

Grade 2

During the 2021–2022 school year, 787,263 second graders read about 50 print books and 94,457 words each. Overall, 17% of these books were read to kids, 9% were read with kids, and 74% were read independently. In total, 521,950 second graders spent time reading digitally.



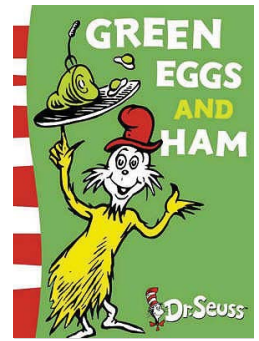
Celebrating 15 Years of What Kids Are Reading

In 2022, *The Bad Seed* sprouted up on the second grade list for the first time—and in the #2 spot!—growing in popularity faster than books with deeply established reading roots at this grade that span a decade.

The Bad Seed
Jory John (0.5, LG, 390L)

Top Print Titles ★

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie was the very first #1 for second graders, but ever since then *Green Eggs and Ham* has been read most, topped only by *Click Clack Moo . . . Cows That Type* in 2014, 2016, and 2017.



- 1 **Dr. Seuss Collection SP**
Dr. Seuss (0.6–5.2, LG, 180L–1000L)
- 2 **If You Give . . . Series SP**
Laura Numeroff (1.0–2.7, LG, 170L–590L)
- 3 **Bad Seed Series**
Jory John (1.8–3.1, LG, 390L–550L)
- 4 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar SP**
Eric Carle (2.9, LG, 460L)
- 5 **Click, Clack . . . Series SP**
Doreen Cronin (1.0–2.7, LG, 290L–490L)
- 6 **Pete the Cat Series**
James Dean (1.2–4.3, LG, 160L–640L)
- 7 **There Was an Old Lady . . . Series**
Lucille Colandro (2.1–3.8, LG, 240L–540L)
- 8 **Dog Man Series SP**
Dav Pilkey (2.3–2.7, LG, 280L–390L)
- 9 **Fly Guy Series SP**
Tedd Arnold (1.2–2.7, LG, 270L–530L)
- 10 **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs SP**
Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG, 510L)

Popular Digital Books

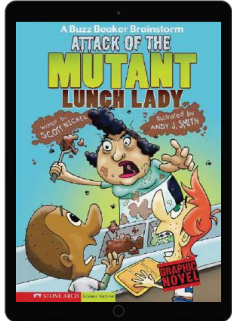
- 1 **Scooby-Doo! and the Truth Behind Werewolves NF**
Mark Weakland (2.7, LG, 550L)
- 2 **The Scrumptious Life of Azaleah Lane**
Nikki Shannon Smith (3.4, LG, 570L)
- 3 **Pacho Nacho**
Silvia López (3.1, LG, 530L)
- 4 **Quest for the Unicorn's Horn**
Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan (1.9, LG)
- 5 **Cat Behavior NF**
Christina Mia Gardeski (2.1, LG, 530L)



Authentic Spanish Literature

Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers can help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.

- **¿Qué serás?**
Yamile Saied Méndez (3.0, LG)
- **Tejedora del arcoíris**
Linda Elovitz Marshall (3.2, LG)
- **Cosecha de sol**
Alma Flor Ada (3.3, LG, 880L)
- **Nohecita**
Yuyi Morales (3.3, LG)
- **El mejor es mi papá**
Georgina Lázaro León (3.5, LG, 690L)



In Demand Audio

Our digital platform, which places an entire library at students' fingertips, makes reading even more accessible with optional natural-voice audio narration that highlights text as students listen along.

- **Attack of the Mutant Lunch Lady: A Buzz Beaker Brainstorm** **SP**
Scott Nickel (2.7, LG, 510L) 6m 10s
- **Super Scary Stories** **NF**
Megan Cooley Peterson (3.6, LG, 600L) 9m 41s
- **Scooby-Doo! and the Truth Behind Sea Monsters** **NF**
Terry Collins (3.1, LG, 570L) 6m 4s



Time to Focus

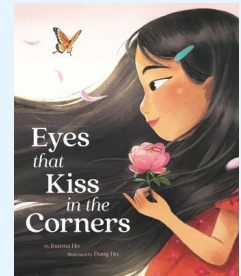
Here's how our Focus Skills™ can help you tackle the reading skills at each grade that challenge students most.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

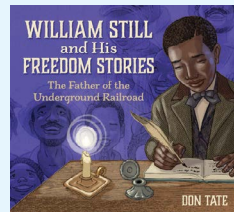
When our differences are recognized and appreciated, safe and healthy communities can thrive. Consider these titles to begin conversations with students about inclusion and understanding.



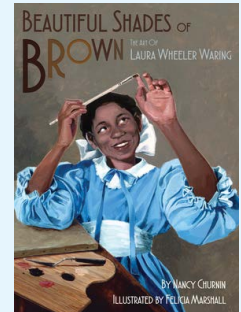
The Boy with Big, Big Feelings
Britney Winn Lee
(3.6, LG, 990L)



Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
Joanna Ho
(3.7, LG, 610L)



William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad **NF**
Don Tate
(4.0, LG, 610L)



Beautiful Shades of Brown: The Art of Laura Wheeler Waring **NF**
Nancy Churnin
(4.8, LG, 940L)