



## Recommended Reading for Summer Knights Second Grade

Attached you will find a list of recommended books for your summer reading. In an effort to introduce you to current titles, the majority of this list contains books that were recently published. You will find some standards and classics because oftentimes they are just too good to ignore! You can find a more detailed description of the books by accessing the catalog on the [Lower School Library](#) webpage. Click "Search Destiny." Once inside the catalog, click "Collections," and there you will find the reading lists grouped by grade.

Keep in mind that this list is merely a suggestion. You are free to read whatever it is that you like, but be sure to keep a record of your reading to turn in when school starts in the fall. If you want more personalized recommendations, feel free to contact Catherine Lampley at [catherine.lampley@paceacademy.org](mailto:catherine.lampley@paceacademy.org).

At least **5** books should be read or read to each student. A record of books read should be given to your homeroom teacher during the first week of school.

Miss Lampley would love to hear from you over the summer. Please send her a letter telling her about what you've been reading and why you did or didn't like the books. Including a picture of you reading while on summer break is encouraged. Letters can be mailed to:

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### Beginning Chapter Books

Angleberger, Tom. *Inspector Flytrap* (series)  
Beaty, Andrea. *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants*  
Birney, Betty G. *Humphrey's Tiny Tales* (series)  
Broach, Elise. *The Miniature World of Marvin and James*  
Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad* (series)  
DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson* (series)  
Dougherty, Brandi. *Wild Fairies*  
Elliott, Rebecca. *Owl Diaries* (series)  
Hale, Shannon. *Princess in Black* (series)  
Himmelman, John. *Bunjitsu Bunny* (series)  
Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. *Andy Shane* (series)  
Kruglik, Nancy E. *Princess Pulverizer* (series)  
Marko, Cyndi. *Kung Pow Chicken* (series)  
McDonald, Megan. *Stink Moody* (series)  
Messner, Kate. *Fergus and Zeke* (series)  
Smith, Alex T. *Claude in the City*  
Snyder, Laurel. *Charlie & Mouse*  
Warner, Sally. *EllRay Jakes* (series)  
West, Kara. *Mia Mayhem*

### Biographies / Memoirs

Barnett, Mac. *The Important Thing about Margaret Wise Brown*  
Denise, Anika. *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre*  
Winter, Jonah. *Elvis Is King!*

### Fiction (Picture Books)

Charles, Tami. *Freedom Soup*  
Cooper, Elisha. *River*  
Deenihan, Jamie L.B. *When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree*  
Eland, Eva. *When Sadness Is at Your Door*  
Englar, Michael. *A Tiger Like Me*  
Flett, Julie. *Birdsong*  
Forsyth, Matthew. *Pokko and the Drum*  
McCartney, Paul. *Hey Grandude!*  
McClintock, Barbara. *Vroom!*  
Mora, Oge. *Saturday*  
Reidy, Jean. *Truman*  
Sotomayer, Sonia. *Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*

Tsurumi, Andrea. *Crab Cake: Turning the Tide Together*  
Wong, Liz. *The Goose Egg*  
Xiaojing, Jin. *I Miss My Grandpa: Even Though I Never Met Him*

### Georgia Book Award Nominees

Berger, Samantha. *What If*  
Cherry, Matthew. *Hair Love*  
Ferry, Beth. *The Scarecrow*  
Heder, Thyra. *How Do You Dance?*  
Hodgson, Rob. *The Cave*  
Love, Jessica. *Julian Is a Mermaid*  
Luyken, Corinna. *My Heart*  
Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Going Down Home with Daddy*  
Maier, Brenda. *The Little Red Fort*  
Meddour, Wendy. *Lubna and Pebble*  
Mercurio, Ishta. *Small World*  
Willems, Mo. *Because*  
Morales, Yuyi. *Dreamers*  
Morris, Richard. *Bear Came Along*  
Muhammad, Ibtihias. *The Proudest Blue*  
Nyong'o, Lupita. *Sulwe*  
Quintero, Isabel. *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*  
Robinson, Christian. *Another*  
Slade, Suzanne. *A Computer Called Catherine*  
Wallace, Sandra Neil. *Between the Lines: How Ernie Bonds Went from the Football Field to Art Gallery*

### ICGL Theme: Global Health

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*  
Child, Lauren. *I Will Never*  
Ehlerth, Lois. *Eating the Alphabet*  
Gavin, Ciara. *Bear Likes Jam*  
Gibbons, Gail. *The Fruits We Eat*  
Gibbons, Gail. *The Vegetables We Eat*  
Langholtz, Gabrielle. *United Tastes of America*  
Leedy, Loreen. *Jack and the Hungry Giant Eat Right with MyPlate*  
Marshall, Linda Elovitz. *The Polio Pioneer*  
Milway, Katie Smith. *Mimi's Village: And How Basic Health Care Transformed It*  
Nunes, John. *Little Things Make a Big Difference: A Story about Malaria*

Sharmat, Mitchell. *Gregory the Terrible Eater*

### Graphic Novels

Arnold, Ted. *Noodleheads* (series)  
Blabey, Aaron. *Bad Guys* (series)  
Burks, James. *Bird & Squirrel* (series)  
Clanton, Ben. *Narwhal and Jelly* (series)  
Liniers. *Written and Drawn by Henrietta*  
Sell, Chad. *The Cardboard Kingdom*

### Nonfiction

Aaronson, Sarah. *Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines*  
Barton, Bethany. *I'm Trying to Love Math*  
Biebow, Natascha. *Crayon Man*  
Gall, Chris. *Go for the Moon: A Rocket, a Boy, and the First Moon Landing*  
Hegedus, Bethany. *Rise: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou*  
Jenkins, Martin. *Beware of the Crocodile*  
Manley, Curtis. *Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet*  
Markle, Michelle. *Out of This World: The Surreal Art of Leonora Carrington*  
McAlister, Caroline. *Finding Narnia*  
McCarthy, Meghan. *Firefighter's Handbook*  
McLear, Kyo. *It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way*  
Rusch, Elizabeth. *Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet*  
Sooy, Julia. *Our World Is Relative*  
Wittenstein, Barry. *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation*