



Charleston Day School

Summer Reading 2026 Rising 2nd Grade

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. In addition, encouraging your child to engage in independent reading each day helps build confidence, stamina, and strong comprehension skills. We challenge your child to listen for Look Out Words as they continue to develop their reading skills and word recognition.

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, graphs, table of contents, and glossary. These are key ingredients that help the reader understand the topic and the organization of 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 List Record** to your child's teacher when you return 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,

The Second Grade Team

Second Grade Summer Reading List Suggestions

Some of the 2026-2027 SC Picture Book Award Nominees

<i>ARTificial Intelligence</i>	by David Biedrzycki
<i>The Book that Almost Rhymed</i>	by Omar Abed
<i>Buffalo Fluffalo</i>	by Bess Kalb
<i>The Curious Why</i>	by Angela DiTerlizzi
<i>Flamingos Are Pretty Funky</i>	by Abi Cushman
<i>A Friend for Eddy</i>	by Ann Kim Ha
<i>Go and Get with Rex</i>	by David LaRochelle
<i>The Girl Who Figured It Out</i>	by Minda Dentler
<i>Home in a Lunchbox</i>	by Cherry Mo
<i>I'm Sorry You Got Mad</i>	by Kyle Lukoff
<i>José Feeds the World</i>	by David Unger
<i>The Man Who Didn't Like Animals</i>	by Deborah Underwood
<i>Monster Hands</i>	by Karen Kane
<i>Neat Nick's Big Mess</i>	by Chad Otis
<i>One Day This Tree Will Fall</i>	by Leslie Barnard Book
<i>Stokes</i>	by Ty Chapman & John Coy
<i>There Are No Ants in this Book</i>	by Rosemary Mosco
<i>Ursula Upside Down</i>	by Corey R. Tabor
<i>What Black Girls Dream Big</i>	by Tanisia Moore
<i>The Yellow Bus</i>	by Loren Long

Some Teacher Favorites

<i>The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash</i>	by Trinka Hakes Noble
<i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i>	by Giles Andreae
<i>Hattie Peck</i>	by Emma Levey
<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i>	by James Marshall
<i>Peanut Butter & Cupcake</i>	by Terry Border
<i>Thunder Cake</i>	by Patricia Polacco
<i>The Word Pirates</i>	by Susan Cooper
<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>	by Drew Daywalt
<i>The Best Seat in Second Grade</i>	by Katharine Kenah
<i>Something's Wrong</i>	by Jory John

Biographies

<i>A Picture Book of...(series)</i>	by David A. Adler
<i>Who was...? (series)</i>	by various authors
<i>Little People Big Dreams (series)</i>	by various author

Historical Fiction

<i>The Magic Treehouse (series)</i>	by Mary Pope Osborne
<i>I Survived (series)</i>	by Lauren Tarshis

Mysteries

Jigsaw Jones (series)

Encyclopedia Brown (series)

Hardy Boys: Secret Files (series)

The Boxcar Children (series)

Cam Jansen (series)

by James Preller

by Donald J. Sobol

by Franklin W. Dixon

by Gertrude Chandler Warner

by David Adler

Other

Junie B. Jones Series

Henry Hecklebeck

Dragon Masters

by Wanda Coven

by Barbara Park

by Tracey West

Look Out Words

are	friend	new	there
after	good	off	their
again	get	our	took
any	give	one	they
about	great	of	use
almost	his	out	very
another	have	other	want
around	her	old	went
by	how	only	was
before	here	once	were
because	into	put	will
been	is	people	words
come	know	place	with
could	little	ready	water
does	liked	saw	who
down	likes	she	write
different	live	said	where
do	love	should	would
day	my	too	your
find	many	to	which
from	most	the	when
for	now	they	what