



Mary S. Shoemaker School

Suggested Reading List

2nd Grade

(Please see the Shoemaker Homepage for additional grade levels.)



Dear Family,

The staff members of the Mary Shoemaker School have compiled a suggested reading list for each grade level to assist families when selecting books for reading with their children. Many of these books can be found in our local library, at bookstores, or through some of our classroom orders such as Scholastic and Arrowhead. Some of the titles on the list are great for children to read on their own, while others are perfect for reading aloud together. Reading is a life long journey and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

Many second graders are beginning to use many strategies independently to figure out new words, including sounding out longer words and thinking about what makes sense in the sentence. They may be reading longer books and relying less on pictures to help them read the story. Books with familiar characters can help make this transition into longer books easier. Pausing after every 2 or 3 pages to briefly retell what is happening can help your child as s/he keeps track of a longer story. Even though your child is becoming independent as a reader, it is still important to continue to read aloud books together. Listening to stories is a stress-free way to help your child build vocabulary and comprehension strategies. It is also a wonderful way to spend time together!

Magazines:

Ranger Rick or National Geographic Kids

Series:

Curious George books by H.A. Rey

Cam Jansen books by David A. Adler

Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park

Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline

Arthur books by Marc Brown

Poppleton books by Cynthia Rylant

Franklin books by Sharon Jennings

Nate the Great books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

A Little House Birthday and other Little House picture books adapted from Laura Ingalls Wilder

Berenstain Bears by Stan & Jan Berestain

Stablemates by various authors

Magic Treehouse books by Mary Pope Osborne

Authors:

Dan Gutman

Steven Kellogg

James Marshall

Cynthia Rylant

Jan Brett

Patricia Reilly Giff

Tomie DePaola

Syd Hoff

Kevin Henkes

Poetry Collections

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You - (see others in the series) by Mary Ann Hoberman

Let Me Be the Boss – Poems for Kids to Perform by Brod Bagert

Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky