

Books About Grade 2

Second Grade Star

by Nancy Alberts

Dreaming about being a star in the spring play, Kelly must overcome her disappointment and learn how to shine in other ways.



Get Ready for Second Grade

by Paula Danziger

Amber Brown has first day worries about ing in second grade.



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See You in Second Grade

by Miriam Cohen



At the end-of-the-year beach picnic, the children realize that they will miss first grade and their teacher, but decide that they are ready for second grade after all. Other books in this series are: *Second Grade Friends* and *Second Grade: Friends Again*

Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman

by Stephanie Greene

Owen is the smallest in his class, yet he does something that makes him an instant hero with his classmates.

How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty

by Nathan Zimelman

Enjoy this story about how making money can be expensive.



Favorite Series - Titles/Authors of Series

A to Z Mysteries

by Ron Roy

The adventures of three junior detectives, Donald David "Dink" Duncan, Joshua "Josh" Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway as they solve the case.

Henry and Mudge

by Cynthia Rylant

Henry doesn't have any brothers or sisters, but he doesn't feel lonely...he finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge...and they're having loads of fun together!

Mr. Putter and Tabby

by Cynthia Rylant

Warmhearted stories of elderly Mr. Putter and his favorite companion, Tabby, the cat.

Frog and Toad series

by Arnold Lobel

Warm, funny stories about friendship.



Minnie & Moo

by Denys Cazet

Humorous stories about two comical cows and their farm friends.

Nate the Great

by Marjorie Sharmat

Nate is a detective. With his dog, Sludge, Nate solves crime.



Caldecott Award Winners

Hello, Goodby Window

by Norton Juster

A little girl tells about the special kitchen window at her beloved Nanny and Poppy's house from which a person can see anyone or anything coming and going.



Kitten's First Full Moon

by Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.



Officer Buckle and Gloria

by Peggy Rathmann

The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.



Easy/Early Chapter Books

Elephant and Piggie series



by Mo Williams
This series features the interaction between two lovable and funny characters, an optimistic and sometimes reckless pig and a cautious, pessimistic elephant.

Fox and His Friends series



by James Marshall
Fox wants to play with his friends, but duty in one form or another interferes.

Horrible Harry and Song Lee series



by Suzy Kline
Harry isn't always horrible, especially when it comes to Song Lee. His growing devotion to her gets him into some awkward situations.

Gus and Grandpa

by Claudia Mills
A series that explores the loving relationship between 7 year old Gus and his buddy, Grandpa, a relationship that reflects the experiences of many young readers.

Iris and Walter series

by Elissa Guest
Together, Iris and Walter discover that anything--from adjusting to a new home, to facing the first day of school--is easier when you have a best friend to help you.

Magic Treehouse series

by Mary Pope Osborne
Two children, Jack and Annie, discover a mysterious tree house and are swept away on adventures.

Young Cam Jansen series

by David Adler
Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

Classics

Gingerbread Man



by Eric Kimmel
A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of animals until he meets a clever fox.

Stone Soup

by Heather Forest
Two hungry travelers use a stone as a soup starter and demonstrate the benefits of sharing.

Dr. Seuss Award Winners



Are You Ready to Play Outside?



by Mo Williams
Elephant, who is curious and pessimistic, and Piggie, who is optimistic and sometimes reckless, go outside to play in the sun and hope that it does not rain.

Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas

by Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his lovable dog visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the house where he lives with lots of other grandpas.



Family Read-Alouds - Picture Books

Bad Case of Stripes

by David Shannon

To ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

Bee Bim Bop

by Linda Sue Park

A Korean girl helps her mom shop for and prepare dinner in an upbeat rhyme.

Ben's Trumpet

by Rachel Isadora

Ben wants to be a trumpeter, but plays only an imaginary instrument until a musician discovers his ambition.

Do Not Open This Book

by Michaela Muntean

As Pig tries to write a book,



he chastises the reader who keeps interrupting him by turning the pages.

Froggy series

by J. London

Children can "learn the ropes" of growing up along with fun-loving Froggy.

The Great Fuzz

by Janet Stevens

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.



Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

by Kevin Henkes

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks

her to wait awhile before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

The Mouse That Snored

by Bernard Waber

A loudly snoring mouse disturbs the residents of a quiet country house.

Ruby the Copycat

by Peggy Rathman

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.



Stanley's Party

by Linda Bailey

Stanley is a good dog, but one night when his humans are out, he can't help throwing a wild party.

Favorite Authors

Tony Abbott

Jan Brett

Eric Carle

Doreen Cronin

Kevin Henkes

Ezra Jack Keats

Marty Kelley

Arnold Lobel

Patricia Polacco

James Marshall

Cynthia Rylant

Dr. Seuss

Bernard Waber

Rosemary Wells

Judith Viorst

Tips for Reading Aloud

Have a regular time and place to read every day.

Read favorite books over and over again. Children love to do this and it helps them remember words, phrases, and the sequence of a story.

Family Read-Alouds - English/Spanish

De Colores Bright with Colors

by David Diaz

A song that is sung all over the Spanish speaking world ...includes music score.



I Remember Abuelito Yo Recuerdo a Abuelito

by Janice Levy

A little girl celebrates the Day of the Dead as she waits for the arrival of her grandfather's spirit.



Grandma Fina and Her Wonderful Umbrellas/La Abuelita Fina y sus Sombrillas MaraVillosas

by Benjamin Alire Saenz

The repetitive words and phrases makes it a great choice for reading aloud.



Family Read-Alouds - Chapter Fiction

26 Fairmount Avenue

by Tomie DePaola

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De

Paola describes his experiences at home

and in school when he was a boy.

Babe, the Gallant Pig

by Dick King-Smith

A piglet destined for eventual

butchering arrives at the farm-

yard, is adopted by an old

sheep dog, and discovers a

special secret to success.



Charlotte's Web

by E. B. White

The classic story of Wilbur the pig and

his friendship with Charlotte the spider.

The Kids of Polk Street

School series

by Patricia Giff

This series explores typical

classroom situations, month

by month, as the kids in

Ms. Kooney's room learn to solve the

problems of growing up.



Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends

time with her baby brother, goes to Chi-

nese school, performs magic tricks and

learns to drive, and has adventures with

both old and new friends.

Swan Little

by E. B. White

After being adopted by a human family, a

tiny mouse sets out to win over his resentful

new brother and the family feline while

fending off a gang of cats who want him

out of the house.

Toys Go Out

by Emily Jenkins

Six stories relate the adventures of three

best friends, who happen to be toys.

Family Read-Alouds - Traditional/Folk/Fairy Tales

Adelita: a Mexican Cinderella Story

by Tomie dePaola

After the death of her mother and fa-

ther, Adelita is badly mistreated by her

stepmother and stepisters until she finds

her own true love at a grand fiesta.

Anansi tales

by Eric Kimmel or Vera Aardema

Anansi the Spider is a wise, funny, mis-

chievous, and lovable folk hero who

pops up in traditional Ashanti tales from

Ghana, in West Africa.

Conelito

by Margaret MacDonald

A folktale from Panama about a little

rabbit and his Tia Monica who outwit a

fox, a tiger, and a lion,

all of whom want to eat

them for lunch.

Fables

by Arnold Lobel

Twenty original fables

about an array of animal characters

from crocodile to ostrich.



Frog Prince, Continued...

by Jon Scieszka

After the frog turns into a prince, he and

the Princess do not live happily ever af-

ter, and the Prince decides to look for a

witch to help him remedy the situation.

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs

by Jon Scieszka

The wolf gives his own outlandish version

of what really happened when he tan-

gled with the three little pigs.

Poetry



Dogku

by Andrew Clements

A shaggy dog story

told in haiku.

Insectlopedia

by Douglas Florian

Twenty-one short poems about such

insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket,

and ladybug.



Little Dog and Duncan

by Kristen O'Connell George

An illustrated collection of poems

about a large dog and a small one

told from the point of view of a little

girl. **Claudia Lewis Poetry Award**

