



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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Second Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

School Stories

- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- *Arthur's Prize Reader* by Lillian Hoban
- *The Day Jimmy's Boa ate the Wash* by Trinka Hakes Noble
- *Fish Face* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park
- *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes
- *Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard
- *Polk Street Gang* series by Patricia Reilly Giff

Books About Friends

- *A Bargain for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- *The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Fox on the Job* by James Marshall
- *Frog and the Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel
- *Horrible Harry and the Green Slime* by Suzy Kline
- *Pinky and Rex* by James Howe

Historical Fiction

- *American Girls* Series
- *Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers* by Joseph Rosenbloom
- *Kamishibai Man* by Allen Say

Classics to Read Aloud

- *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *Just-so Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Paddington Bear* by Michael Bond
- *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne
- *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books

- *The Funny Little Woman* by Arlene Mosel
- *Many Moons* by James Thurber
- *The Ox-Cart Man* by Donald Hall
- *The Story of Jumping Mouse* by John Steptoe
- *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig
- *When I was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant

Learning to Read Stories

- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Step Into Reading Levels 1-4
- *The Stories Julian Tells* by Ann Cameron