & Darling, Kathy	<i>ABC Dogs</i>
dePaola, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmont Avenue</i>
dePaola, Tomie	<i>The Cloud Book</i>
Esbensen, Barbara	<i>Great Northern Diver: The Loon</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Sharks</i>
Gardner, Beau	<i>Guess What?</i>
George, William	<i>Box Turtle at Long Pond</i>
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Dogs</i>
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Beacons of Light: Lighthouses</i>
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Sunken Treasure!</i>
Grover, Wayne	<i>Dolphin Adventure: A True Story</i>
Grover, Wayne	<i>Dolphin Treasure</i>
Hall, Lynn	<i>Barry, the Bravest Saint Bernard</i>
Horvatic, Anne	<i>Simple Machines</i>
Jango-Cohen, Judith	<i>Real-life Sea Monsters</i>
Krementz, Jill	<i>A Very Young Skater (series)</i>
Krull, Kathleen	<i>Marie Curie</i>
Landau, Elaine	<i>Parrots and Parakeets as Pets</i>
Lewis, Patrick	<i>Blackbeard, the Pirate King</i>
Markle, Sandra	<i>Hornets: Incredible Insect Architects</i>
Markle, Sandra	<i>Luna Moths: Masters of Change</i>
Marks, Mickey	<i>Collage</i>
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs	<i>Snowflake Bentley</i>
Matthews, Downs	<i>Polar Bear Cubs</i>
McNulty, Faith	<i>Orphan: The Story of a Baby Woodchuck</i>
Milgrom, Harry	<i>Adventures with a Straw</i>

Orii, Eiji	<i>Simple Science Experiments with Water</i>
Parish, Peggy	<i>Beginning Mobiles</i>
Parsons, Alexandra	<i>Amazing Spiders (series)</i>
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw	<i>Appaloosa Horses</i>
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw	<i>Whales: Giants of the Deep</i>
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw	<i>When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone</i>
Petty, Kate	<i>Horse Heroes: True Stories of Amazing Horses</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Clara and Davie: The true story of young Clara Barton</i>
Rogers, Gregory	<i>The Hero of Little Street</i>
Rouse, Jeff	<i>The Young Swimmer: a Young Enthusiast's Guide to Swimming</i>
Scott, Elaine	<i>When Is a Planet Not a Planet? The Story of Pluto</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Butterflies</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Dolphins</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Spiders</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Storms</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Whales</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Wild Bears</i>
Stewart, Mark	<i>Tiger Woods: Driving Force</i>
Stewart, Melissa	<i>Feathers: Not Just for Flying</i>
Swentzell, Rina	<i>Children of Clay: a Family of Pueblo Potters</i>
Weber, William	<i>Poisonous Snakes</i>
Weber, William	<i>Care of Uncommon Pets</i>
Wyler, Rose	<i>Prove It!</i>
Yoshida, Toshi	<i>Young Lions</i>
Vernick, Audrey	<i>Brothers at Bat</i>

Poetry, Jokes, Riddles, etc.

An anthology of contemporary poems	<i>Falling Down the Page</i>
Hoberman, Mary Ann, comp.	<i>Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn By Heart</i>
Hopkins, Lee Bennett, editor.	<i>Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees: School Poems</i>
Bauer, Caroline	<i>Rainy Day: Stories and Poems</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>Baseball Jokes and Riddles</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>A New Treasury of Children's Poetry</i>
de Regniers, Beatrice S.	<i>Sing a Song of Popcorn</i>
Fleischman, Paul	<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Handsprings</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Zoo's Who: Poems and Paintings</i>
Hines, Anna Grossnickle	<i>Pieces: A year in Poems and Quilts</i>
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<i>Home to Me: Poems Across America</i>

Koch, Kenneth	<i>Talking to the Sun</i>
Larrick, Nancy	<i>Mice Are Nice</i>
Larrick, Nancy	<i>Piping Down the Valleys Wild</i>
Leedy, Loreen	<i>There's a Frog In My Throat: 440 Animal Sayings A Little Bird Told Me</i>
Lewis, Patrick	<i>Birds on a Wire: A Renga 'round Town</i>
Moore, Lillian	<i>Mural on Second Avenue and Other City Poems</i>
Muth, Jon	<i>Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons</i>
Otten, Charlotte	<i>January Rides the Wind: a Book of Months</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>My Dog May Be a Genius: Poems</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>Scranimals</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant: and other Poems</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>Beneath a Blue Umbrella</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>The New Kid on the Block</i>
Raczka, Bob	<i>Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys</i>
Rogasky, Barbara	<i>Winter Poems</i>
Smith, William Jay	<i>Birds and Beasts</i>
Thayer, Ernest	<i>Casey at the Bat</i>
Whipple, Laura	<i>Eric Carle's Animals, Animals</i>

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