



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Recommended Summer Reading List
Second Grade**

Works Arranged by Author

Aardema, Verna. Traveling to Tondo

On his way to his wedding, with his friends as attendants, a civet cat meets with extraordinary and unexpected delays.

Barasch, Marc Ian. No Plain Pets!

A little boy leads his mother on a wild trip through an urban jungle in search of the perfect extraordinary pet.

Brett, Jan. Annie and the Wild Animals

When Annie's cat disappears, she attempts friendship with a variety of unsuitable woodland animals.

Brett, Jan. The Turnip

Badger Girl is delighted to find the biggest turnip she has ever seen growing in her vegetable garden, but when the time comes to harvest the giant root, she is unable to pull it up without help from family and friends.

Brown, Jeff. Flat Stanley

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Bruel, Nick. Bad Kitty: Drawn to Trouble

In this installment of the "Bad Kitty" series, creator Nick Bruel explains to readers how to create a story, but has to deal with Kitty, who does not like the plot.

Bunting, Eve. The Wall

In a moving account, told from a young child's point of view, a father and his young son visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Burton, Virginia Lee. Katy and the Big Snow

Katy the snowplow keeps the roads clear when winter threatens to close a city down.

Burton, Virginia Lee. Little House

Tells of the changing seasons in the country and the changes in the neighborhood.

Calhoun, Mary. Cross-Country Cat

When he becomes lost in the mountains, a cat with the unusual ability of walking on two legs finds his way home on cross-country skis.

Mahy, Margaret. The Seven Chinese Brothers

A classic Chinese folktale, in which seven brothers use their supernatural gifts to overpower a cruel emperor.

dePaola, Tomie. Fin M' Coul

Fin M'Coul's wife, Oonagh, helps him outwit his arch rival, Cucullin.

dePaola, Tomie. Legend of the Bluebonnet

A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of a little girl's sacrifice that brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.

dePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Gwynne, Fred. King Who Rained

A little girl pictures the things her parents talk about, such as a king who rained, bear feet, and the foot prince in the snow.

Hoban, Russell. Best Friend for Francis

When Albert refuses to let Frances play baseball with him, she organizes an all-girl outing and leaves him out.

Kimmel, Eric A. Anansi Goes Fishing

A companion volume to Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock, this is a laugh-filled tale of lazy Anansi the Spider who tries to trick his friend Turtle into catching fish for him. But poor Anansi's plan backfires.

Lester, Julieus. John Henry

Retells the legend of the African-American railroad builder who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

McCully, Arnold. Mirette on the High wire

In this story set in 19th-century Paris, Mirette helps a high wire walker, Bellini, who has lost his edge, to regain his confidence.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. King of the Playground

Kevin likes going to the playground—except when Sammy is there. A satisfying conclusion to a humorous and realistic dilemma of confronting the neighborhood bully.

Nic Leodhas, Sorche. Always Room for One More

Based on an old Scottish folk song, hospitable Lachie invited in so many guests that his little house finally burst.

Peet, Bill. Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent

A shark challenges Cyrus to wreck a ship and eat the passengers. Cyrus lies in wait but changes his mind and decides to protect the ship instead.

Pfister Marcus. Dazzle the Dinosaur

Dazzle the dinosaur helps his friend Maia and her mother reclaim their former home from the nasty Dragonsaurus.

Polacco, Patricia. An A From Miss Keller

Trisha wants to write something that will please her demanding writing teacher, who is rumored to have never have given a student an A.

Ringgold Faith. Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky

When her little brother accidentally board the commemorative train in the sky, Cassie must rely on her wits, the North Star, and Harriet Tubman's lead to guide her to Canada, where the siblings are reunited.

San Souci, Robert. The Hobyahs

Five faithful dogs save their mistress from the dreadful Hobyahs.

Ungerer, Tomi. Crictor

A boa constrictor is sent to a school where the boys used him as a slide and the girls use him as a jump-rope until he captures a burglar and becomes a hero.

Van allsburg, Chris. Ben's Dream

On a terrifically rainy day, Ben has a dream in which he and his house float by the monuments of the world, half submerged in flood water.

Van Allsburg, Chris. Jumanji

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board.

Viorst, Judith. Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

Yashia, Taro. Crow Boy

A young boy from the mountains goes to school in a nearby village where he feels very rejected and isolated until a teacher helps him gain acceptance.

Yep, Laurence. Tiger Woman

When she refuses to share her food with a beggar, an old woman finds herself transformed into various animals until she learns a lesson about greed.

Yorinks, Arthur. Hey, Al

A city janitor and his treasured canine companion are transported by a large colorful bird to an island in the sky, where their comfortable paradise existence threatens to turn them into birds as well.

Suggested Book Series for Second Grade:

Cam Jansen – David Adler

Mercy Watson – Kate DiCamillo

Henry and Mudge – Cynthia Rylant

Ivy and Bean – Annie Barrows

Puppy Place – Ellen Miles

Heidi Heckelbeck – Wanda Coven

Notebook of Doom – Troy Cummings

Babymouse – Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm

Captain Awesome – Stan Kirby

Princess Pink and the Land of the Fake Believe – Noah Z. Jones

Ready, Freddy – Abby Klein

Stink and Judy Moody – Megan McDonald

Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot – Dav Pilkey

Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon

I Survived – Lauren Tarshis

Magic Tree House – Mary Pope Osborne

Junie B. Jones – Barbara Park

My Weird School – Dan Gutman

A to Z Mysteries – Ron Roy

Natural Geographic Kids Series (Nonfiction)

Sugar Plum Ballerinas – Whoopi Goldberg