



Lawrence Public Schools

Summer Reading List

Students Entering Grade 2



Literature to Read

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse

by Kevin Henkes



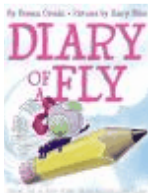
The Hello, Goodbye Window

By Norton Juster



Diary of a Fly

by Doreen Cronin

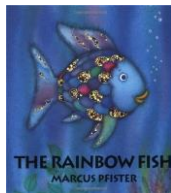


Bats at the Beach

By Brian Lies

Rainbow Fish

By Marcus Pfister



Flat Stanley

by Jeff Brown

Stellaluna

By Janell Cannon

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your child to second grade! We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable him or her to become a successful, life-long learner.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings. Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
- **Read your child's favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn't have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

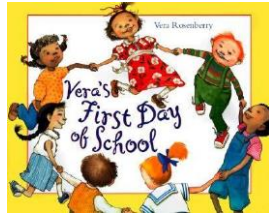
Happy Reading!

Books About Grade 2

Vera's First Day of School

By Vera Rosenberry

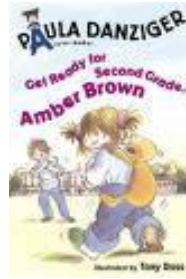
Vera couldn't be more excited for the first day of school. But as she stands at the edge of the playground as the bell rings, she realizes she may have lost her confidence.



Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown

by Paula Danziger

Amber Brown has first-day worries about being in second grade.



See You in Second Grade

by Miriam Cohen

At the end-of-the-year beach picnic, the children realize that they will miss first grade and their teacher, but decide that they are ready for second grade after all.



Classic Books

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

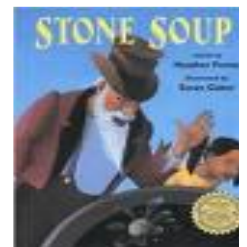
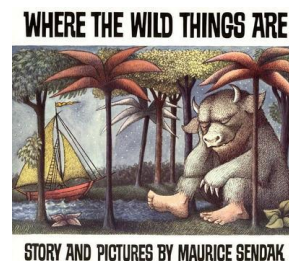
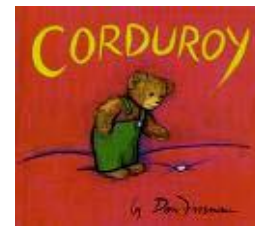
Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King Smith

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Curious George series by H. A. Rey

Stone Soup by Heather Forest

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak



Beginning Reader Series

Fly Guy by Ted Arnold

Henry & Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parrish

Young Cam Jansen by David Adler

Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant

Second Grade Friends by Miriam Cohen

Family Read-Alouds

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

Owen by Kevin Henkes

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

First Day Jitters by Julie Dannenberg

Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathman

Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon

You Read to Me, and I'll Read to You by Mary Hoberman

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

Students entering Grades 1 and 2 are expected to read in a "just right" book or be read to, 20 minutes a day.