

**K-2**  
2025-2026

### **What is Name That Book?**

Name That Book is an HISD competition sponsored by the Department of Library Services. Two teams are formed made up of students in grades K-2 and 3-5. Each team works together to read and study a list of 25 books. At the district competition in March, teams are given quotes or clues and work together to name the book that the quote came from. If you love to read, have a good memory for detail, and can dedicate time to reading and rereading the books on the list, you may enjoy Name That Book!

### **How do I try out for Name That Book?**

Begin by **reading the 10 highlighted tryout books on the book list**. The list includes all 25 titles, but we will start by choosing 10 to use for the initial qualifying test. We choose 6-8 students to join Name That Book. **I do not recommend buying books unless you really want them!** Both the Houston Public Libraries and the Bellaire Library usually have a Name That Book section, and you should be able to find most of the books there or as a digital e-book, though there may be a wait list. Most of the picture books also have read-aloud videos on Youtube. Once students have returned the tryout form, they will be allowed to check out one book at a time from the Lovett library, as often as needed to prepare for tryouts, as soon as they are in stock. Listening is just as good, if not better, for some students!

**K-2 try-outs will take place on Monday, September 22.** At tryouts, I will read quotes aloud and students will record their answer on an answer sheet. I will assist them with this if there are any issues! I do not want them to be stressed out about that part!

### **What will the time commitment be?**

Students selected for the team will have one meeting each week on Mondays 3:00-4:00 starting on October 6. **Please know that there will also be a significant amount of reading time at home.** Students will be expected to read some books multiple times.

**Do you have more questions?** Please email Mrs. Warner at [awarner@houstonisd.org](mailto:awarner@houstonisd.org).

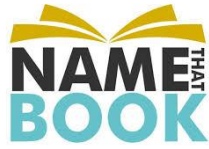
**2025-2026 NTB K-2 LIST**

**BOOKS USED FOR TRYOUTS IN FALL 2025** (These are the only books you need to read for the tryout test.)

<b>AHOY!</b>	<b>Blackall, Sophie</b>
<b>Flamingos Are Pretty Funky</b>	<b>Cuchman, Abi</b>
<b>Henry, Like Always</b>	<b>Bailey, Jenn</b>
<b>Into the Goblin Market</b>	<b>VanSickle, Vikki</b>
<b>Millie Fleur's Poison Garden</b>	<b>Mandin, Christy</b>
<b>Monti and Leo: A Newcomer to Pocketville</b>	<b>Kantorovitz, Sylvie</b>
<b>Pickle Words: Crunchy, Punchy, Pickles &amp; Poetry</b>	<b>Sayre, April</b>
<b>We Are Definitely Human</b>	<b>Fang, X.</b>
<b>Weenie: Mad About Meatloaf</b>	<b>Fergus, Maureen</b>
<b>You Can Be a Good Friend (No Matter What!)</b>	<b>Henson, Taraji P.</b>

REMAINDER OF K-2 BOOK LIST FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON (Do not have to read until on the team.)

Adela's Mariachi Band	Vega, Denise
Bear's Lost Glasses	Timmers, Leo
Fenway and the Bone Thieves	Coe, Victoria
I'm Sorry You Got Mad	Lukoff, Kyle
Lucky Duck	Pizzoli, Greg
Lucy Lancaster Has a Secret	Coven, Willow
The Man Who Didn't Like Animals	Underwood, Deborah
My Name Is Bana	Alabed, Bana
Not a Monster	Martinez, Claudia
Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm	Metcalf, Lindsay
Ratnip: Lost and Found in the City	Higgins, Cam
The Spice Box	Sriram, Meera
Spider in the Well	Hannigan, Jess
There Are No Ants in this Book	Mosco, Rosemary
Uncle John's City Garden	Ford, Bernette



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**K-2 Name That Book Tryout Registration**

**When: Monday, September 22, 3:00-4:00**

**Where: Lovett Library**

**Who: K – 2nd grade students who wish to try out for Name That Book**

The K-2 NTB qualifying test will cover the 10 books written in bold on the book list. If you will be ready to take the test, please fill out the slip below and return it to Mrs. Warner no later than September 16. For those who qualify for the team, practices will be every Monday from 3:00-4:00 starting on October 6. This year's competition will likely be in early March.

Once this form is returned, your child may check out one NTB book at a time from the Lovett library, as soon as they are in stock.

(You may keep this half for your information.)

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Yes! I will be ready to take the K-2 Name That Book qualifying test on September 22. I understand that if my child is a car rider, they will need to be picked up at 4:00 in the front office.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

My child will: \_\_\_\_\_ be picked up in the front lobby at 4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ go to extended day

**Return this slip to Mrs. Warner by Wednesday, September 16.** No make-up tests will be given except due to illness. This is a student-only event. The 6-10 highest scoring students will be invited to join the Name That Book team. Notifications of results will be sent home by Wednesday, September 24.

If you have any questions, please email me at [awarner@houstonisd.org](mailto:awarner@houstonisd.org).

Anne Warner, Librarian