

## Rising Second Grade Summer 2026 Reading List

We hope you encourage your children to immerse themselves in good books over the summer! We present this list to you as a guide, but please feel free to offer your children other books appropriate to their reading level. Children entering second grade are at different reading levels and you may find the books on the rising first grade list to be suitable for your children. The books marked with an asterisk (\*) are of an easier reading level.

*Birthday for Frances* (or others in series) by Lillian Hoban \*

*Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen \*

*Roxaboxen* by Barabra Cooney \*

*The Biggest Bear* by Lynd Kendall Ward \*

*Blaze and the Lost Quarry* (or others in series) by C.W. Anderson \*

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams \*

*Doctor Desoto* by William Steig \*

*Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco \*

*When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne

*Now We Are Six* by A.A. Milne

*Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannet

*Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?* by Jean Fritz

*The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde

*Paddington Bear Treasury* by Michael Bond

*One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey

*Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant \*

*Haggis and Tank* by Jessica Young \*

George and Martha series by James Marshall \*

Mouse and the Motorcycle series by Beverly Cleary

The Boxcar Children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Cam Jansen Mystery series by David A. Adler

A-Z Mysteries series by Rob Roy

Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat

Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Lovelace

Cobble Street Cousins series by Cynthia Rylant

Mary Pope Osborne series

Usborne Time Traveler series

Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers Levels 2 and 3

Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J Sobol

Dead Sea Squirrel series by Mike Nswrocki

Animal Ark series by Lucy Daniels

The Secret of the Hidden Scroll series by MJ Thomas

Owl Diaries series by Rebecca Elliott