



Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 2

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Summer Reading Guidelines

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the next grade is to keep reading over the summer. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year.

This list is designed to give you some ideas of books that librarians across the district and state have found appealing to students at this age. Students can even vote for their favorite Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice Award book next spring if they have read at least three of the nominees.

Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. Some students might know their Fountas and Pinnell level which is stated in parentheses after the book title if it is available. For other books or students who are not aware of their level, we encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Our students have grown so much in the past school year. Let's make sure that they keep growing and learning over the summer!

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Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards-Grades K-3

Sun in my Tummy by Laura Alary and Andrea Blinick
The Yawns are Coming by Christopher Eliopoulos
It Fell from the Sky by Terry and Eric Fan
Berry Song by Michaela Goade
Meet the Super Duper Seven by Yim Hamilton
A Peek at Beaks: Tools Birds Use by Sara Levine and Kate Slater
Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill by Matt Lilly and Dan Tavis
Friends are Friends, Forever by Dane Liu and Lynn Scurfield
Bug Scouts: Out in the Wild! by Mike, Lowery
Althea Gibson: The Story of Tennis' Fleet-of-Foot Girl by Megan Reid and Laura Freedman
The Chicken Who Couldn't by Jan Thomas
Write! Write! Write! by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater and Ryan O'Rourke
Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long
My Kingdom of Darkness (Pets Rule #1) by Susan Tan
Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World by Jacqueline Davies

Nonfiction

Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer
I'm Trying to Love Rocks by Bethany Barton
Swimming (Blastoff! Readers Level 2: Let's Play Sports) by Kieran Downs
If I Built a School by Chris Van Dusen
If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen
George Washington (National Geographic Readers-Level 2) by Caroline Crosson Gilpin
Hippos are Huge! by Jonathan London
Sea Turtles (National Geographic Readers Level 2) by Laura F Marsh
The Real Poop on Pigeons!(Graphic Novel) by Kevin McCloskey
We Dig Worms! by Kevin McCloskey
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt (Graphic Novel) by Kate Messner
The Blobfish Book by Jessica Olien
Water is Water: A Book about the Water Cycle by Miranda Pau
Skulls! by Bethany Thornburgh
Checkerboard Animal Library Series by Various Authors

Fiction

Fly Guy Presents: Castles (N-P) by Tedd Arnold
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett
Jabari Tires by Gaia Cornwall
Flop to the Top! (Graphic Novel) by Eleanor Davis
Libby Loves Science by Kimberly Derting
Good Rosie! by Kate DiCamillo
Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi
The Hike by Alison Farrell
Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho
Cat Problems by Jory John
Potato Pants! by Laurie Keller
Hi Koo!: A Year of Seasons by Jon Muth
After the fall : how Humpty Dumpty got back up again by Dan Santat
Claude in the Country by Alex T. Smith
Stowaway! Puppy Pirates #1 by Erin Soderberg
Dino-Swimming by Lisa Wheeler

Series

The Buddy Files by Dori Hillestad Butler
Humphrey's Tiny Tales (O) Betty Birney
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
Princess Posey by Stephanie Greene
The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale
Infamous Ratsos: Project Fluffy by Kara LaReau
Ling and Ting by Grace Lin
Rock Star: Jada Jones (N) by Kelly Starling Lyons
Barkus by Patricia Maclachlan
Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin
I am Biographies (Ordinary People Change The World) by Brad Meltzer
Little Shaq (M) by Shaquille O'Neal
Piper Green and the Fairy Tree by Ellen Potter
Creepy Carrots Series by Aaron Reynolds
The Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems