

Grade 2 Summer Reading LIST

Fiction



The Bad Guys (2016, series) By Aaron Blabey

They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys . . . and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all of that...

Mr. Wolf has a daring plan for the Bad Guys' first good mission. They are going to break two hundred dogs out of the Maximum Security City Dog Pound. Will Operation Dog Pound go smoothly? Will the Bad Guys become the Good Guys? And will Mr. Snake please stop swallowing Mr. Piranha?



Superhero Instruction Manual (2016) By Kristy Dempsey (author) and Mark Fearing (illustrator)

Anyone can be a superhero and this guidebook will show you how! Just follow six easy steps and you'll be saving the world in no time.

Join an aspiring hero as he selects a secret identity, chooses a power, and much, much more. But be warned: it isn't easy being super. And sometimes the greatest acts of heroism need a helping hand to get off the ground.



The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors (2017) By Drew Daywalt (author) and Adam Rex (illustrator)

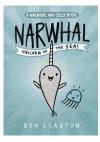
You've played the game. Now read the legend of how it all began . . .

Long ago, in an ancient and distant realm called the Kingdom of Backyard, there lived a warrior named ROCK.

Meanwhile in the Empire of Mom's Home Office, a second great warrior sought the glory of battle. And his name was PAPER.

At the same time, in the Kitchen Realm, in the tiny village of Junk Drawer, lived a third warrior. They called her SCISSORS.

These three were the strongest, smartest, and fastest in all the land. Time and again they beat the most fearsome opponents they could find: an apricot, a computer printer—even frozen, breaded, dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets! But when the warriors finally meet each other, the most epic round of battles begins . . . and never ends. That is why, to this day, children around the world honor these worthy adversaries by playing ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!



Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (2016, series) - Ben Clanton

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do they love waffles, parties and adventures. A wonderfully silly early graphic novel series featuring three stories. In the first, Jelly learns that Narwhal is a really good friend. Then Narwhal and Jelly form their own pod of awesomeness with their ocean friends. And finally, Narwhal and Jelly read the best book ever -- even though it doesn't have any words...or pictures!



Badges are better when you earn them together! The Mouse Scouts are ready to earn a new badge . . . but can they make it in the wild without their fearless leader?

The Scouts are hitting the nature trail to earn their "Camp Out" badge. But not all of the troopers are gung-ho about sleeping beneath the stars. Violet can't bear the thought of leaving her comfy bed behind, while everything about the great outdoors seems to make Junebug sneeze. But when Miss Poppy goes missing, can the Scouts work together to track down their troop leader?

Best Frints in the Whole Universe (2016) By Antoinette Portis

Yelfred and Omek have been best frints since they were little blobbies. They play and snack, and sometimes they even fight, all in a language similar to but slightly different from, English. When Omek decides to borrow Yelfred's new spaceship without asking (and then crashes it), it sparks the biggest fight yet. Can these two best frints make up and move on?



FRINTS

The Story of Diva and Flea (2015) By Mo Willems and Tony DiTerlizzi

Diva, a small yet brave dog, and Flea, a curious streetwise cat, develop an unexpected friendship in this unforgettable tale of discovery. For as long as she could remember, Diva lived at 11 avenue Le Play in Paris, France. For as long as he could remember, Flea also lived in Paris, France-but at no fixed address. When Flea *fl neurs* past Diva's courtyard one day, their lives are forever changed. Together, Diva and Flea explore and share their very different worlds, as only true friends can do.



The Mystery of the Gold Coin (2014, Series) By Harper Paris

When Ethan and Ella learn that their mother has accepted the position of travel writer for *The Brookeston Times*, they are not happy. Move away from Brookeston? Say good-bye to all their friends? What could be worse? Their mom and dad promise them that this will be a great experience, but that doesn't make the kids feel any better. The first in a new series of chapter books about mystery, travel and adventure.



Wumbers (2012) By Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld

What do you get when you combine a word and a number? A wumber! Paying tribute to William Steig's best-selling book, cre8ors Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld have wri10 and illustr8ed this s2pendous book that is 1derful 4 readers in kindergar10 and up. If we've confused you, just take a look at the book-4tun8ly it has helpful pictures. We are sure

you will get it ins10tly!

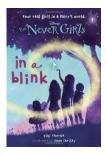


Mr. Burke is Berserk (2012, Series) By Dan Gutman and Jim Paillot

Another title in the My Weirder School series. Mr. Burke cuts the grass, trims the bushes, and does the landscaping around Ella Mentry School. He wants to have a corn maze on the baseball diamond and drag races with his riding mower. What's up with the crop circles in the soccer field? And what did he bury under the monkey bars?

Magic Bone: Follow That Furball (2013, Series) By Nancy Krulik

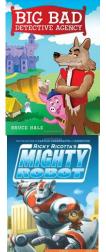
Sparky, the cute, loveable sheepdog puppy, is off to Rome! Upon his arrival, he buries his bone and begins to explore the city. He wanders into the Largo di Torre Argentina--the coolest place he's seen yet. Until he notices...it's filled with cats! And one of them has his bone! Sparky must chase two conniving cats around Trevi Fountain, through the Borghese Gardens, and into the Colosseum to try to get his bone back.



The Never Girls: #1 In a Blink (2013, Series) By Kiki Thorpe

- Kate craves adventure and excitement.
- Mia loves dresses, roses, and anything beautiful.
- Lainey dreams of talking to animals.
- Gabby believes in fairies more than anyone.

In a blink of an eye, these four best friends all get their biggest wish—they're whisked off to Never Land, home to Tinker Bell and her fairy friends. The adventure of a lifetime is just beginning! But how will the Never Girls ever get home again? The series is now up to book nine.



Big Bad Detective Agency (2015) By Bruce Hale

The houses of all Three (not-so-) Little Pigs were broken into and ransacked, and the Pigs are squealing for justice. So Prince Tyrone, ruler of Fairylandia, drags in the obvious suspect: Wolfgang.

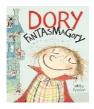
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot (20114) By Dav Pilkey and Dan Santat

Getting picked on by creeps at your school? Wish you had a special friend? Meet Ricky Ricotta and his giant flying Robot! Young readers will cheer as Ricky and his enormous flying Robot friend soar through the air and battle the diabolical Dr. Stinky, an evil scientist who threatens to take over the world! (graphic novel)



The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (2014) By Doreen Cronin

Meet the Chicken Squad: Dirt, Sugar, Poppy, and Sweetie. These chicks are not your typical barnyard puffs of fluff, and they are not about to spend their days pecking chicken feed and chasing bugs. No sir, they're too busy solving mysteries and fighting crime.



Dory Fantasmagory (2014) By Abby Hanlon

As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her own devices—including her wild imagination and untiring energy. Her siblings may roll their eyes at her childish games, but Dory has lots of things to do: outsmarting the monsters all over the house, escaping from prison (aka time-out), and exacting revenge on her sister's favorite doll.



Exclamation Mark (2013) By Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld

In this bold and highly visual book, an emphatic but misplaced exclamation point learns that being different can be very exciting! Period.

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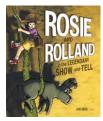
Everything Butt Art at the Zoo: What Can You Draw With a Butt (2011) By Brian Snyder and Alexis Moniello

Kids will have a blast learning to draw with this hilarious art activity book with a twist: every drawing starts with a butt. In addition to providing instructions for sketching 15 zoo animals, this book teaches young artists fascinating facts about each of the characters alongside colorful illustrations. A variety of activities such as word searches and mazes keep kids' attention between drawings as they tour the different sections of the zoo. And if that's not enough, kids will love trying to find all the butt shapes hidden throughout the book in Butt Hunt.



The Princess in Black (2015) By Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

Princess Magnolia is having hot chocolate and scones with Duchess Wigtower when . . . *Brring! Brring!*The monster alarm! A big blue monster is threatening the goats! Stopping monsters is no job for dainty Princess Magnolia. But luckily Princess Magnolia has a secret —she's also the Princess in Black, and stopping monsters is the perfect job for *her*! Can the princess sneak away, transform into her alter ego, and defeat the monster before the nosy duchess discovers her secret?



Rosie and Rolland in the Legendary Show-and-Tell (2015) By Jon Berg

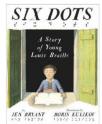
When Rosie is finally picked for show-and-tell at school, she worries she has nothing special to share — until she and her canine companion, Rolland, discover a strange map. They follow it from its starting point in her adventurer grandfather's study through to a mysterious jungle kingdom, where a secret pyramid houses a monkey king. In his hands is the perfect item to bring to show-and-tell, if Rosie can defend it from bully Freddy Jones.



Marilyn's Monster (2015) By Michelle Knudsen

Some of the kids in Marilyn's class have monsters. Marilyn doesn't have hers yet, but she can't just go out and look for one. Your monster has to find you. That's just the way it works. Marilyn tries to be patient and the kind of girl no monster can resist, but her monster doesn't come. Could she go out and search for him herself? Even if that's *not* the way it works? From favorite picture-book creators Michelle Knudsen and Matt Phelan comes a story about one little girl and the perfect monster she knows is out there... and what happens when she decides she's waited long enough.

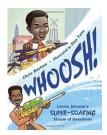
Non-fiction



Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille (2016) By Jen Bryant (author) and Boris Kulikov

Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He was a clever boy, determined to live like everyone else, and what he wanted more than anything was to be able to read. Even at the school for the blind in Paris, there were no books for him.

And so he invented his own alphabet—a whole new system for writing that could be read by touch. A system so ingenious that it is still used by the blind community today. Winner of the 2017 Schneider Family Book Award.



Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions! (2016) By Chris Barton (author) and Don Tate (illustrator)

You know the Super Soaker. It's one of top twenty toys of all time. And it was invented entirely by accident. Trying to create a new cooling system for refrigerators and air conditioners, impressive inventor Lonnie Johnson instead created the mechanics for the iconic toy.

A love for rockets, robots, inventions, and a mind for creativity began early in Lonnie Johnson's life. Growing up in a house full of brothers and sisters, persistence and a passion for problem solving became the cornerstone for a career as an engineer and his work with NASA. But it is his invention of the Super Soaker water gun that has made his most memorable splash with kids and adults.



Trapped: A Whale's Rescue (2015) By Robin Burleigh

In the icy waters of the Pacific, a massive humpback whale unexpectedly finds herself tangled in a net abandoned by fishermen. When a rescue boat and a convoy of divers arrive to help the struggling humpback, a realistic and moving encounter bridges the human and aquatic worlds.



Dav Pilkey (2013) By Kelli L. Hicks

Did you know Dav Pilkey created his Captain Underpants character while sitting in his elementary schools hallway? Discover how an aspiring young writer went on to become a bestselling children's author.



Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still (2016) By Karlin Gray (author) and Christine Davenier (illustrator)

Nadia Comaneci was a feisty and fearless little girl who went from climbing trees in the forests of Romania to swinging into history at the 1976 Olympic Games, where she received an unprecedented *seven* perfect scores in gymnastics. But as readers will see in this first-ever illustrated picture book about Nadia's journey to Olympic gold, the road from small-town girl to world-class athlete was full of many imperfect moments.



Rainbows Never End: and other fun facts (2014, Series) by Laura Lyn DiSiena and Hannah Eliot

This earth-shattering book from the "Did You Know?" series is filled with fun facts about snow, sunlight, rainbows, and more! Did you know that rainbows are full circles so they never actually end? How about that light from the sun reaches Earth in around eight minutes? Or that all snowflakes have six sides? Filled with tons of cool facts about weather and the environment, plus colorful, humorous illustrations by Pete Oswald, this book is sure to be a hit! Other books in the series include... Trains Can Float Hippos Can't Swim Dinosaurs Live On



I'm Trying to Love Spiders (2015) By Bethany Barton

The Official Spider Test.

What do you do when you see a spider?

- a. Lay on a BIG spidey smoocheroo.
- b. Smile, but back away slowly.
- c. Grab the closest object, wind up, and let it fly.
- d. Run away screaming.

If you chose b, c, or d, then this book is for you! (If you chose a, you might be crazy.)

I'm Trying to Love Spiders will help you see these amazing arachnids in a whole new light, from their awesomely excessive eight eyes, to the seventy-five pounds of bugs a spider can eat in a single year! And you're sure to feel better knowing you have a better chance of being struck by lightning than being fatally bit by a spider. Comforting, right? No? Either way, there's heaps more information in here to help you forget your fears . . . or at least laugh a lot!



Do Fish Fart?: Answers to Kids Questions About Lakes (2016) By Keltie Thomas

This intriguing collection of questions and answers about our lakes and freshwater systems will fascinate, amaze and inform young readers and anyone who is curious about this world of water. The book answers questions submitted by youngsters curious about water and life in a watershed.

This book reveals the common ecology of freshwater lakes. Loaded with illustrations and photographs, the authors tackle the science, plants, fish and animals, and geography. The book also answers questions about what it will take to keep our rivers and lakes clean.



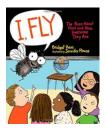
What If You Had Animal Ears? (2016) By Sandra Markle

What if you woke up one morning and your ears weren't yours? What If You Had Animal Ears explores what would happen if you looked in the mirror and saw an animal's ears instead of your own! The next imaginative book in the What If You Had series, explores incredible ears from the animal kingdom. From the elephant's tremendous ears to the jack rabbit's mood ears, discover what it would be like if you had these special ears—and find out why your ears are just the right ones for you! A great companion to Markle's other three titles What If You Had Animal Teeth?, What If You Had Animal Hair? and What If You Had Animal Feet?



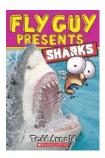
Flying Frogs and Walking Fish: Leaping Lemurs, Tumbling Toads, Jet-Propelled Jellyfish, and More Surprising Ways That Animals Move (2016) BY Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

A red-lipped batfish waddles across the sea floor on its fins, searching for small sea creatures to eat. Other animals may fly or glide, or jet-propel themselves to get around. These creatures come equipped with legs, wings, or tentacles, and they often move from place to place in surprising ways. In the latest eye-catching escape into the kingdom of Animalia, Caldecott Honor-winning team Jenkins and Page show how animals roll, fly, walk, leap, climb, swim and even flip! This fascinating and fun illustrated nonfiction melds science, art, biology, and the environment together in a detailed and well-researched book about how animals move in our world today.



I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are (2015) By Bridget Heos and Jennifer Plecas

Fly is fed up with everyone studying butterflies. Flies are so much cooler! They flap their wings 200 times a second, compared to a butterfly's measly five to twelve times. Their babies--maggots--are much cuter than caterpillars (obviously). And when they eat solid food, they even throw up on it to turn it into a liquid. Who wouldn't want to study an insect like that? In an unforgettably fun, fact-filled presentation, this lovable (and highly partisan) narrator promotes his species to a sometimes engrossed, sometimes grossed-out, class of kids.



Fly Guy Presents: Sharks (2013) By Tedd Arnold

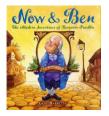
Tedd Arnold brings nonfiction to life with the help of his very popular main character, Fly Guy! This engaging nonfiction reader combines the kid-friendly humour of Fly Guy with the high-interest topic of sharks! Fly Guy and Buzz introduce young readers to sharks with straightforward fun facts, humourous asides, and great photographs.



Hippos Are Huge (2015) By Jonathan London and Matthew Trueman

What's the deadliest animal in Africa? It's not the lion or the crocodile—it's the hippopotamus! Hippos have razor-sharp tusks, weigh as much as fifty men, and can run twenty-five miles per hour! Follow these hefty hulks as they glide underwater, play tug-of-war, swat balls of dung at one another, and nuzzle their young in the mud. Just don't get

too close-they could chomp you in two!



Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin (2006) By Gene Barretta

What would you do if you lived in a community without a library, hospital, post office, or fire department? If you were Benjamin Franklin, you'd set up these organizations yourself. Franklin also designed the lightning rod, suggested the idea of daylight saving time, invented bifocals and the odometer--all inspired by his common sense and intelligence.