

Second Grade Suggested Reading List

In Centennial School District, we enthusiastically encourage our students to read in and out of school all year long. As a learning community, we endorse the Pennsylvania Department of Education's recommendation that elementary children read at least 25 books a year. We have included authors, titles, and series on this list that will appeal to your child.

Please encourage your child's non-fiction passions by guiding him or her to books on a favorite topic. Wide reading about true things helps create minds that are open and prepared for inquiry in science and social studies. Poetry gives children access to exquisite language, and biographies inspire and help us to understand the world around us. Fiction fires the imagination and engenders a life-long love of reading.

While it is important that your child read some books independently, it is essential that you continue to **read with your child** throughout elementary school. As an adult reader, you can model thinking strategies, demonstrate reading with fluency and expression, introduce new words and ideas, and help your child make connections between books and the world. Teachers, reading specialists, teacher-librarians, and public librarians are all at your service in determining the very best books to share with your child.

Author	Title
ART	
Cox, Judy	My Family Plays Music
Isadora, Rachel	Ben's Trumpet
Mallet, Kathy	The Picture That Mom Drew
Reynolds, Peter	The Dot
BIOGRAPHY	
Adler, David A.	A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin **
Bradby, Marie	More than Anything Else
Brown, Don	One Giant Leap: the Story of Neil Armstrong
Lester, Helen	Author: A True Story
Parks, Rosa	I Am Rosa Parks
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs	Snowflake Bentley
FICTION	
Adler, David A.	Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones **
Allard, Harry	Miss Nelson is Missing! **
Bemelmans, Ludwig	Madeline's Rescue **
Blume, Judy	The Pain and the Great One
Brett, Jan*	The Umbrella
Brown, Marc	Arthur's Hiccups **
Cazet, Denys	Minnie and Moo: the Night of the Living Bed **

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Christopher, Matt	Switch Play ** (Soccer 'Cats series)
Cole, Joanna*	Bony-Legs
Creech, Sharon	A Fine, Fine School
Danziger, Paula	Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown **
DePaola, Tomie	Oliver Button is a Sissy
Ernst, Lisa Campbell	Stella Louella's Runaway Book
Gibbons, Gail	My Baseball Book **
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Let's Go, Philadelphia! **
Hall, Katy	Batty Riddles **
Henkes, Kevin*	Chester's Way
Horowitz, Ruth	Breakout at the Bug Lab
Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald	Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys
Howe, James	The Vampire Bunny ** (Bunnacula and Friends series)
Levison, Riki	Watch the Stars Come Out
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad Are Friends **
Marshall, Edward	Fox and His Friends **
O'Neill, Alexis	The Recess Queen
Osborne, Mary Pope	The Knight at Dawn **
Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia **
Park, Barbara	Junie B. Jones Has a Peep in Her Pocket **
Paterson, Katherine	Marvin One Too Many **
Pinkney, Brian	The Adventures of Sparrowboy
Polacco, Patricia	Rechenka's Eggs
Rathman, Peggy	Ruby the Copycat
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days **
Rylant, Cynthia	Mr. Putter and Tabby Catch the Cold **
Say, Allen*	Kamishibai Man
Schwartz, Alvin	In a Dark, Dark Room and other Scary Stories
Scieszka, Jon	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman	Nate the Great **
Stevens, Janet*	And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon
Sturges, Philemon	The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza
Thaler, Mike	Teacher from the Black Lagoon **
Tripp, Valerie	Hallie's Horrible Handwriting
Van Leeuwen, Jean	Amanda Pig and Her Big Brother Oliver **
Woodson, Jacqueline	The Other Side
Ziefert, Harriet	A New Coat for Anna
FOLKTALES	
DePaola, Tomie	Strega Nona Takes a Vacation **
Ehlert, Lois	Moon Rope: A Peruvian Folktale
Kellogg, Steven*	Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale

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Marshall, James*	Hansel and Gretel
McDermott, Gerald*	Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale from West Africa
Osborne, Mary Pope	Kate and the Beanstalk
Young, Ed	Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China
MATH	
Leedy, Loreen	Follow the Money
Murphy, Stuart	Divide and Ride (MathStart series) **
Schwartz, David	How Much Is a Million?
Wells, Robert E.	What's Faster Than a Speeding Cheetah?
POETRY	
Adoff, Arnold	Touch the Poem
Florian, Douglas*	Beast Feast
Hoberman, Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You **
Silverstein, Shel	Runny Babbit
SCIENCE	
Bang, Molly	My Light
Cole, Joanna	You Can't Smell a Flower with Your EAR!
Dussling, Jennifer	Slinky Scaly Snakes (DK/Eyewitness Readers - Level 2) **
Hariton, Anca	Butterfly Story
Jenkins, Steve*	What Do You Do with a Tale Like This?
Rockwell, Anne	Bugs Are Insects (Let's-Read-And-Find-Out Science - Stage 1) **
Simon, Seymour	Killer Whales (SeeMore Readers series - Level 1) **
SOCIAL STUDIES	
Brill, Marlene Targ	Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad
Chancellor, Deborah	Holiday! Celebration Days around the World
Dahl, Michael	France (Countries of the World series) **
Leedy, Loreen	Mapping Penny's World

* may choose other books by that author

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