

## RISING 2nd GRADE READING LIST

To encourage continued growth in reading skills through the summer, the following list of titles has been compiled to assist children and parents in the selection of books. These are merely suggestions. *It is not necessary to limit your choices to these titles.*

Please plan on your child spending 20 minutes Monday-Friday reading or being read to. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

*A to Z Mysteries* series by Ron Roy

Any titles by Arnold Lobel

*Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish

*Annabel the Actress* series by Ellen Conford

*The Bad Luck Penny* by Jane O'Connor

*Cam Jansen* series by David Adler

*Captain and Matey Set Sail* by Daniel Lawrence

*The Chick That Wouldn't Hatch* by Claire Daniel

*Georgia Music* by Helen Griffith

*Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Horrible Harry* series by Suzy Kline

*Iris and Walter* series by Elissa Guest

*It's Justin Time, Amber Brown* and other Amber Brown books by Paula Danzinger

*Leah's Pony* by Elizabeth Friedrich

*Lon Po Po* by Ed Young

*The Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne

*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Sharmat

*Nature's Children* animal series by Various Authors

*Ronald Morgan* series by Patricia Giff

*Smudge* by Julie Sykes

*The Treasure Chest* by Dominique Falda



***A to Z Mysteries* series by Ron Roy**

**Whodunit series for young readers, with one book for each letter of the alphabet.**

***Agatha's Feather Bed* by Carmen Deedy**

**When Agatha buys a new feather bed and six angry naked geese show up to get their feathers back, the incident reminds her to think about where things come from.**

**Any titles by Paul Gobel**

**Any titles by Arnold Lobel**

***Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish**

**A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.**

***Annabel the Actress* series by Ellen Conford**

**Features the hijinx of an aspiring young actress, who runs into trouble whenever she gets a new gig.**

***It's Justin Time, Amber Brown* and other Amber Brown books by Paula Danzinger**

**Amber and her best friend Justin are always together, until disaster strikes, and Justin has to move out of town.**

***Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park**

**Series featuring the antics of a first grader who's always getting into mischief.**

***Leah's Pony* by Elizabeth Friedrich**

**A young girl sells her horse and raises enough money to buy back her father's tractor; which is up for auction, in this story of a Depression era farm.**

***Lon Po Po* by Ed Young**

**Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.**

***M & M* series by Pat Ross**

**Mandy and Mimi are best friends. They look alike, have the same tooth missing, and they're also neighbors--which means fun is never far away.**

**Arthur chapter book series by Stephen Krensky**

***The Bad Luck Penny* by Jane O'Connor**

A young boy finds a bright and shiny penny that he becomes convinced is a good-luck piece, and indeed the coin does make his wishes come true, but not in the way he expects.

***Ballerinas Don't Wear Glasses* by Ainslie Manson**

Ben resents being responsible for his younger sister when his mother works late. Still, when she really needs him, he proves to be a terrific older brother.

***The Bat Boy and His Violin* by Gavin Curtis**

Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.

***Cam Jansen* series by David Adler**

Mystery series featuring a young female protagonist with a photographic memory.

***The Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne**

***Matt Christopher's Soccer 'Cats* series by Various Authors**

Series that follows two ten-year-old best friends who love to play soccer.

***Moss Gown* by William Hooks**

Candace finds herself cast out of her home by jealous older sisters, but with the help of a witch woman and a magical moss gown, she captures the heart of the young plantation owner.

***Mr. Putter and Tabby* series by Cynthia Rylant**

The elderly Mr. Putter decides that a cat will keep him from feeling lonely.

***The Nancy Drew Notebook* series by Carolyn Keene**

A prequel series for younger readers that follows the young sleuth at the start of her detective days.

***Captain and Matey Set Sail* by Daniel Lawrence**

Despite their frequent disagreements, two pirates share many adventures.

***The Chick That Wouldn't Hatch* by Claire Daniel**

There are six eggs in Mother Hen's nest, but only five eggs hatch! The sixth egg goes on a high-rolling adventure across the barnyard, past the pig and the tomato patch, and, finally, into Mother Hen's waiting wings.

***Georgia Music* by Helen Griffith**

A little girl and her grandfather share two different kinds of music, that of his mouth organ and that of the birds and insects around his cabin.

***Grace* books by Mary Hoffman**

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.

***Granddaddy's Place* by Helen Griffith**

In a prequel to *Georgia Music*, Janetta's mother takes her for a visit to Granddaddy, in the country.

***Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Sharmat**

Mystery series about a solo young detective who prefers working alone. Readers help solve mysteries using logical thinking skills.

***Nature's Children* animal series by Various Authors**

Nonfiction beginning readers about various wild animal species.

***The One in the Middle is a Green Kangaroo* by Judy Blume**

Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play

***Pee Wee Scouts* series by Judy Delton**

Beginning readers' series about a group of youngsters, both male and female, who enjoy adventures together.

***Perfectly Princess* series by Alyssa Crowne**

Beginning readers' series featuring one princess and her story per book.

**"A beautifully told story of friendship between generations.**

***Hardy Boys* series by Frank Dixon**

**Beloved mystery series that continues to draw avid readers.**

***Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant**

**Series of beginning reader books featuring the adventures of a young boy and his dog, Mudge.**

***Horrible Harry* series by Suzy Kline**

**Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.**

***Iris and Walter* series by Elissa Guest**

**When Iris moves to the country, she misses the city where she formerly lived; but with the help of a new friend named Walter, she learns to adjust to her new home.**

***Rainbow Magic* series by Daisy Meadows**

**Beginning readers' series featuring one fairy and her story per book. The fairy must help all the creatures that she cares for.**

***Ronald Morgan* series by Patricia Giff**

**Series featuring and awkward young protagonist who confronts every obstacle with a positive attitude.**

***Smudge* by Julie Sykes**

**Smudge and his friends are playing in the yard when it begins to rain. Try as they might, they cannot find a way out of the rain and into the warm, dry house. That is not until it stops raining!**

***The Snow Globe Family* by Jane O'Connor**

***Oh, when will it snow again?* wonders the little family who lives in the snow globe. If only someone in the big family would pick up the snow globe and give it a shake**

***The Treasure Chest* by Dominique Falda**

**Squirrel digs up a treasure chest and all the other animals fear he will forget them when the buried treasure makes him rich.**

