



For Students Entering Grade 2

Why is Summer Reading beneficial for your rising 2nd grader?

- Helps the child to learn new vocabulary and concepts.
- Presents an opportunity to develop a love for books.
- Reinforces language skills.
- prepare students for the next school year.
- Provides an opportunity for one to share stories with family and friends.

Incoming second graders will learn about a different genre each month during school. You will learn about three of them this summer: Realistic Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry. **You are *required* to read at least three books (one from each of the three genres below).**

***Summer reading credit will be part of the first quarter ELA grade!**

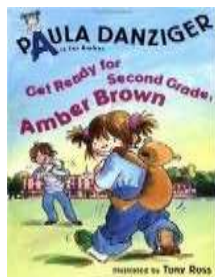
Complete the Book Report for each book and return it to the school the first week of school.

Realistic Fiction: A story that can actually happen and is true to life.



Henry and Mudge Series (read any title from this series)

By Cynthia Rylant



Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown

By Paula Danziger

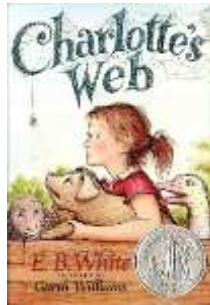
A bit worried about what will come with the start of a new grade and a new teacher, Amber Brown heads to school with her friend, Justin, to face whatever comes her way.



The **Second Grade Reader** is a collection of 12 short stories made for kids aged 7-8. These engaging tales cover adventure, magic, family, animals and more – making reading exciting while building confidence and fluency. Perfect for parents searching for 2nd grade reading books, this storybook helps children develop comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills through fun, bite-sized chapters.



Every girl has a special light inside her – a glow that shines brightest when she’s kind, brave, and true to herself. **You Shine, Amazing Girl** is a heartwarming collection of ten inspiring short stories that help girls discover the courage and confidence within. Each story follows a relatable heroine who faces real-life challenges and learns about friendship, honesty, teamwork, and self-belief along the way. These gentle, empowering tales celebrate resilience, empathy, and emotional growth, reminding every young reader that mistakes are part of learning and that believing in yourself makes your light shine even brighter.



E.B. White’s Newbery Honor Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life and death that will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come. It contains illustrations by Garth Williams, the acclaimed illustrator of E.B. White’s *Stuart Little* and Laura Ingalls Wilder’s *Little House* series, among many other books.



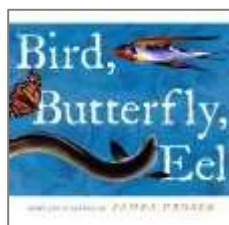
How Not to Start Third Grade by Cathy Hapka
Nothing can ruin a new school year . . . except maybe a pesky little brother. This Step 4 reader is the perfect back-to-school story for newly independent readers!



Ira’s Sleep Over By Bernard Waber

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend’s house but worries how he will get along without his teddy bear.

Nonfiction: A true story about real people and real events.

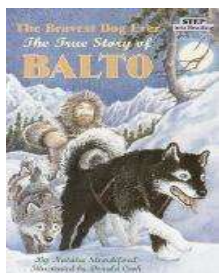


Bird, Butterfly, Eel
By James Prosek

Follow a bird, a monarch butterfly, and an eel from summer on a farm until they make their respective fall voyages south and then later begin to return north when the weather warms.



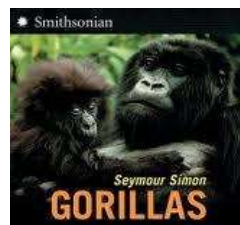
Everyone told them they were too young. Too small. That they should wait until they are older. They didn’t listen.
If your child has ever looked at the world and thought “I wish I could help” – this is the book that shows them they already can. These are the true stories of 18 real kids who proved the adults wrong. Some built inventions, some raised money, some used their voice, and some simply showed up for people who needed them. But every single one started the same way: **an ordinary kid who noticed a problem and refused to look away.**



The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto

By Natalie Standiford

Recounts the life of Balto, the sled dog who saved Nome, Alaska from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine in a snowstorm.

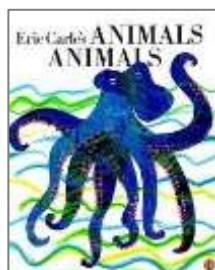


Gorillas

By Seymour Simon

Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of gorillas.

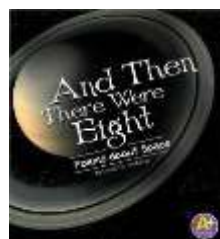
Poetry



Animals, Animals

By Eric Carle

An illustrated collection of poems by a variety of authors describing the peculiarities of pets and wild and domestic animals.



And Then There Were Eight

By Laura Purdie Salas

A collection of outer space-themed poems for children.

Copies of these books are available at:



The public library

- Some libraries in Monroe County are offering curbside pickup this summer.
- You can also access ebooks through the Monroe County Library website found at <https://libraryweb.org/>. Click the **Ebooks and More** link to find out how to use your library card to download ebooks right to your electronic device.



Many bookstores



Ebooks & More



Learn & Play

Monroe County Libraries are also offering many resources and virtual programming for kids and families this year. Check out the **Learn & Play** link on the Monroe County Library website for entertainment and educational resources.

Nazareth Elementary
Reading Assignment for Students Entering Grade 2



Student Name _____

For each book that you read this summer, write a book report. Write two sentences about why you liked or did not like the book and draw a picture for each book.

Write in complete sentences, use capital letters and punctuation marks, check spelling, and write neatly.

Book Report #1

Date: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

Rating:



Explain whether or not you liked the book (two sentences):

Illustration

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Book Report #2

Date: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

Rating:



Explain whether or not you liked the book (two sentences):

Illustration

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Book Report #3

Date: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

Rating:



Explain whether or not you liked the book (two sentences):

Illustration

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