



Summer Reading List Rising 2nd Grade 2026-2027 School Year



Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Choose books from the following list or share some of your personal favorites. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each day.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than 5 words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

- Your child should use the accompanying Reading Log to track their reading. Turn this in on the first day of school.
- **Allow children to select books that are of interest to them.** It is important for children to associate reading with pleasure. Make reading fun!

Any books in the following series:

Judy Moody (Series) by Meg McDonald
Amelia Bedelia (Series) by Peggy Parish
Flat Stanley (Series) by Jeff Brown
Cam Jansen (Series) by David A. Adler
Frog & Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel
Amber Brown (Series) by Paula Danziger
The Magic School Bus (Series) by Joanna Cole
Nate the Great (Series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Questioners (Series) by Andrea Beaty (STEM Series)

Nonfiction Titles:

Go Wild! Sea Turtles by Jill Esbaum
Fox Explores the Night by Martin Jenkins
Blood! Not Just a Vampire Drink by Stacy McAnulty
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
Any titles by DK Publishing
Magazines such as *Ranger Rick* & *National Geographic Kids*

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Fiction Titles:

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

Pirates Don't Change Diapers by Melinda Long

The Crazy Case of Missing Thunder by Tony Abbott

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

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague

Alice the Fairy by David Shannon

If the Dinosaurs Came Back by Bernard Most

MYSTERIES

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

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

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

Dream Street by Tricia Elam Walker