

2nd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

(You are also welcomed to read any books that you find enjoyable and interesting)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey
- Bird and Squirrel on Ice by James Burks
- Mr. Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steinke
- Cat Ninja by Matthew Cody
- King of the Birds by Elise Gravel
- Bug Scouts Out in the Wild by Mike Lowery
- Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song
- Mimi and the Cutie Catastrophe by Shauna J. Grant

REALISTIC

- Good Dog by Cam Higgins
- Too Small Tola by Atinuke
- Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon
- Stink by Megan McDonald
- Bark Park by Brandi Dougherty
- The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane by Nikki Shannon Smith
- Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
- Emmet and Jez Adventures in Fosterland by Hannah Shaw

MAGIC

- Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro
- Diary of an Ice Princess by Christina Soontornvat
- Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey West
- Love Puppies by JaNay Brown Wood
- The Fabled Stables by Jonathan Auxier
- Dragons of Ember City: Happy Spark
- Day by Shane Richardson and Sarah Marino

FUNNY

- The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

- Stick Dog by Tom Watson
- Scaredy Squirrel in a Nutshell by Melanie Watt
- Real Pigeons Fight Crime by Ben Wood
- Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits by Julian Gough & Jim Field

MYSTERIES

- Magic Tree House The Graphic Novel Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne
- The Whodunit Detective Agency by Martin Widmark
- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Secret Spy Society The Case of the Missing Cheetah by Veronica Mang
- The Big Bad Detective Agency by Bruce Hale
- Mac Undercover (Kid Spy #1) by Mac Barnett
- Crime Bites: My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog by Tommy Greenwald

ADVENTURE

- Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero! by Kara West
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Galaxy Zack by Ray O'Ryan
- The Notebook of Doom by Troy Cummings
- Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot by Dav Pilkey
- Ivy Lost and Found by Cynthia Lord
- Bee & Flea and the Compost Caper by Anna Humphrey

NONFICTION

- Go Wild! Sea Turtles by Jill Esbaum
- Fox Explores the Night by Martin Jenkins
- Blood! Not Just a Vampire Drink by Stacy McAnulty
- What Do They Do With All That Poo? by Jane Kurtz
- Plants Fight Back by Lisa J. Amstutz
- The Rat by Elise Gravel
- All About Plants: Ada Twist, Scientist The Why Files by Andrea Beaty and Dr.

Theanne Griffith

- Planets by Elizabeth Carney

Here is a website that you might find handy to access a lot of different books in different genres and reading ability for your child.

<https://imaginationoup.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2nd-grade-summer-reading-list-2023.pdf>

Other Book ideas:

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- Seymour Simon books
- Sport Books
- Animal Books
- Magic School Bus books

Other series:

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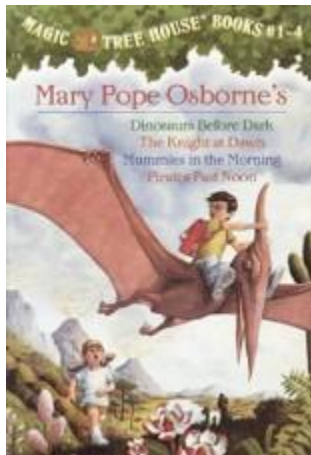
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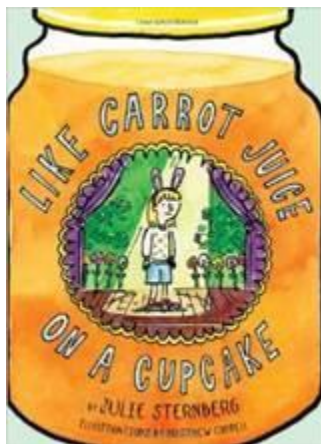
Greetings From Somewhere The Mystery of the Mosaic by Harper Paris, illustrated by Marcos Calo

Second in a series, this is a simple story about two kids who accompany their parents to Venice, Italy and get the chance to solve two mysteries.



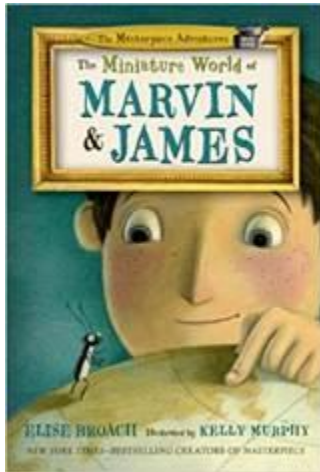
The Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

A MUST-READ series for all kids! These combine mystery, history, magic, and adventure as siblings Jack and Annie adventure through time.



Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake by Julie Sternberg, illustrated by Matthew Cordell

I really loved this story told in first person from Eleanor's point of view. It's about the challenges when Eleanor gets jealous of a new girl she thinks her best friend Pearl might like better than her.



The Miniature World of Marvin & James by Elise Broach, illustrated by Kelly Murphy
SUPER EASY! When James leaves for vacation, his pet beetle, Marvin, and his little sister get into some trouble inside the pencil sharpener. Luckily Marvin figures out how to save them both, James returns from vacation, and all is well. Good for very beginning readers transitioning to chapter books.

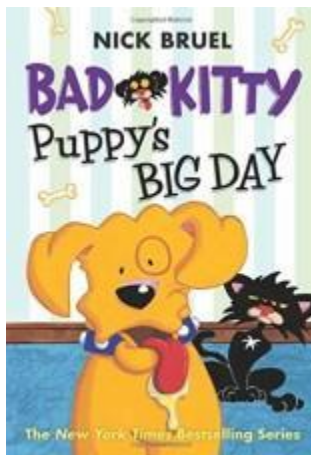


A to Z Mysteries by Rob Roy
This addictive mystery series will keep your kids reading for hours and days and months.



Little Red Quacking Hood by Norah Z. Jones (There are many in the series to pick from)

Scaredy Pants W Wolf needs Princess's help. Little Red Quacking Hood keeps stealing his pies! Wold, Princess, and Moldylocks follow Little Red and discover the reason for the pie theft is not at all what they thought! And, there's an easy solution.



Bad Kitty: Puppy's Big Day by Nick Bruel

It's delightful to read a series where every book is consistently good. Well, in this case, hilariously good. Bad Kitty is raging so Puppy calls for help. Uncle Murry to the rescue. Only Uncle Murry's in for some trouble when he takes Puppy out of the house –without a leash, or a poop bag, or a license! Insert sarcastic messages of cat awesomeness from you-know-who and inventive new canine characters at the pound, and you have the perfect story for beginning readers one could pack in 153 pages.



Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book Series)
by Peggy Parish, Fritz Siebel (illus.)

Meet Amelia Bedelia, the unflappable maid who does everything literally. With

her purse on her arm and hat firmly on her head, Amelia Bedelia follows instructions to a T: Change the towels? Nothing a pair of scissors can't do! Dust the furniture? That's when the perfumed dusting powder really comes in handy. Dress the chicken for dinner -- well, do you want a boy chicken or a girl chicken? Amelia Bedelia's well-meaning gaffs cause readers to chuckle but her employer to fume -- it's a good thing she's such a good cook!



Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
by Kevin Henkes

Lilly the mouse adores her teacher, Mr. Slinger -- until he takes away the purple plastic purse she was proudly showing off to her class. Lilly is so angry she draws a nasty picture of Mr. Slinger and slips it in his bag. At the end of the day, Lilly gets her purse back and inside is a sympathetic note and a bag of treats. As in all his other books, Henkes shows an incredible sensitivity to children's feelings

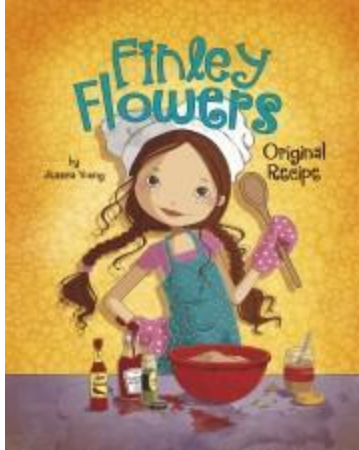


The Case of the Spooky Sleepover, Jigsaw Jones Mystery #4
by James Preller

Ralphie Jordan can't sleep. Something is making spooky noises in his room at night. It's a perfect case for Jigsaw Jones, who pieces together all the ghostly clues

The Adventures of Taxi Dog
by Debra Barracca, Sal Barracca, Mark Buehner (illus.)

Jim, a New York City taxi driver, rescues a stray dog and dubs his new pet Maxi. Maxi accompanies Jim in his taxi and meets all sorts of people. With each new passenger, Maxi makes a new friend -- and even helps Jim get tips! The text is written in a bouncing rhyme, and Buehner's paintings capture Maxi's doggy personality and Jim's geniality. Can you find the cat in every picture?



Finley Flowers Original Recipe by Jessica Young

3rd grade Finley wants to win a cooking contest so she can give the prize (free pizza for a year) to her best friend, Henry, for his birthday. She insists she doesn't need ideas or help which turns out to be a disaster as well as a valuable learning experience. Charming illustrations accompany this sweet story of friendship.



The Ghost Backstage (The Haunted Library) by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Aurore Damant

Another intriguing adventure of Claire and her ghostly friend, Kaz. . . . Have they found Kaz's mom? What or who is haunting the school theater and causing all the mischief?

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