



Boys entering Second Grade

Series

Encyclopedia Brown
Time for Kids/Biographies
A – Z Readers
Boxcar Children
The Hardy Boys
Magic Tree House

Nonfiction: (*books in series)

Brown, Don *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*
Cooney, Barbara *Eleanor*
Jenkins, Steve *Living Color*
Hill, Laban Carrick *Dave, the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* (2011 Caldecott Honor &
Hillman, Ben *How Big Is It?*
Krull, Kathleen *The Boy Who Invented TV: the Story of Philo Farnsworth*
McDonnell, Patrick *Me...Jane* (2012 Caldecott Honor)
Ray, Rachael *Cooking Rocks!*
Schwartz, David *How Much Is A Million?*

Short Chapter Books: (*books in series)

Barrows, Annie *Ivy and Bean**
Benton, Jim *Lunch Walks Among Us (Franny K. Stein)**
Blume, Judy *Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One**
Cameron, Ann *Julian's Glorious Summer**
Cronin, Doreen *The Trouble with Chickens **
Dadey, Debbie *Dragons Don't Cook Pizza* (Bailey School Kids series)*
DiCamillo, Kate *Bink and Gollie **
Jenkins, Emily *Toys Go Out**
King-Smith, Dick *Funny Frank*
Look, Lenore *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things **
McKissack, Patricia *Abby Takes a Stand (Scrap of Time series*)*
Roy, Ron *The Absent Author (A to Z Mysteries) **
Scieszka, Jon *See You Later, Gladiator (Time Warp)*

Authors:

Louis Sachar	Beverly Cleary
Matt Christopher	Jim Arnosky
Patricia Polacco	Roald Dahl
Judy Blume	David Adler
Jack Canfield	Mark Victor & Patty Hansen

Books of Diversity:

A Guatemalan Legend, *The Hummingbird King*
A Middle Eastern Tale *Joha Makes a Wish*
A Palestinian Folktale, *Tunjar! Tunjar! Tunjar!*
Johnson, Angela *Just like Josh Gibson*
Johnson, Angela *All Different Now*
Kajikawa, Kimiko *Yoshi's Feast*
Kessler, Cristina *One Night*
Kessler, Cristina *My Great-Grandmother Gourd*
Shea, Pegi Deitz and Weill, Cynthia *Ten Mice for Tet*
Woodson, Jacqueline *The Other Side*

Below are some suggested activities to accompany the second grade reading lists.

1. Find and write down five new words you learned from reading the book.
2. Make a bookmark for your book.
3. Pretend you are a character and introduce yourself to a family member or friend.
4. Think about the last book you read. Did you like the ending? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? How would you end it differently?
5. If you like a book written by an author, then read another by the same author.
6. Read award-winning books.
 - Caldecott Medal winners (an award for the most distinguished American picture books for children)
 - Newbery Medal winners (an award for the most distinguished contribution to American children's literature)
 - Children's Choice Book Award winners (a national book awards program where the winners are selected by kids and teens)