

BOOK Suggestions FOR SECOND GRADERS TO ENJOY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
These are suggestions. Your child's interest and reading level should dictate the books they read.
It is very important to continue reading on a regular basis this summer.

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE HORRIBLE NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY by **Judith Viorst**. Alexander wakes up with gum in his hair and learns that there are days when nothing goes right.

AMAZING GRACE by **Mary Hoffman**. When classmates tell Grace that she can't be Peter Pan, she proves that anything is possible if you really believe in yourself.

ANNO'S MAGIC SEED by **Anno**. What happens when Jack is given two magic seeds by a wizard.

ARTHUR'S NOSE by **Marc Brown**. Dissatisfied with his nose, Arthur goes shopping for another one.

BIG BAD BRUCE by **Bill Peet**. Bruce, the brown bear, is a bully until one day he gets a taste of his own medicine.

THE BRAVEST DOG EVER: THE TRUE STORY OF BALTO by **Natalie Standiford**. In 1925 a sled dog saved an entire town from an epidemic.

CAM JANSEN AND THE MYSTERY OF THE BABE RUTH BASEBALL by **David Adler**. Cam has a photographic memory, but can it help her find the stolen baseball from the hobby show?

A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER by **Vera B. Williams**. Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair.

CHICKEN SUNDAY by **Patricia Polacco**. To thank Eula, the children sell decorated eggs and buy her an Easter hat.

COMET'S NINE LIVES by **Jan Brett**. Hurricane Elmadore hits Nantucket and carries Comet, the cat, to the doorway that will become his home.

THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH by **Trinka H. Noble**. A class trip to a farm becomes a disaster when Jimmy's pet boa constrictor gets loose.

THE DAY THE TEACHER WENT BANANAS by **James Howe**. When a gorilla and a new teacher exchange places, the students find the gorilla is a fine teacher.

DEAR MR. BLUEBERRY by **Simon James**. Emily writes letters to a teacher, to get advice about a whale that is living in a pond in her backyard.

DON'T FORGET THE BACON by **Pat Hutchins**. A young boy goes shopping for his mother and tries hard to remember her instructions.

ELEPHANT CROSSING by **Toshi Yoshida**. A herd of elephants is led by a wise and brave great-grandmother elephant.

FLOSSIE AND THE FOX by **Patricia McKissack**. Flossie runs into a fox who wants to steal her basket of eggs, but he is no match for Flossie.

GILA MONSTERS MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT by **Marjorie Sharmat**. A boy does not want to move from New York City to the West and imagines all kinds of problems.

THE GOLLY SISTERS GO WEST by **Betsy Byars**. May-May and Rose, the singing-dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon.

THE GREAT PIG ESCAPE by **Eileen Christelow**. Bert and Ethel try to take their pigs to market.

GUINEA PIGS by **Mark Evans**. Guinea pigs need special care. Here's a book to guide you to proper care.

HARRY AND THE TERRIBLE WHATZIT by **Dick Gackenbach**. When his mother is slow to return from the basement, Harry goes down to confront the Whatzit.

HERE COMES THE STRIKEOUT by **Leonard Kessler**. Willie tries to help his friend Bobby become a better hitter by lending him his lucky bat.

THE HOUSE ON 88TH STREET by **Bernard Waber**. When the Primm family moved into their new house, they found a crocodile living in their bathtub.

IN THE DINOSAUR'S PAW by **Patricia Reilly Giff**. Richard 'Beast' Best finds a magic ruler in his desk, and suddenly his wishes start to come true.

ISLAND BOY by **Barbara Cooney**. Matthias grows up and lives out his life on a small island.

JULIUS, THE BABY OF THE WORLD by **Kevin Henkes**. Lilly is certain that the arrival of her new baby brother is the worst thing that ever happened to her.

LON PO PO: A RED RIDINGHOOD STORY FROM CHINA by **Edward Young**. Three sisters staying at home alone outsmart a hungry wolf disguised as their grandmother.

MADELINE by **Ludwig Bemelmans**. Madeline is the smallest of twelve girls at Miss Clavel's boarding school in Paris.

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS INSIDE THE EARTH by **Joanna Cole**. On a special field trip, Miss Frizzle's class visits every layer of the earth.

MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL by Virginia Burton. Mike likes his steam shovel better than the new gas and diesel machines.

MIRETTE ON THE HIGHWIRE by **Emily McCully**. When Mirette meets the high wire artist Bellini, she literally wants to follow in his footsteps.

MISS NELSON IS MISSING by **Harry Allard**. Miss Nelson has the worst behaved class in school until Miss Swamp arrives.

MOUSE SOUP by Arnold Lobel. A little mouse tells a weasel four different stories so that he can avoid the weasel's stew pot.

NATE THE GREAT by **Marjorie Sharmat**. Super-detective Nate finds a missing picture and a lost cat in his own clever way.

OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA by **Peggy Rathman**. This 1996 Caldecott winner offers some clever safety tips from Gloria, the police dog, and her partner Officer Buckle.

OLIVER PIG AT SCHOOL by **Jean Van Leeuwen**. Oliver Pig makes a new friend during his first day at school.

THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE IS THE GREEN KANGAROO by **Judy Blume**. Freddy Dissel is tired at being the middle child. Will his role in the school play change things?

ONE MORNING IN MAINE by **Robert McCloskey**. Sal makes a wish on a gull's feather after losing a tooth while clam digging.

PATCHWORK QUILT by Valerie Flournoy. Tanya helps her grandmother make a beautiful quilt about her family's life.

ROSIE AND THE RUSTLERS by **Roy Gerrard**. When Rosie and her wrangler leave her ranch, Greasy Ben and his gang steal her cattle.

ROTTEN RALPH by **Jack Gantos**. Ralph is a very nasty cat, but Sarah tries to love him anyway.

SAILING WITH THE WIND by **Thomas Locker**. During his visit, Uncle Jack takes Elizabeth sailing down the river .

SOAP SOUP by **Karla Kuskin**. Here is a collection of silly poems to make you laugh.

SOCCER SAM by **Jean Marzollo**. Sam and his friends Marco from Mexico organize a soccer team.

THE STORY OF FERDINAND by **Munro Leaf**. Ferdinand is a little bull who would rather sit and smell the flowers than fight.

STREGA NONA by **Tomie DePaola**. When Strega Nona leaves Big Anthony alone with her magic paint pot, he is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

SUNFLOWER HOUSE by **Eve Bunting**. A circle of sunflowers becomes a children's play house.

THAT TERRIBLE HALLOWEEN NIGHT by **James Stevenson**. Grandpa spins a yarn about his visit to a haunted house.

THROUGH GRANDPA'S EYES by **Patricia MacLachlan**. John's grandfather is blind, but he helps his grandson to see things better by using his other senses.

TOPS AND BOTTOMS by **Janet Stevens**. Hare repeatedly outsmarts Bear in this trickster tale.

WHALE SONG by **Dyan Sheldon**. In the evening moonlight Lillie's wish comes true, and she hears the song of the whales

WHEN I WAS YOUNG IN THE MOUNTAINS by **Cynthia Rylant**. Here is a loving portrayal of a childhood in Appalachia.