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.

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

Get Ready for Second Grade
by Paula Danziger
Amber Brown has first day worries about being in second grade.

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.

Frog and Toad series
by Arnold Lobel
Witty, funny stories about friendship.

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!

Minnie & Moo
by Denys Fazet
Humorous stories about two comical cows and their farm friends.

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

Nate the Great
by Marjorie Sharmat
Nate is a detective. With his dog, Sludge, Nate solves crime.

Caldcott Award Winners

Hello, Goodbye 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 Willems
- A playful and imaginative series that introduces young readers to the friendship between an elephant and a pig.

Gus and Grandpa by Claudia Mills
- A heartwarming story of a 7-year-old boy and his loving relationship with his grandfather.

Horrible Harry and Me series by Suzy Kline
- A beloved series that encourages young readers to learn and share in the adventures of Horrible Harry.

Magic Treehouse series by Mary Pope Osborne
- An exciting series that takes children on a journey through history and science with Jack and Annie's help.

Young Cam Jansen series by David Adler
- A popular series that features a young girl's exceptional memory, helping her solve mysteries.

Classics

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
- A timeless tale of the transformation of a toy rabbit into a real rabbit through the love of a child.

Fox and His Friends series by James Marshall
- A delightful series that explores the friendship and adventures of a fox and his animal friends.

Gingerbread Man by Esmé Wee
- A classic fairy tale that introduces children to the magic of storytelling and creativity.

Dr. Seuss Award Winners

Are You Ready to Play Outside? by Mo Willems
- A fun-filled story that introduces children to the joy of exploring the world around them.

Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- A beloved series that showcases the bond between a boy and his loyal dog, Henry, and their adventures together.
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 a 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 Munthe
As Pig tries to write a book, he chastises the reader who keeps interrupting him by turning the pages.

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

The Great Fuzz Frenzy
by Janet Stevens
When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a flasco.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
by Kevin Henkes
Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when she 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 Jonice 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 Moravañosas
by Benjamin Alire Saenz
The repetitive words and phrases makes it a great choice for reading aloud.
Family Read-Alouds - Chapter Fiction

The Kids of Puff Street
by Patricia C. McKissack
A young boy and his sister learn to handle their new baby sister.

My Father's Dragon
by Ruth Gannett
A boy and his dragon help save the town from a giant.

Frog Prince, Continued...
by Barbara E. Siegel
The frog prince returns to the pond and helps his friends.

Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story
by Tomie DePaola
A girl with a magic flower becomes a princess.

Fables
by Arnold Lobel
A collection of animal fables.

Poetry

The Cuckoo's Nest
by Dorothy Rice
A poem about the joy of life.

Little Dog and Drum
by Kristen O'Connell George
A story about a boy and his dog.

Insectopedia
by Douglas Florian
A book about insects and their life cycles.

Family Read-Alouds - Traditional/Folk/Fairy Tales

Charlotte's Web
by E. B. White
The classic story of Wilbur the pig and his friendship with Charlotte the spider.

Babes in Toyland
by Ruth Stich
A story about a boy who is adopted by a family of toys.

Ramona the Pest
by Beverly Cleary
The first book in the Ramona series, about a little girl's adventures.

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs
by Jan & Marc Brown
A humorous retelling of the classic fairy tale.

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A children's story about a boy and his dog.

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