

SECOND GRADE

Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 2nd grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: www.cmlibrary.org/summerread

Tiny Titans: Growing Up Tiny!

Baltazar

A new volume of the Eisner Award-winning series, including lots o' Crocs, a super-speedster race, young Bizarros in love and the Crossing Patrol Boys of Doom!

Ivy and Bean

Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. (First in the series)

On a Beam of Light

Berne

Follows the life of Albert Einstein, the famous physicist.

Freckle Juice

Blume

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Mossy

Brett

A turtle with a garden on her shell is taken to a museum when a young girl helps to get the sad turtle home.

Marisol McDonald and the Clash Bash

Brown

A unique, spunky, multiracial, bilingual girl plans a one-of-a-kind birthday party and hopes her abuelita (grandma) will be able to come from Peru to join the festivities.

Romona Quimby, age 8

Cleary

Ramona's determined to enjoy the third grade, despite the trials and tribulations of being in the Quimby family.

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush

De Paola

Little Gopher follows his destiny to become an artist for his tribe.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue

DiCamillo

Mercy is not just a pig, but a part of the Watson family and after a mishap; she (hopefully) will help her family. (First in the series)

Locomotive*Floca*

This striking book discusses America's early transcontinental railroads and experiences of early travelers. The pages come alive with the details of the trip and the sounds, speed, and strength of the mighty locomotives of the 19th century.

Shark Reef*Foreman*

Readers who can read alone will enjoy reading and discovering the fascinating features of a variety of sharks and what they really think about divers.

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*Gerstein*

In 1974, Philippe Petit walked between the World Trade Center towers on a tightrope.

Framed in France*Greenhut*

Stanley must help go to the Louvre museum to help catch an art thief. (Entry in the Flat Stanley's World Adventures series)

Welcome to the Tribe!*Grimaldi*

Outsider Tib befriends a big, red dinosaur named Tumtum that nobody else believes in. (First in the series)

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*Hatkoff*

An orphaned hippo is befriended by a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

Dave the Potter: Artists, Poet, Slave*Hill*

This nonfiction title is a beautiful and inspiring biography of a slave who lived in South Carolina in the 1800s and his extraordinary talent for pottery.

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*Jenkins*

Presents all the things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.

Johnny Boo: The Best Little Ghost in the World*Kochalka*

Johnny Boo and his pet ghost, Squiggle, are in for a prize when Ice Cream Monster comes into their lives. (First in the series)

Stink and the Shark Sleepover*McDonald*

When Stink's parents win an aquarium sleepover, he and his two friends enjoy a scavenger hunt before trying to fall asleep while worrying about the frankensquid on the loose.

Tikki Tikki Tembo*Mosel*

Tikki tikki tembo (which means "the most wonderful thing in the whole wide world") and his brother Chang (which means "little or nothing") get into trouble with a well, are saved by the Old Man with the Ladder, and change history while they're at it.

Zen Shorts*Muth*

Stillwater the panda bear shares stories with three siblings to help them open their minds. (First in the series)

Amelia Bedelia, Cub Reporter*Parish*

After an incident involving a windowpane, a paperboy, and a duck, Amelia Bedelia finds herself reporting for the local school newspaper. No story is too small for Amelia Bedelia, and she reminds everyone exactly why she's so sensational!

Star Wars: Bounty Hunters for Hire*Saunders*

This level 2 reader explores the mysterious and dangerous world of bounty hunters while sharing the story of the nefarious Boba Fett.

A Pond Full of Ink*Schmidt*

Fun adventures come to life through poems in this hilarious collection.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*Scieszka*

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

The Houdini Box*Selznick*

A boy is given a mysterious box by famed magician, Harry Houdini, which could lead to the greatest magic trick ever performed.

Abe Lincoln's Dream*Smith*

A girl finds the ghost of Abraham Lincoln while touring the White House.

Hamster and Cheese*Venable*

A guinea pig and hamster become private investigators and solve mysteries. (First in the Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye series)

Mr. Wuffles*Wiesner*

Mr. Wuffles ignores all his cat toys but one, which turns out to be a spaceship piloted by small green aliens.

Each Kindness*Woodson*

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.