

# Summer Reading List

## Students Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level! ☺ Happy Reading and Writing!

### IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVELS

- In Elementary school, each child is developing on their own continuum, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, *children need lots of time to read lots of books* that are "just right" for their abilities.

### FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?

Nope! *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children not read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.
- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books - many of the books in this packet are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

### FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THROUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?

*Good question, but proceed with caution!*

- "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.
- If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! ☺ Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Please help your child select books that you are 100% confident your child can read independently with ease, and that are clearly written for readers the age of your child. You will see the results of this important, careful book selection work in September! ☺

GREAT WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS: <http://www.hornbookguide.com>, <http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/>, <http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/> and <http://www.nsta.org/recommends/>



Biscuit (series)  
Harry Books (series)  
I Took my Frog to the Library  
The Carrot Seed  
Just for You  
Mine's The Best  
More Spaghetti, I Say!  
A New House For Mole And Mouse  
Nicky Upstairs And Down  
Sheep In A Jeep  
Titch  
Zoo-Looking  
Just Grandpa and Me  
Barney Math With Farmer Fred  
Boats  
Caring For Our Lizard  
A Day At Greenhill Farm  
A Day in The Life Of A Teacher  
Houses  
I'm A Caterpillar  
It started As An Egg  
Saving Money  
Wild Weather

Capucilli, Alyssa  
Ziefert, Harriet  
Kimmel, Eric  
Krauss, Ruth  
Mayer, Mercer  
Bonsall, Crosby N.  
Gekman, Rita Golden  
Ziefert, Harriet  
Ziefert, Harriet  
Shaw, Nancy  
Hutchins, Pat  
Fox, Mem  
Mayer, Mercer  
Hill, Sandi  
Rockwell, Anne  
Graves, Kimberlee  
Nicholson, Sue  
Hayward, Linda  
Williams, Rozanne L.  
Morzollo, Jean  
Graves, Kimberlee  
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The Cake That Mack Ate  
Captain Cat  
Chrysanthemum  
Danny And The Dinosaur (series)  
Goodnight Moon  
Just Me...(series)  
Owl Babies  
Sammy The Seal (series)  
We Are Best Friends  
You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch  
Mouse Books (series)  
ABC I Like Me!  
Building a House  
Butterflies  
Diving Dolphins  
I Want To Be A Firefighter  
Mail Carrier  
Sun Up, Sun Down  
Surprise Puppy!  
Tale Of A Tadpole  
Whatever The Weather

Robart, Rose  
Hoff, Syd  
Henkes, Kevin  
Hoff, Syd  
Brown, Margaret W.  
Mayer, Mercer  
Waddell, Martin  
Hoff, Syd  
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Hutchins, Pat  
Kraus, Robert  
Carlos, Nancy  
Barton, Byron  
Ashley, Susan  
Wallace, Karen  
Liebman, Dan  
Gorman, Jacqueline  
Gibbons, Gail  
Walker-Hodge, Judith  
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Froggy Books (series)  
Father Bear Comes Home  
Happy Birthday, Sam  
Hattie And The Fox  
Henny Penny  
Just Grandma And Me  
Leo The Late Bloomer  
Messy Bessey (series)  
Mrs. Brice's Mice  
The Quilt  
Who Took The Farmer's Hat?  
Airport  
All The Colors Of The Rainbow  
Bees  
Charlie Needs A Cloak  
A Day In The Life Of A Police Officer  
A Day In The Life Of A TV Reporter  
Dogs On The Farm  
Rockets And Spaceships  
Teacher  
Wild Baby Animals  
A Girl Named Helen Keller  
Spooky Riddles

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London, Jonathan  
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Fox, Mem  
Galdone, Paul  
Mayer, Mercer  
Kraus, Robert  
McKissack, Patricia  
Hoff, Syd  
Jonas, Ann  
Nodset, Joan L.  
Barton, Byron  
Fowler, Allan  
Ashley, Susan  
dePaola, Tomie  
Hayward, Linda  
Hayward, Linda  
Schuh, Mari C.  
Wallace, Karen  
Gorman, Jacqueline  
Wallace, Karen  
Schmidt, Karen  
Brown, Marc

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Beezy (series)  
 Danny And The Dinosaur (series)  
 Bear (series)  
 Henry And Mudge (series)  
 Little Bear (series)  
 Curious George (series)  
 Poppleton (series)  
 Fox (series)  
 Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)  
 The Snowy Day  
 Mouse Soup, Owl at Home, etc  
 There's An...(series)  
 Where The Wild Things Are  
 Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!  
 Celebrating Chanukah: Eight Nights  
 Celebrating Chinese New Year  
 Dinosaur Dinners  
 Going By Bus  
 Guinea Pigs  
 Slinky, Scaly Snakes  
 The Statue Of Liberty  
 Veterinarian

**AUTHOR**

McDonald, Megan  
Hoff, Syd  
Asch, Frank  
Rylant, Cynthia  
Minarik, Else L  
Rey, Margaret  
Rylant, Cynthia  
Marshall, Edward  
Rylant, Cynthia  
Keats, Ezra Jack  
Lobel, Arnold  
Mayer, Mercer  
Sendak, Maurice  
Dussling, Jennifer  
Kupperstein, Joel  
Drew, Rosa  
Davis, Lee  
Ashley, Susan  
Macken, JoAnn Early  
Dussling, Jennifer  
Penner, Lucille Recht  
Gorman, Jacqueline

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Arthur's Early Chapter Books (series)  
 Clifford (series)  
 Golly Sisters (series)  
 Frog And Toad (series)  
 If You Give a Mouse a... (series)  
 Madeline (series)  
 Little Bill (series)  
 Nate The Great (series)  
 Camp Knock Knock (series)  
 Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe  
 Betsy Ross And the Silver Thimble  
 Chicken Aren't The Only Ones  
 Dinosaur Time  
 The Emperor's Egg  
 Fire Fighter  
 First Flight: The Story Of Tom Tate And  
 The Wright Brothers  
 A Girl Named Helen Keller  
 Keep The Lights Burning, Abbie  
 Looking At Maps And Gobles

**AUTHOR**

Hoban, Lillian  
 Brickwell, Norman  
 Byars, Betsy  
 Lobel, Arnold  
 Numeroff, L  
 Bemelmens, Ludwig  
 Cosby, Bill  
 Sharmat, Marjorie W.  
 Douglas, Ann  
 Williams, Vera B.  
 Greene, Stephanie  
 Heller, Ruth  
 Parish, peggy  
 Jenkins, Martin  
 Royston, Angela  
  
 Shea, George  
 Lundell, Margo  
 Roop, Peter And Connie  
 Bredeson, Carmen

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Amelia Bedelia (series)  
 Cam Jansen (series)  
 Geroge And Martha (series)  
 Judy Moody (series)  
 Miss Nelson Books (series)  
 Pinky And Rex (series)  
 Black Lagoon (series)  
 Ginger Brown (series)  
 Deputy Dan (series)  
 Horrible Harry (series)  
 Song Lee (series)  
 The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto  
 Dinosaur Days  
 Dolphin  
 From Flower to Honey  
 From Idea to Book  
 Hungry, Hungry Sharks  
 The Snow Walker  
 Thinking About Ants  
 Whales: The Gentle Giants  
 What's It like To Be A Fish?

**AUTHOR**

Parish, Peggy  
 Adler, David A,  
 Marshall. James  
 McDonald, Megan  
 Allard, Harry  
 Howe, James  
 Thaler, Mike  
 Wyeth, Sharon  
 Rosenbloom, Joseph  
 Kline, Suzy  
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 Stanford, Natalie  
 Milton, Joyce  
 Morris, Robert Ada  
 Nelson, Robin  
 Marshall. James  
 Cole, Joanna  
 Wetterer, Margaret K.  
 Brenner, Barbara  
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 Pfeffer, Wendy

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