

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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***Don't Throw it to Mo!* by David Adler**

Mo is the smallest kid on his football team, the Robins. His teammates don't care, but the other team says he's a "butterfingers" who is too small to catch the ball! It's a good thing his coach has plans to turn his little size into a big win. Mo stars in a whole series of first readers.

Children's First Reader Adler

***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 routine that they both enjoy. Everything was great until the day Pupper joined the family. Now everything was going crazy. Doggo's people realized that they needed some help for Pupper so they sent him to puppy school. Doggo and Cat are hopeful everything will go back to normal.

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 – On top of the shelf

***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!

Children's First Reader Brallier



Unicorn and Yeti series by Heather Ayris 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 a relatable story each story in the series explores a strong feeling. So far, the series deals with 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

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

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 best friends.

Children's First Reader Esbaum

Best Buddies series by Vicky Fang

Sniff, a dog and Scratch, a 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 real fast and wants to challenge you to race him to the end of the book. Readers, can you do it!

Children's First Reader Fenske

Pepper and Boo series by Charise Mericle Harper

Pepper and Boo are both 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 different from Pepper and Boo's!

Children's First Reader Harper

Good Dog series by Cam Higgins

Bo is an adorable and rambunctious puppy who lives on a farm. While he is cute and loveable, he just can't help getting into trouble. His adventures will take him and his friends all over the farm.

Children's Early Chapter Higgins



The Magic Beans by Margaret Hillert

The Magic Beans is the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Children's First Reader Hillert

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You series by Mary Ann Hoberman

Hoberman's You Read to Me, I'll Read to you books are created for two readers to share. The series includes Very Short Stories, Very Short Fables, Very Short Mother Goose Tales, Very Short Fairy Tales and Very Short Scary Stories. They are fun and funny, and offer a great opportunity for older readers to model fluent reading to incoming second graders.

Also, the stories are perfect for two second grader friends to put on a play.

Children's Picture Book Ho

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 are animals, especially their pets. Together, they make up the Pet Club.

Children's First Reader Hooks

The Best Seat in Second Grade by Katherine Kenah

Sam thought he had the best seat in second grade, right next to George Washington, the class hamster. Each Monday his teacher draws a name out of a bowl to choose the week's Hamster Helper. Sam was sad because he was never chosen. Sure that George was tired of always being in his cage, Sam decides to take George on a field trip.

Children's First Reader Kenah

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

Owl and Penguin series by Vikram Madan

Owl loves the peace and quiet and Penguin loves to sing – real LOUD. Two best friends that have fun and funny adventures.

Children's First Reader Madan

Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park

The first book in a hilarious series follows Junie B. Jones, a brand-new kindergartener who doesn't like riding the stupid smelly bus. A great family read.

Children's Early Chapter Park



Dragon series by Dav Pilkey

The creator of Dog Man, Dav Pilkey, has another winner perfect for 2nd graders with the adventures of a silly and sweet Dragon.

Children's First Reader Pilkey

A-Z Mystery series by Ron Roy

Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose are three very smart and determined kids who solve crimes and mysteries. Their cases will challenge you as they start with The Absent Author and work their way through the alphabet.

Children's Early Chapter Roy

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 find home. He not only a home, but two best friends to share adventures.

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

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 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

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 an older companion. Great photos and a variety of true subjects.

Children's First Reader Nonfiction

