



## Second Grade

# Summer Reading Recommendations

The following books are suggestions by the Second Grade Team to help your child prepare for the upcoming year. The incentive for summer reading in 2nd grade is to instill the joy of reading in our students. A variety of learning levels are represented in this list; we want all students to have access to great books regardless of their level. **The goal is for each child to read 25 books**, and we encourage your child to read a book aloud to you at least a few times a week. Students may read books to themselves, listen to an audiobook while following along with the text, or read with someone. Happy reading!

### Cigdem Knebel

Simple Words Decodable Chapter Books for  
Early Readers:

***Sam Is Stuck***

***Fox Hunt***

***Six Days at Camp with Lin and Jill***

***Six Days at Camp with Jack and Max***

***Spelling Pen In Elf Land***

***The Gold of Black Rock Hill***

***Spelling Pen Red Obelisk***

& 24 more!

### Mercer Mayer

Little Critter Series:

***Good for Me and You***

***I Was So Mad***

***I Just Forgot***

& 168 more!

### Tom Watson

Trouble at Table 5 Series:

***The Candy Caper*** (#1)

***Busted by Breakfast*** (#2)

***The Firefly Fix*** (#3)

& 3 more!

### Eric Luper

Key Hunters Series:

***The Mysterious Moonstone*** (#1)

***The Spy's Secret*** (#2)

***The Haunted Howl*** (#3)

***The Wizard's War*** (#4)

& 3 more!

### Tracey West

Dragon Masters Series:

***Rise of the Earth Dragon*** (#1)

***Saving the Sun Dragon*** (#2)

***Secret of the Water Dragon*** (#3)

& 17 more!

### Marianne Hering

The Imagination Station Series:

***Voyage with the Vikings*** (#1)

***Attack at the Arena*** (#2)

***Peril in the Palace*** (#3)

& 24 more!



### Fran Manushkin

Katie Woo Series:

**Katie Woo Rules the School**

**Katie Woo and Friends**

& 50 more!

Pedro Series:

**Pedro Goes Buggy**

**Pedro's Mystery Club**

**Pedro's Big Goal**

& 17 more!

### Tom Angleberger

Inspector Flytrap Series:

**Inspector Flytrap** (#1)

**Inspector Flytrap in The President's Mane**

**Is Missing** (#2)

**Inspector Flytrap in The Goat Who Chewed**

**Too Much** (#3)

### Jake Maddox & Guest Authors

Sports Stories Series:

**Soccer Shootout**

**Gymnastics Jitters** by Margaret Gurevich

**Record Run**

**Pit Crew Crunch** by Lisa Trumbauer

**Dancing Solo** by Emma Carlson Berne

**Board Rebel**

& 25 more!

### Cynthia Rylant

Henry and Mudge Series:

**Henry and Mudge - The First Book** (#1)

**Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble** (#2)

**Henry and Mudge in the Green Time** (#3)

& 25 more!

### Annie Barrows

Ivy & Bean Series:

**Ivy and Bean** (#1)

**Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go** (#2)

**Ivy and Bean Break the Fossil Record** (#3)

& 10 more!

### Jane O'Connor

Fancy Nancy Series (Level 1):

**Fancy Nancy**

**Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes**

& 10 more!

Nancy Clancy Chapter Books Series (Level 2):

**Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth**

**Nancy Clancy, Secret Admirer**

& 6 more!

### Kate DiCamillo

Mercy Watson Series:

**Mercy Watson to the Rescue** (#1)

**Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride** (#2)

**Mercy Watson Fights Crime** (#3)

& 3 more!

### David A. Adler

Cam Jansen Mysteries Series:

**The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds** (#1)

**The Mystery of the UFO** (#2)

**The Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones** (#3)

& 31 more!

### Ron Roy

A to Z Mysteries Series:

**The Absent Author** (A)

**The Bald Bandit** (B)

**The Canary Caper** (C)

& D-Z!

### Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo Stilton Series:

**Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye** (#1)

**The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid** (#2)

**Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House** (#3)

& 62 more!



### **Beverly Cleary**

Ramona Quimby Series:

**Beezus and Ramona** (#1)

**Ramona the Pest** (#2)

**Ramona the Brave** (#3)

& 5 more!

### **Joanna Cole**

The Magic School Bus Series:

**The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks**  
(#1)

**Inside the Human Body** (#3)

**The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses**  
(#10)

& 9 more!

### **Mary Pope Osborne**

Magic Tree House Series:

**Dinosaurs Before Dark** (#1)

**The Knight at Dawn** (#2)

**Mummies in the Morning** (#3)

& 54 more!

### **Louis Sachar**

Wayside School Series:

**Sideways Stories from Wayside School** (#1)

**Wayside School Is Falling Down** (#2)

**Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School**  
(#2.5)

& 3 more!

### **Donald J. Sobol**

Encyclopedia Brown Series:

**Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective** (#1)

**Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the  
Secret Pitch** (#2)

**Encyclopedia Brown Finds the Clues** (#3)

& 25 more!

### **Paula Danziger**

Amber Brown Series:

**Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon** (#1)

**You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber  
Brown** (#2)

**Amber Brown Goes Fourth** (#3)

& 9 more!

### **Ruth Stiles Gannett**

My Father's Dragon Series:

**My Father's Dragon** (#1)

**Elmer and the Dragon** (#2)

**The Dragons of Blueland** (#3)

### **Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

Nate the Great Series:

**Nate the Great** (#1)

**Nate the Great Goes Undercover** (#2)

**Nate The Great And The Lost List** (#3)

& 27 more!

### **Peggy Parish**

Amelia Bedelia Series:

**Amelia Bedelia** (#1)

**Thank You, Amelia Bedelia** (#2)

**Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower**  
(#3)

& 18 more!

### **Arnold Lobel**

Frog and Toad Series:

**Frog and Toad Are Friends** (#1)

**Frog and Toad Together** (#2)

**Frog and Toad All Year** (#3)

& 2 more!



## Laura Ingalls Wilder

Little House Series:

**Little House in the Big Woods** (#1)

**Farmer Boy** (#2)

**Little House on the Prairie** (#3)

& 6 more!

## Other Great Chapter Books

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** by Roald Dahl

**George's Marvelous Medicine** by Roald Dahl

**The Basket Counts** by Matt Christopher

**Catch That Pass!** by Matt Christopher

**Who Was? What Was? Where Is? What Is The Story Of? Series:**

**Who Was Rosa Parks?**

**Who Was Abraham Lincoln?**

**What Is The Constitution?**

**What Was the Age of Exploration?**

**What Was the March on Washington?**

& over 250 more!

Classic Starts Series:

**Treasure Island**

**Swiss Family Robinson**

**Around the World in 80 Days**

**The Secret Garden**

**Jungle Book**

**Oliver Twist**

**The Wind in the Willows**

& 47 more!

## Great Poetry

**Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein

& 79 others!

**The New Kid on the Block** by Jack Prelutsky

& 108 others!

**Mary Had a Little Jam, And Other Silly**

**Rhymes** by Bruce Lansky & 159 others!

**Read-Aloud Poems for Young People:**

**Readings from the Worlds Best Loved**

**Verses** by Gloria Hale

**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short**

**Stories to Read Together** by Mary Ann

Hoberman, Michael Emberley

## Great Picture Books

**Rosie Revere, Engineer** by Andrea Beaty

**Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies** by Andrea Beaty

**Ada Twist, Scientist** by Andrea Beaty

**Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by

Doreen Cronin

**Diary of a Fly** by Doreen Cronin

**Owls** by Gail Gibbons

**Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids** by

Gail Gibbons

**You Are Special** (Wemmicksville #1) by Max

Lucado

**Because I Love You** by Max Lucado

**The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein

**Mango, Abuela, and Me** by Meg Medina

**Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light** by

Apryl Stott

**Eyes That Kiss in the Corners** by Joanna Ho

**The Whole Hole Story** by Vivian McInerney

**Madeline** (Madeline #1) by Ludwig

Bemelmans

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African**

**Tale** by John Steptoe

**Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story** from

China by Ed Young

**The Great Gracie Chase: Stop That Dog!** by

Cynthia Rylant, Mark Teague

**The Quickest Kid in Clarksville** by Pat

Zietlow Miller

**Rainbow Weaver: Tejedora del Arcoiris** by

Linda Elovitz Marshall

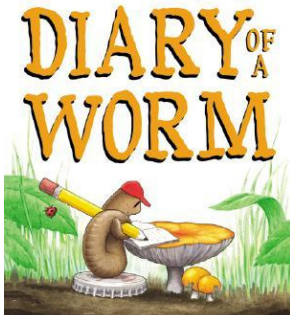
**Arthur's Mystery Envelope** (Arthur Chapter

Books #1) by Marc Brown, Stephen Krensky

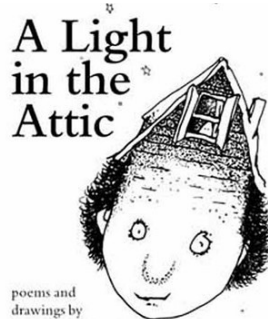
**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Joffe

Numeroff & 8 others!

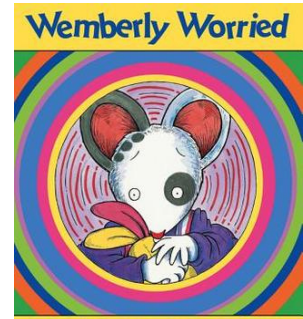
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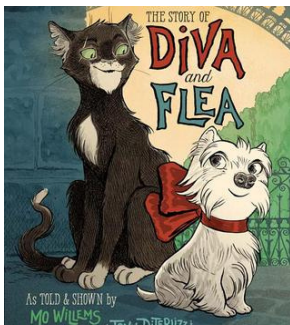
**Diary of a Worm**  
by Doreen Cronin



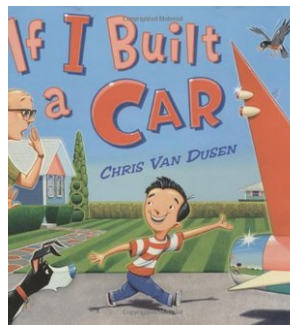
**A Light in the Attic**  
by Shel Silverstein



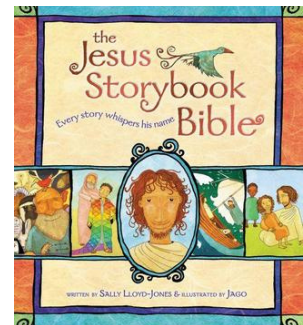
**Wemberly Worried**  
by Kevin Henkes



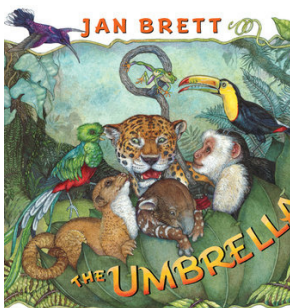
**The Story of Diva  
and Flea**  
by Mo Willems



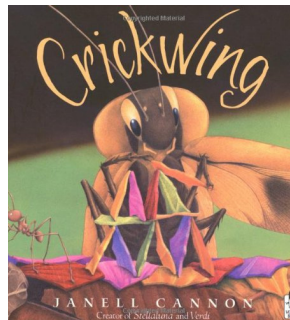
**If I Built a Car**  
by Chris Van Dusen



**The Jesus Storybook  
Bible: Every Story  
Whispers His Name**  
by Sally Lloyd-Jones,  
Jago



**The Umbrella**  
by Jan Brett



**Crickwing**  
by Janell Cannon

**Please note:** These books are simply recommendations, listed in no particular order, for your convenience. We hope you will use these as a starting point to explore many new books together!

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