

2019 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 2

The suggested reading list provides a wide array of reading choices for students. The books on this list do not indicate reading level or achievement, but will hopefully spark discussion between you and your children and inspire an interest in stories and reading. The titles listed below are samplings of the many works produced by these authors. You can also read other titles by these authors for your suggested reading.

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Beginning Chapter Books

Adventure

Branford, Anna.

Violet Mackerel series

As the youngest in her family, seven-year-old Violet identifies with small creatures in the natural world, but when she tries to help them, she discovers important lessons about habitats, science, and the nature of beasts.

Flintham, Thomas.

Press Start series

Super Rabbit Boy lives in a video game world. That is because he is a character in a video game. Share his adventures as he interfaces with other gaming characters. Find out if he survives challenges and lives to fight another game. Or is it 'game over' for our hero?

Jules, Jacqueline.

Sofia Martinez series

Seven-year-old Sofia makes every day an adventure, whether she is doing mundane household chores or pursuing a career as a triple threat.

Montgomery, R. A.

Choose Your Own Adventure series

In this series of gamebooks, the reader takes on the role of the main character and is asked to make choices, which will determine his actions and the story's outcome.

Smith, Brooke.

Mimi and Maty to the Rescue series

Mimi and her dog Maty reach out to animals that need help, no matter how big or small the problem is. Will these animal rescuers save the day?

Soderberg, Erin.

Puppy Pirates series

These seafaring pups seek travel and adventure, finding rare treasures to dig up. Join them as they outwit pirates, decode mysterious maps, and save each other from walking the plank!

You.

You Choose Batman series

You Choose Scooby-Doo series

You Choose Justice League series

Superheroes meet the Choose Your Own Adventure series format where the reader can choose one of several courses of action that changes the story's outcome.

Fantasy

Citro, Asia.

Zoey and Sassafras series

Zoey and her feline sidekick Sassafras encounter magical animals that need a very human helping hand. Whether they meet monsters, mermaids, dragons, or other creatures, the pair finds a way to help their new, magical friends.

Jones, Noah.

Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe series

In this series of fractured fairy tale stories, Princess Pink is charged with restoring order to the land of Fake Believe.

Luper, Eric.

The Key Hunters series

Cleo and Evan embark on a number of dangerous missions regarding their collection of dangerous books, so dangerous that these are kept under lock and key. As Cleo and Evan try to find the right key to unlock each mystery, they wonder if the lives of their friends, or even themselves, are in jeopardy.

Quinn, Jordan.

The Kingdom of Wrenly series

Join Lucas and Clara and the other residents of Wrenly as they harness the powers of the universe in an effort to keep their kingdom safe from monsters, ill-intentioned fairies, and natural disasters.

Scott, Lisa Ann.

Enchanted Pony Academy series

The Glitter Ponies enter their new school aware that they have superpowers, but do not yet realize the extent of their natural gifts. As new situations arise, they discover their strengths and use them to help others.

Friendship Stories

Clanton, Ben.

Narwhal and Jelly series

Best friends Narwhal and Jelly meet many friends. But like most young friends, their adventures keep them occupied and amused while they grapple with making time for each other, finding time for new friends, and trying to stay best friends.

Dillard, Sarah.

Mouse Scouts series

The dedicated, loyal Mouse Scouts embrace the values of trustworthiness, thrift, and bravery while balancing the demands of their scouting community and the tasks set forth in earning their merit badges.

Elliot, Rebecca.

The Owl Diaries series

Owl friends Hailey, Eva, and Lucy juggle their friendships and families, and their adventures growing up as young owls in a sometimes challenging world.

Grimes, Nikki.

Dyamonde Daniel series

Dyamonde always thinks she has big problems. But when she sees some of the situations that her friends go through, she realizes that her creative spirit and quick thinking get her, and her struggling friends, out of jams.

Hanlon, Abby.

Dory Fantasmagory

Dory exacts revenge on unsuspecting toys, escapes from prison, and dozens of other escapades. See if her older sister and brother can keep up with her, or will they have to rescue her?

Kelley, Marty.

Molly Mac

Molly has lots of questions and is not shy about getting answers. When she finds a mystery, she looks for clues and works to find the answers to elusive questions.

Klein, Abby.

Ready Freddy series

First-grader Freddy Thresher struggles with the trials of being six, such as keeping up with his peers, learning to deal with pushy classmates, and making sense of life.

McKay, Hilary.

Lulu series

Lulu loves all sorts of animals, whether they are dogs, cats, birds, or reptiles. She loves all living things. But why do they keep getting her into trouble?

Medina, Juana.

Juana & Lucas

Why does English make so little sense? Learning this new, complicated language gets so frustrating. However, Juana changes her tune when she learns that she is going on a special trip where she must know her new language well.

Potter, Ellen.

Piper Green series

Piper Green has everything. A lobster boat that takes her to school, a fairy garden in her yard, and enough bravery to say what is on her mind. But does she truly have it all?

Watson, Tom.

Stick Dog series

Stick Dog and his friends perpetually troll Picasso Park in search of hamburgers. Will they find their hearts' desires?

Funny Stories

Anderson, Caroline.

Jasper John Dooley series

Quirky Jasper knows what he likes and how to get things done the right way. Why is the right way never his way?

Arnold, Tedd.

The Noodleheads series

Mac and Mac, the Noodlehead brothers, go through ridiculous adventures together. These pasta

heroes have no idea why their plans turn to spaghetti!

Birney, Betty.

Humphrey's Tiny Tales series

Humphrey the Hamster lives in Miss Brisbane's classroom at Longfellow School, where the children in Classroom 26 are his friends. They spend their days, and the entire school year, playing and getting into all sorts of silly shenanigans.

Long, Ethan.

Scribbles and Ink

Lots of word play goes back and forth between Scribbles and his friend Ink as they explore an empty box, making it into a number of vehicles for imagination and adventure.

Peschke, Marci.

Kylie Jean series

Whether playing basketball, designing jeans, or baking cupcakes, her hobbies teach Kylie Jean lessons to help her become the ultimate beauty queen contestant.

Smith, Alex T.

Claude series

With plenty of repetitive text to amuse children and reinforce literacy skills, silly Claude the dog and his sillier friends find themselves out and about on all sorts of excursions.

Vernon, Ursula.

Hamster Princess series

Never a conventional princess, Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her twelfth birthday. But after two years of slaying ogres, cliff diving, and adventuring with her riding quail, Mumfrey, things go awry at home and she must seek a prince to set things right.

Mystery

Chabert, Jack.

Eerie Elementary series

At Eerie Elementary School, something is always 'not quite right.' In each episode, the students try to fix what ails their classrooms, grounds, and facility, but all too soon something entirely different seems to go wrong.

Cronin, Doreen.

The Chicken Squad series

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar are the Chicken Squad. Can our feckless, fluffy heroes defeat enemies that could very well be from out of this world?

Cummings, Troy.

Notebook of Doom series

When Alexander moves to town, he finds a notebook with the word DOOM inscribed on the front cover. Is his new home cursed? What sort of top secret information will he find in the notebook to help him and his new friends?

Lysiak, Hilde.

Hilde Cracks the Case series

Hilde and her sister Izzy find themselves awash in mysteries! They hunt down clues, gather facts and reveal culprits with their precision sleuthing.

O'Connor, Jane. **Nancy Clancy** series
Nancy Clancy, with her stupendous vocabulary and equally fabulous wardrobe, takes center stage as the star of her own mystery series.

Stanley, George E. **Third-Grade Detectives** series
Help the Third-Grade Detectives find the clues and decode problems with the help of their teacher, Mr. Merlin.

Stevenson, Steve. **Agatha, Girl of Mystery** series
Agatha travels the world, solving international mysteries along the way. Many of her cases are steeped in secrets hundreds of years old, yet still unsolved, until Agatha cracks the case.

Science Fiction

Aureliani, Franco. **Dino Mike** series
Michael Evans, son of a famed paleontologist, travels the world with his dinosaur-hunting dad, uncovering mysteries of a prehistoric kind.

Cole, Joanna. **Magic School Bus Rides Again** series
Seatbelts, everyone! The Magic School Bus is back and ready to ride again. Teacher Fiona Frizzle teaches at Walkerville Elementary and has a familiar motto: take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!

Hopper, Ada. **The Data Set** series
The Data Set, Gabe, Laura, and Cesar are the whiz kids of Newtonburg Elementary School. Their quiet school days take a turn for the unusual when they meet Dr. Gustav Bunsen, a mad scientist who instigates wild adventures for the trio.

Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome** series
Captain Awesome and his sidekick, Nacho Cheese Man formed the renowned Sunnyview Superhero Squad. The pair sorts out good guys from the bad guys, at home and in the classroom. Will their superpowers hold true?

Roland, Timothy. **Monkey Me** series
Life is so unfair! Excitable Clyde, zapped by lasers during a field trip to a museum, discovers that he has a new superpower. When he gets excited, he becomes a monkey!

First Readers

Dean, James. **Pete the Cat I Can Read** series
Pete the Cat is too cool a cat to be believed as he wanders the world jammin' and bringing pop coolness to all situations. Groovy...

DK. **DK Nonfiction Readers** series
These easy-to-read books include science, history, and culture. This wide range of high interest topics is sure to appeal to a wide range of children.

Passport.

Passport to Reading, Level 2 and 3 series

From Marvel's Black Panther and Spider-Man to Monster High, this series has plenty of new titles to engage the pop culture crowd.

Penguin.

Penguin Young Readers, Level 3 and 4 series

Penguin Young Readers feature award-winning books and authors, classics, and new titles from established authors.

Picture Books

Andros, Camille.

Charlotte the Scientist Is Squished

Charlotte the rabbit lives in a crowded home with so many brothers and sisters that she has no space to work. However, Charlotte is a scientist and solves problems using the scientific method. Can she find a science-based solution to her own problem?

Aronson, Sarah.

Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man behind the Machines

An artist named Rube Goldberg had a hidden talent. He loved to design machines. But in real life, he was an artist. See how he imagined solutions to problems and found a way to solve them by using his amazing imagination.

Brown, Don.

Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein

Young Albert excelled at solving complex problems and puzzles such as the swirling patterns created by a compass needle, patterns within Mozart's music, and other secrets of geometry that set his mind to work. Albert's ideas changed how mankind sees the world, and our place in the universe.

Bruchac, Joseph.

Jim Thorpe's Bright Path

Sauk and Fox Indian Jim Thorpe left home to attend a series of strict "Indian Schools," designed to impose white culture on native children. Although he resented the schools and frequently ran away, he was introduced to the high-jump, which eventually led him to fame in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics.

Capaldi, Gina.

Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa, Native American, Author, Musician, and Activist

Zitkala-Sa opted for boarding school far from her South Dakota home. While she studied the music that filled her heart, she found herself caught between her Native American culture and the white world. Through music, she found she could represent her people.

Coles, Robert.

The Story of Ruby Bridges

Six-year-old Ruby Bridges faces angry mobs when she is ordered by the court to attend an all-white school.

Kamkwamba, William. **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

When 14-year old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought in 2001, everyone's crops began to fail. He came across a book on windmills at the library and figured out how to build a windmill that could bring electricity to his village. Several years later, he figured out how to use the windmill for irrigation purposes.

Levine, Sara. **Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color To Communicate**

Ever wonder why plants come in different colors? Ever think that they are talking, sending out messages to the world? Discover who they are talking to and what they are saying.

Mantchev, Lisa. **Someday, Narwhal**

Narwhal lives safely inside her fishbowl, secure and safe in the limited views of her world. She dreams of seeing new places, but realizes that she is powerless to overcome her obstacles alone. With the help of some new friends, she ventures out into the world.

McCully, Emily Arnold. **My Heart Glow: Alice Cogswell, Thomas Gallaudet, and the Birth of American Sign Language**

Alice Cogswell was quick to learn, however she could not hear. When she was young, there was no system for teaching deaf students. Thomas Gallaudet met Alice and became inspired to devise a system to teach her, improving the lives of deaf children today.

McGhee, Holly. **Come With Me**

Concerned by the state of world affairs as depicted on the news, a child asks her mother and father, each in turn, to help her make the world a better place. After each parent takes her to positive places in the world, the girl and her puppy wish to venture out alone.

Nobleman, Marc Tyler. **Boys of Steel: The Creator of Superman**

Jerry Siegal and Jo Shuster were two high school misfits who read science fiction and comic books. Once they graduated from high school, the pair wrote and illustrated stories about a superhero who was everything that they were not.

Novak, B.J. **The Book with No Pictures**

The author uses sight words to tell this completely unillustrated story for children, making the point that even though there are no pictures for visual clues, cues, or stimulation, words can spark the imagination to provide imagery, and still be uproariously funny.

Rappaport, Doreen. **To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt**

Teddy Roosevelt was a young boy with an ambitious vision to change the world. His larger-than-life personality and diverse interests inspired changes that might take place in the world. As President of the United States, he was able to implement many of his dreams.

Rappaport, Doreen.

Eleanor, Quiet No More

Eleanor Roosevelt lived an amazing life for a woman of her time by helping children, sick people, and serving as first lady of the United States.

Rockliff, Mara.

Mesmerized: How Benjamin Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France

Using logic and what is now known as “scientific method”, Benjamin Franklin debunks Dr. Mesmer’s mysterious powers.

Schroeder, Alan.

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman

Raised as a slave on a southern plantation, young Harriet Tubman (Minty) dreams of escaping North to become a free woman.

Sis, Peter.

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

Born on the Communist side of the Iron Curtain, Peter Sis grew up being told what to believe and what to think. As he grew up, he began to question the world around him and see new possibilities, inspired by new ideas and lifestyles from the Western world.

Spires, Ashley.

The Most Magnificent Thing

A little girl knows that she will make “the most magnificent thing.” She tinkers, designs, undoes, re-designs, gets frustrated, takes a break, and goes back at it again. Finally, she creates her most magnificent thing. A true tutorial of the inventing process.

Stone, Tanya Lee.

Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote.

From an early age, Elizabeth fought for what she believed in, even though she knew that as a girl, she had fewer rights than boys. Instead of accepting her role, she fought hard to go to college, get an education, fight and win the women’s right to vote.

Tavares, Matt.

There Goes Ted Williams

As a boy, Ted Williams practiced batting so that he would hit baseballs better than anyone else. His discipline and talent led to his being one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

Tavares, Matt.

Growing Up Pedro

Pedro dreamed of the day he and his brother, a gifted pitcher, could play together in the major leagues. This is the story of how that dream came true.

Valdez, Patricia.

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles

As a young girl, Joan Procter loved reptiles. As an adult, her passion for them led her to become a pioneer in the study of these exotic animals.

Sanchez Vegara, Isabel. **Muhammad Ali**

Born with the name Cassius Clay, the boxer who would later become Muhammad Ali charmed fans and disarmed enemies with his quick wit, speedy footwork, and personal conviction.

Ventura, Marne. **Google Glass and Robotics Innovator Sebastian Thrun**

Sebastian's goal in life was to build machines that would help people. His interest in robotics led to innovations such as the self-driving car and a computer that looks like eyeglasses.

Winter, Jeannette. **Malala: A Brave Girl From Pakistan/Iqbal: A Brave Boy from Pakistan**

Two stories of heroism from Pakistan show the struggles for human rights through the eyes of child heroes. Malala defies her government for the right of girls to be educated. Iqbal fights to end the enslavement of young children used in the carpet trade.

Winter, Jonah. **You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?**

Known as "The Strikeout King", Sandy Koufax played six years for the Brooklyn Dodgers as the highest ranking left-handed pitcher in baseball. Defying the league over his decision to observe the Jewish high holidays was only one act of religious discrimination that he faced in his career.

Woelfle, Gretchen. **Write On, Mercy! The Secret Life of Mercy Otis Warren**

Mercy grew up on Cape Cod and was educated with her brother, which was rare in colonial America. She learned to write and loved it, but once she married a patriot, she had to keep her writings secret, since she wrote about the patriots' secret activities.