

2025 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 2

This list was created by the youth librarians at Beebe Library to help you find a book you will enjoy. For information about your school's summer reading assignments, please contact your school.

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Want more recommendations? Please ask us! Happy reading!

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***Doggo and Pupper* series by Katherine Applegate**

Doggo is a dog who loves things to stay the same. He and his best friend Cat have a daily routine that they both enjoy. Everything was great until the day Pupper joined the family. Now everything is going crazy. Doggo's people realized that they needed some help for Pupper so they sent him to puppy school. Will that help?

Children's First Reader Applegate

***Fly Guy Presents* series by Tedd Arnold**

Snakes, monster trucks, space, sharks, dinosaurs, weird animals and many more true subjects are presented factually, but with all the humor of the Fly Guy books.

Children's First Reader Nonfiction (various topics)

***Jack* series by Mac Barnett**

Jack, a mischievous snack-loving rabbit, lives in a treehouse and has two best friends - a cranky old lady and a sweet dog. Jack finds himself in crazy, even out-of-this-world adventures that he'll have to use all his wiles, and help of his friends, to solve.

Children's First Reader Barnett

***Mister Shivers* series by Max Brallier**

Get ready for the shivers when you read this series of spooky short stories. Each book in the series has five short stories with a surprising twist! As a bonus, look for a secret message on the cover of each book.

Children's First Reader Brallier

***Unicorn and Yeti* series by Heather Ayriss Burnell**

Unicorn is magic and has an amazing horn. Yeti is furry and big and can't do magic; what they do have in common is a love of sparkly things, and being very best friends.

Children's First Reader Burnell

***Dealing with Feelings* series by Courtney Carbone**

Using everyday situations, each story in this series explores a strong feeling. The series talks about the feelings of jealousy, sadness, silliness, anger, fear, and happiness.

Children's First Reader Nonfiction 152.4 Carbone



***Narwhal and Jelly* series by Ben Clanton**

A wonderfully silly graphic novel series about two best friends who, while they are different, both love waffles, parties, adventures, and most of all, each other.

Children's Comics Clanton

***Blue, Barry & Pancakes* series by Dan Abdo and Jason Linwood Patterson**

Three very best friends - a bunny, a frog, and a worm - have adventures and funny mishaps as they try to understand and work with their very different personalities.

Children's Comics Abdo

***Monkey and Cake* series by Walt Daywalt**

Monkey is a monkey and Cake is, well - a piece of cake! Cake has lots of questions and Monkey is good at finding answers. Most of all, no matter what, they are best friends.

Children's First Reader Daywalt

***Cece Loves Science: Push and Pull* series by Kimberly Derting**

Meet Cece and her science-loving friends. Cece's teacher announced a challenge for her class – to make a treat dispenser for a dog that uses both push and pull. Cece and her friends couldn't wait to get experimenting!

Children's First Reader Derting

***Thunder and Cluck* series by Jill Esbaum**

Thunder is big and Cluck is small. They are both dinosaurs and they both have BIG personalities. Can they become friends? A funny series about making friends and how opposites can become great pals.

Children's First Reader Esbaum

***Best Buddies* series by Vicky Fang**

Sniff the dog and Scratch the cat are best buddies. Each book in this series has three short and very funny stories, as the best friends share adventures in their house and yard.

Children's First Reader Fang

***I Will Race You Through This Book* by Jonathan Fenske**

Book-it Bunny thinks he's really fast and wants to challenge you to race him to the end of the book. Readers, do you think can you do it?

Children's First Reader Fenske

***Princess Truly* series by Kelly Greenwalt**

No job is too big for Princess Truly, who is a superhero with magical powers. She saves the day, but her most amazing superpower is her kindness.

Children's First Readers Greenwalt

***Pepper and Boo* series by Charise Mericle Harper**

Pepper and Boo are dogs who have a suspicious housemate - Cat. Pepper and Boo love to have fun and so does Cat. But, Cat's kind of fun is very different from Pepper and Boo's.

Children's First Reader Harper



***The Magic Beans* by Margaret Hillert**

The Magic Beans is the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Margaret Hillert is the master of telling classic stories perfect for young readers. Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Three Billy Goats Gruff and other stories are also available.

Children's First Reader Hillert

***The Pet Club* series by Gwendolyn Hooks**

It's fun to have a group of friends, especially when you all like the same kind of things. Lucy, Jake, Kalya and Andy are best friends and what they love most are animals, especially their pets. Together, they make up the Pet Club.

Children's First Reader Hooks

***Wild Kratts* series by Chris and Martin Kratt**

The Kratt Brothers are fun on television, but they are even more fun in this informational series about all kinds of wild creatures!

Children's First Reader Kratt

***Chicken in Charge* series by Adam Lehrhaupt**

The farmer is away and Zoey the Chicken decides she knows everything – so she should be in charge! For her first task she will help the baby lambs get to sleep. They need baths and a lot of bedtime stories – right?

Children's First Reader Lehrhaupt

***The Dog and Pony Show* series by Jeff Mack**

In this beginning comic series, best friends Dog and Pony have some funny misunderstandings, like when Pony surprises Dog with a new pet! This series is full of easily sounded-out and sight words.

Children's First Reader Mack

***Owl and Penguin* series by Vikram Madan**

Owl likes peace and quiet. Penguin likes to SING OUT LOUD. But best friends don't need to be the same. Sometimes it's good to like different things. The important thing is that they like each other.

Children's First Reader Madan

***Flubby* series by J.E. Morris**

Flubby is a lovable but lazy cat who doesn't like anything, especially the rules. Each of the six books in this series shares something that Flubby does not like, including snow, baths, and even toys!

Children's First Reader Morris

***Who Would Win* series by Jerry Pallotta**

Have you ever wondered who would win in a fight, a lion or a tiger? What about a whale or a giant squid? Jerry Pallotta's *Who Would Win* series pits different animals against each other and you not only learn who would win, but a lot about animals.

Children's Nonfiction 590 Pallotta

***Dragon* series by Dav Pilkey**

Dog Man's Dav Pilkey has another winner perfect for 2nd graders with the adventures of a silly and sweet dragon.

Children's First Reader Pilkey



***Sprinkles and Swirls* series by Lola M. Schaefer**

A delicious duo of cupcakes, Sprinkles and Swirls, are always leaping into daring fun. Follow their adventures and, also, find out how to read a graphic novel!

Children's First Reader Schaefer

***Ballet Cat* series by Bob Shea**

Fans of dancing and all things sparkly will love the stories of Ballet Cat and her friends.

Children's First Reader Shea

***Pea, Bee, and Jay* series by Brian “Smitty” Smith**

When Pea (who is a pea) gets lost, he meets Bee (a honey bee) who agrees to help him. He not only finds a home, but two best friends to share adventures with.

Children's Comics Smith

***The Giggle Gang* series by Jan Thomas**

Get ready to laugh! Jan Thomas's characters embark on ridiculous adventures based on misunderstandings and slapstick.

Children's First Reader Thomas

***You Read, I Read* series by various authors**

For kids who love reading about true subjects, *National Geographic Kids Level 1, You Read, I Read* series should please. Both readers could be second graders or one an older companion. Great photos and a variety of true subjects.

Children's First Reader Nonfiction (various topics)

***Meet the Boxcar Children*, based on the series by Gertrude Chandler Warner**

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Billy Alden needed somewhere to live after their parents died. They didn't know their grandparents, and when they tried to stay at a bakery, the owner didn't want to take all four of them. After wandering around homeless, they found an old train boxcar and decided to make it their home.

Children's First Reader Warner

***Unlimited Squirrels* series by Mo Willems**

The *Unlimited Squirrels* series has a furry cast of quirky characters with lots of acorns, guest visitors, puzzles, facts and jokes.

Children's First Reader Willems

***Really Bird* series by Harriet Ziefert**

Really Bird is never just happy or scared or thirsty, but REALLY happy, or REALLY scared, or REALLY thirsty! His two best friends try to be fair, but Really Bird feels so strongly that they always get the best or always go first. Can they work it out?

Children's First Reader Ziefert

