

1st and 2nd Grade Suggested Literature List



Use this list as a launching point for your child's summer reading.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." (*I Can Read with My Eyes Shut* by Dr. Seuss)

The Retired Kid by Jon Agee. Although he enjoys some aspects of his retirement, eight-year-old Brian gains a new perspective on his job of being a child after spending time in Florida's Happy Sunset Retirement Community. BL: **3.1** - AR Pts: **0.5**

Bailey by Harry Bliss. Bailey the dog goes to school, where he has fun reading, fetching, painting, singing, digging and charming his human classmates. BL: **1.7**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Bailey at the Museum by Harry Bliss. Bailey the dog is excited to go on a school trip to the Museum of Natural History. BL: **2.1**- AR Pts: **0.5**

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown. A young bunny plays an imaginary game of hide-and-seek with his lovingly steadfast mother, who finds her child every time. BL: **2.7** – AR Pts.: **0.5**

Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown. When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train. BL: **1.8**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Dogku by Andrew Clements. This story, told through kaiku is about the many things a dog named Mooch does, such as riding in a car, barking at the neighbors and chewing on dirty sodck. BL: **1.1** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Click Click, Moo by Doreen Cronin. When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. BL: **2.3** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert. A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden. BL: **2.6** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Olivia by Ian Falconer. Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good. BL: **2.0** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Bark, George by Jules Feiffer. George is a dog who can't seem to figure out what noise to make when his mother tells him to bark. BL: **1.3**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Let's Do Nothing! by Tony Fucile. Frankie and Sal have played every board game, read every comic book, and painted a zillion pictures. Just when it seems they will collapse from boredom, Sal gets a brilliant idea. BL: **1.7** - AR Pts: **0.5**

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Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino. A young llama asks his friends if their mamas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals. BL: **1.6** – AR Pts: **0.5**

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills. A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the “wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet”. BL: **2.9**- AR Pts: **0.5**

My Pony by Susan Jeffers. A girl who wants to own her own pony, daydreams about how exciting it would be to ride such a horse, which she names Silver. BL: **2.5** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Swimmy by Leo Lionni. A little fish makes the most of his smallness in a big way. BL: **2.9** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Elmer by David McKee. Elmer the elephant, a colorful character because of his patchwork hide and sense of humor, tries to blend in with the herd, but soon realizes that he's happiest just being himself. BL: **3.2** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik. Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party. BL: **2.4** – AR Pts: **0.5**

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff. Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young boy's day. BL: **2.7** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor. A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night. BL: **2.1** – AR Pts: **0.5**

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon. Camilla Cream worries so much about what other people think of her that she's about to break out in a bad case of stripes. BL: **3.8** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat. Super-detective Nate tracks down Annie's missing picture and finds a lost cat in the bargain. BL: **2.0** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard. Bird's friends help him on a grumpy day. BL: **1.5** – AR Pts: **0.5**

Billy Turtle in Say Cheese! by Michael Townsend. Billy is determined to find a way to make his school picture day less boring than usual. BL: **1.7**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color. BL: **2.2** – AR Pts: **0.5**

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Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward. Cookie the cat gets into a different kind of mischief every day of the week. BL: **1.3**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She was Extinct by Mo Willems. Everyone loves Edwina, except for Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie. Reginald knows dinosaurs are extinct and is ready to prove it, but will anyone listen to him, and, if they do, what will happen to Edwina? BL: **2.5** – AR Pts: **0.5**

A Dog Needs a Bone! by Audrey Wood. In this rhyming tale, a dog makes extravagant promises to its mistress if only she will give it a bone. BL: **1.7**- AR Pts: **0.5**

Suggested Children's Literature Series for Grades 1 & 2

The following children's literature series are engaging and will provide an opportunity for early and emergent readers to continually strengthen their ability to read with a "friend in a book".

Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel.

Cam Jansen series by David Adler

Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Magic Tree House series by Mary Osbourne

Magic School Bus series by Joann Cole

Arthur series by Marc Brown & Stephen Krensky

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish

Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant

Winnie the Pooh series by A. E. Milne

Clifford the Big Red Dog series by Norman Bridwell

Madeline series by Ludwig Bemelmans

The Tale of Peter Rabbit series by Beatrix Potter

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Curious George series by H. A. Rey