

Charleston Day School
2021 Summer Reading List
Rising Second Graders

Dear Parents of Rising Second Graders,

Daily reading practice is a key component on the journey to independent reading! Please help your child keep a record of summer reading titles on the attached form. There is a recommended book list included, but please don't feel limited to this list. Allow your child's interests to direct his/her reading selections and encourage curiosity and exploration! Reading aloud to your child while modeling fluency and expression creates a positive reading experience, expands your child's vocabulary, and encourages listening on a higher level. Picture books provide a rich visual experience for all ages. Please encourage your child to linger over the illustrations and look for context clues and visual messages that might not be included in the text (mood, style, setting, time period, etc.). With nonfiction, help your child recognize text features like headings, **BOLD** or *italicized* print, photograph captions, charts and graphs, table of contents, and glossary. These are key ingredients that help the reader understand the topic and the organization of the information presented.

A **minimum of ten books is required**, but more is encouraged! Please help your child select a mixture of fiction and nonfiction. Return the **Summer Reading 2021 Scavenger Hunt** to your child's teacher in August. We will use it with a fun activity the first week of school. Please help your child continue to develop the love of reading in a nurturing, low key, stress-free, summer atmosphere!

Many thanks,

Jane Bullard and Tess Powell



Name _____

Summer Reading 2021

SCAVENGER HUNT

Stick to your reading goals this summer! Read a book in each category and write the title on the Post-It note!

A SC Book
Award nominee!

A funny book.

A graphic novel.

A historical
fiction book.

A spooky book.

A non-fiction
book.

A book with an
animal character.

A poetry book.

A book AND
its sequel.

A book written
before you
were born.

A book with
magic.

A book which has
been made into
a film.

A book set in
another country.

A fantasy book.

An evil
character.

A biography
or memoir.

A book you would
recommend to
your teacher.

A book with a
road trip.

A book by a
SC author.

A fairy tale
retelling.

Second Grade Summer Reading List Suggestions:

The first part of the list is from the 2021-22 SC Book Award Nominees ~

Because

by Mo Willems

The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng

By Sophia Gholz

Carl and the Meaning of Life

By Deborah Freedman

A Crazy-Much Love

By Joy Jordan-Lake

Equality's Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America

By Deborah Diesen

The Happy Book

By Andy Rash

If I Built a School

By Chris Van Dusen

Just Like Me

By Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog

By Lisa Papp

Nobody Hugs a Cactus

By Carter Goodrich

Packs: Strength In Numbers

By Hannah Salyer

The Paper Kingdom

By Helena Ku Rhee

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

By Ibtihaj Muhammad

Snail Crossing

By Corey R. Tabor

SumoKitty

By David Biedrzycki

There Are No Bears In This Bakery

By Julia Sarcone-Roach

This Book is Gray

By Lindsay Ward

The Very Impatient Caterpillar

By Ross Burach

A Voice Named Aretha

By Katheryn Russell-Brown

When a Kid Like Me Fights Cancer

By Catherine Stier

More Choices:

Biographies

Adler, David A.	A Picture Book of...series of biographies
Various Authors	Ready-to-Read Childhood of Famous Americans
Various Authors	Ready-to-Read Stories of Famous Americans
Various Authors	Legendary Heroes of the Wild West
Various Authors	Dorling Kindersley Readers - biography series
Various Authors	Step-Into-Reading - biography series

Historical Fiction

Osborne, Mary Pope	The Magic Treehouse series
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Mysteries

Preller, James	Jigsaw Jones series
Quackenbush, Robert M.	Detective Mole series
Sobol, Donald J.	Encyclopedia Brown series
Cole, Joanna	The Magic School Bus series
Grolier's Publishers	Nature's Children series
Ready-to-Read	Pets to the Rescue series
Stevens, Gareth, Pub.	The New Creepy Crawly Collection series
	Secrets of the Animal World series
	Animal Magic for Kids series

The Wonder ofSmithsonian series

Soundprints Read-and-Discover books

Backyard series

Oceanic Collection series

Various Authors

All Aboard Science Readers

Various Authors

Dorling Kindersley Readers