

2nd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List (2025)

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

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

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/ultimate-summer-reading-for-1st-to-2nd-grade.html>

<https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-elementary-school-children/reading-list-2nd-grade-children-age-7-8/>

<https://www.readbrightly.com/summer-books-for-growing-readers/>

Other Book Ideas:

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 Biters: 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

Other Book ideas:

Non Fiction Books:

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

Other series:

- Star War Clone Wars
- Ivy and Bean, Annie Barrows
- Geronimo Stilton, Geronimo Stilton
- Henry and Mudge series
- Horrible Harry Series, Suzy Kline
- Nate The Grate series
- Encyclopedia Brown series, Donald Sobol
- Captain Awesome series
- Galaxy Jack
- Magic Tree House Series

*Summer Vacation is here! It is a time to REST, RELAX, AND READ, but above all ENJOY!!

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “**just right**” books (books that are not too hard or too easy), and when children can explore all topics and books that interest them.

Below are a few tips to encourage reading during the summer:

- Choose “just right” books of any genre (fiction, nonfiction, comic books, magazines, picture books).
- Set aside a regular family reading time each day.
- **Read to your child each day.**
- Recognize your child’s interests.
- Let your child read see you each day reading.
- Don’t forget to pack a book when you go on vacation.

During the first week of school in the fall, your child will be asked to recall their favorite book they read during the summer. They will illustrate their favorite part of the book and write a few sentences about the book.

